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## Who are the Indians?

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**Abstract:** Cannon believes that “all the Indians in North and South America, and the inhabitants of some of the islands in the Pacific Ocean, are descendants of [the Lehite] family, who came away from Jerusalem about 2,400 years” ago.

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him, when he was a very little boy, to pray, and to believe that whatever he asked God for would be given to him; and so he would pray that God would forgive those bad boys, and then he would feel better and go to his play again, for he could not remember any wrongs done to him only for a short time.

When night came and all his playmates were gone to their homes, little George would sit under a window and cry, and wish that he had a home to go to, and kind good friends to give him bread and milk to his supper, and wash his face and comb his hair and put him into a nice, clean bed to sleep. Sometimes strangers would take him into their kitchens, and give him some crusts of bread to eat and let him sit by the fire or lie on the floor all night; then he was glad, and thankful to God, whom his mother had taught him to thank for everything. Sometimes he would have to crawl into an out-house and cuddle up in a corner all alone, and then he would cry himself to sleep; but when he awoke in the morning, and all was light and gay, he forgot his troubles and warmed himself in the sunshine.

One morning he took off his clothes to bathe in a shallow place in a canal, with some other boys; and they proved to be bad boys, for they ran away with all his clothes, and left him in the water. This was a sore trial for little George, for he had to remain naked until late in the afternoon, when a kind lady found him crying behind a wall, where he had been nearly all day without anything to eat, and she brought him some clothing and a large piece of bread and butter.

This had been an unlucky day for little George, and night coming on he felt very lonely and wished that he were in heaven, and thought that it would not be wrong for him to drown himself in the canal, and then he would not again have his clothes stolen away from him by bad boys. He got on to the edge of a canal boat, where the water was deep, to throw himself into the water, and was just going to bid goodbye to the little sparrows that were chirping near him, when he saw that he had not eaten all his bread and butter which the lady had given him, so he sat down to eat it before he jumped into the water to drown himself; but by the time he had done eating his bread and butter he felt much better, and prayed that he might live to be a man, and find good and kind friends in a coming day to love him.

So he did not drown himself but lived and found the good and loving friends his little heart pined for.

There are many thousands of little boys and girls in the big cities of the world that are as destitute of friends and comfort as little George was. How is it with you? Have you a kind father, a good mother, a generous uncle, a gentle aunt, a loving friend to provide for you a home to live in, a bed to sleep upon, clothing to wear and food to eat? Ought you not to love them very much and do their bidding without a cross thought, or angry word? Have you school-teachers to teach you how to read and write, and good ministers of the truth to show you the way to heaven? Then be thankful to God, my little children, for all your good and kind friends, and for your comfortable and happy homes.

You will hear more about little George in the future.

UNCLE GEORGE.

A JOLLY LIFE.—Insects generally must lead a truly jovial life. Think what it must be to lodge in a lily! Imagine a palace of ivory or pearl, with a pillar of silver and capitals of gold, all inhaling such a perfume as never arose from human censer. Fancy, again, the fun of tucking yourself up for the night in the folds of a rose, rocked to sleep by the gentle sigh of the summer air, nothing to do when you awake but to wash yourself in a dew-drop, and fall to and eat your bedclothes.

THE wonders of the mighty Ocean are many and various. They who traverse it in great ships see strange sights and many evidences of the greatness and wisdom of God. The varieties of fish which swarm in the rivers, lakes, seas and oceans are not among the least wonderful and instructive things that are to be found in the water. Fishes are the same to the sea and ocean that animals are to the land.

They have a world of their own in which they live and move. Some of them are very small, some very pretty, some harmless, some good to be eaten by man, some are exceedingly large, and some are very destructive—terrible monsters indeed.

Our illustration represents one of those terrible fishes. It is of the horned ray species, more commonly known as Sea Devils or Ocean Vampires. Some of these fish grow to be an enormous size—thirty or forty feet in length, and very weighty. It is said they have been found so large as to require seven yoke of oxen to draw one of them ashore. Many anecdotes are related of the strength of this fish.

