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THE GIANTS.

Introductory.

“So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him.”

1 SAM. xvii. 50.

 THE Philistine spoken of here was the giant Goliath. Now, let us put the word Giant instead of the Philistine, and then the text will read in this way: “So David prevailed over the giant with a sling and with a stone, and smote the giant, and slew him.” All young people like to hear and read stories about giants. I suppose there is hardly a person

in this country who knows how to read but who has read the famous history of "Jack the Giant-Killer." I remember, when a very little boy, reading it, and thinking what a wonderful history it was. I need not tell you, however, that that history has not a word of truth in it. No such person as the celebrated "Jack" ever lived. And the giants he is said to have killed so nimbly never lived either.

But the verse we have taken for our text to-day tells us about David the Giant-Killer. He was a real person. He actually lived about three thousand years ago. And the giant whom he killed was a real live giant. He was a pretty big fellow too, though not so enormously large as some of the story-books would lead us to think. Such huge monsters as they represent never existed anywhere, except in the thoughts of those *who write books of fables and stories that*

are not true. Goliath, the giant whom David killed, was six cubits and a span in height.

There are different opinions about the size of the Jewish measure called a cubit. One of these opinions is, that it was twenty-one inches, and about two-thirds of an inch. At this rate, six cubits would be about eleven feet four inches. A span is six inches. This added to the other would give us eleven feet ten inches as Goliath's height. Now, take two men, each of whom is five feet eleven inches high; let one of them stand upon the head of the other, making as it were, one man; and suppose him to be stout and strong in proportion to his height, and then you would have a man of about Goliath's size. The coat of mail that he wore weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. His armour altogether weighed about two hundred and seventy-two. That is nearly as much as five