

Esther Pleading For Her People.—Esth. 4: 1-5: 2.

Commentary. I. Haman's wicked plot (vs. 1-9). A few years after Esther had been made queen an event took place which deeply affected the interests of the Jews in the Persian empire.

II. Esther's opportunity (vs. 10-14). 10. Hatach—An officer appointed to wait upon Esther, who had brought to her a message from Mordecai.

13. Think not, that thou shalt escape—The decree was so sweeping in its provisions that no Jew in the empire was exempt.

14. Enlargement and deliverance from another place—As Mordecai had already shown himself a faithful servant of the king, and true to his own race, so also he exhibited unshaken confidence in God.

III. Esther's courage (vs. 15-17). 16. fast—The means was great, and the most effective means of help must be used.

IV. Esther's success (vs. 1-3). I. The king—The position of the king was such that he could see all who entered the court.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER advertisement with image of a woman and child.

when she decided to approach the king at the risk of her life to make intercession for her people. The remaining chapters of the book tell impressively the story of Haman's downfall and the preservation of the Jews from the destruction plotted by their enemy.

Questions.—When was the time of this lesson? Who was Ahasuerus? Where was Shushan? What peculiarity had the book of Esther? Who was Esther?

Practical Survey. Topic—Life crises. I. Brought on by cruel hatred. II. Brought on by cruel hatred. The ancient antipathy of an Amalekite to the Israel of God is clearly portrayed in the life and conduct of Haman.

III. Esther's courage (vs. 15-17). 16. fast—The means was great, and the most effective means of help must be used. Fasting with the Jews on that occasion included an acknowledgment of helplessness, a drawing near to God, and faith in his ability to deliver them.

The Handy Heater advertisement featuring an image of a heater and descriptive text.

MAJOR DEPOITS advertisement for Toronto Market and Farm Market.

Toronto Market. Dressed hogs 9.75 to 10.25. Eggs, dozen 0.27 to 0.30. Chickens, lb. 0.14 to 0.16.

GRAIN MARKET. Toronto despatch: The market is fairly strong at last night's close. Latest quotations: Ontario wheat—No. 2, white, mixed or red, 82c to 83c.

OTHER MARKETS. CHEESE MARKETS. Madoc—There were 36 cheese boarded; 2 sold at 13 1/2-16c; balance 13 7/8c.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK. New York—Beaves—Receipts, 2,625 head; best steers, firm; others slow to 10c lower.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK. Chicago Report—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 27,000; market steady to 10c lower; beefs, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

trade is active and wholesalers have all they can do in attending to the orders coming in. Manufacturers, also, continue very busy.

STATE OF CROPS.

Ottawa.—A bulletin of the census and statistics office, issued to day, deals with the figures of the year 1900.

For the years 1900, 1910 and 1911 the comparative quality of crops for the end of September was fairly uniform.

SEASONABLE HINTS ON POULTRY. (T. Utley in Canadian Farm.) We hear big talk of hens that average large profits for their owners.

Never tackle the chicken business unless you have at least \$500 reserve capital over and above all requirements.

Position Accepted by the Duke of Connaught. Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 30.—The Duke of Connaught this morning became patron of the Dominion Rifle Association.

Uses Only Cuticura Soap for Prize Baby advertisement with image of a baby.

"I have always used Cuticura Soap and no other for my baby, and he has never had a sore of any kind. He does not even chafe as most babies do."

Butter—Good U. S., 112s. Cheese—Canadian finest white, 68c-6d, do colored, 69s.

Winnipeg reports say the fact that the past couple of weeks has seen excellent weather for the finishing of the harvest has given a feeling of optimism to business men throughout this part of the country.

Hamilton reports say business there continues excellent in all lines. Retail trade is active and wholesalers have all they can do in attending to the orders coming in.

BONDS FOR THE SMALL INVESTOR advertisement with text about bond offerings.

Vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'Lamp', 'Ester's Shoe Polish', and 'Cure'.