In the Natural History of the State of New York the statement is made, that it has been known to seize the cable of a small vessel at anchor and draw the vessel several miles with great velocity."

We hope this illustration and brief sketch will incite our young readers to seek after knowledge concerning the seas and oceans and their inhabitants, as well as other branches of study. As they increase in knowledge they will see in all the hand of the All-wise Creator made manifest.

[For the Juvenile Instructor.]

#### WHO ARE THE INDIANS?

AFTER Lehi had enjoyed this glorious vision, and had seen and heard the great and wonderful things which were manifested unto him in it, he went about among his friends, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem generally, telling them what the Lord had made known unto him, and that, unless they repented of all their wickedness and humbled themselves as little children before God, their beautiful city would be destroyed and themselves, with their King, their wives and their children, would be taken captives by the King of Babylon. But, instead of thanking him for his kind warning, the Jews hated him and sought to kill him, as they had done all the prophets and good men who lived before him.

Our youthful readers will, very likely, wonder why the Jews should wish to kill Lehi, when he had done them no harm, but, on the contrary, had endeavored to do them good, by telling them of the dreadful miseries and calamities that awaited them, and how they might escape them. The reason was that the Jews, both men and women, had become very wicked, and they did not like any one to tell them about or reprove them on account of their sins. The Jews had no disposition to do right and forsake their sins, so they became angry at and hated any one who told them about their secret murders, their whoredoms, adulteries, robberies, oppression, lyings and hypocrisy. Just as some naughty boys and girls feel angry sometimes at any-body who tells them of their faults.

#### THE SEA DEVIL.



The Lord, seeing that the Jews would kill Lehi if he remained among them, warned him, in a dream, to take his family and leave Jerusalem and travel into the wilderness—that is, an uninhabited country—in the direction that the Lord should tell him. This warning Lehi promptly obeyed. Leaving his house, with most of his furniture and effects, together with all his gold and silver that he did not spend for his traveling outfit, and he was possessed of a large amount of money and other property—he took his family with him and traveled towards the east side of the Red Sea.

Lehi's family, when they left Jerusalem, consisted of himself and his wife Sariah, and their four sons, Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam. Now Laman and Lemuel were wicked, and rebellious against their father, and did not believe that God had spoken to him and told him to leave Jerusalem; so they murmured at him for taking them away from their comfortable home and their riches, to die, as they thought, in the wilderness. But Nephi had always been an obedient, good boy, who loved his father, and prayed to God very often; so the Lord heard him, spoke to him and blessed him, and he grew up to be a wise, brave and good man, and was a great comfort and blessing to his father and mother. So, also, was Sam, the younger son. Lehi and Sariah had two other sons born to them after they left Jerusalem, who were named Jacob and Joseph; but these four were all they had at the time we are speaking of.

After Lehi and his family were camped in their tents by the Red Sea, he built an altar to the Lord and offered sacrifices to Him and thanked Him for taking care of them on their journey. While resting there, the Lord told Lehi to send his sons back to Jerusalem, to a man named Laban, who had a history of the Jews and a record of the sayings of the prophets who had lived among them from time to time, and also the names of Lehi's forefathers, back to the time of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brethren. All these writings were kept upon plates of brass which Laban had, and Lehi wished to have them so that his children and grandchildren might know the commandments of the Lord and keep them, and so become good and happy. These brass plates contained many things which we have in our Bibles,—such as what are called the Five Books of Moses, and the prophecies of Isaiah, portions of those of Jeremiah, and many others, and it was necessary that Lehi should have them; so he sent his sons back for them. Now Laman and Lemuel complained as much at having to go back to Jerusalem as they did at having to leave it; but they finally concluded they would go with their brothers Nephi and Sam, and try to get those sacred records.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)