2-18. THE ACTS.   
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 lodgeth with one 4 Simon a tanner, whose house is by the ac.tns.   
 sea side [4: °he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do}. ocr.x.1s.   
 7 And when the angel which spake unto & Cornelius was   
 departed, he called two of his household servants, and a   
 devout soldier of them that waited on him continually ;   
 Sand when he had declared all [f these] things unto   
 them, he sent them to Joppa. On the morrow, as they   
 went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city,   
 Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth f™x-5.80   
 hour: land he became very hungry, and would have   
 eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,   
 Mand & 8 saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descend- & s;"!,®,   
 ing [2 unto him], as it had been a great sheet i knit at the   
 four corners, and let down to the earth: 12 wherein were   
 K all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts,   
 Rey. xix.   
   
   
   
   
 and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 18 And there   
   
 4 omit, with all our oldest MSS. and versions.   
 © read, him. f not in the original,   
 8 render, beholdeth.   
 D omit. i render, tied by four rope-ends.   
   
 read and render, all the fourfooted and creeping things of the   
 earth,   
   
 for a hetter and more perfect faith. The second hour of prayer: also of the   
 7. was departed] So in Luke i. 38:— mid-day meal. 10. he fell into a   
 another token of the objective reality of trance} literally, trance fell upon him.   
 the vision: “ coming in” (ver. 3) and “de- The distinction of this from the   
 parting” denoting the real acts of the “vision” above (though the usage is not   
 angel, not the mere deemings of Cornelius. always strictly observed) is, that in this   
 9. On the morrow] The distance ease that which was seen was a revelation   
 was thirty Roman miles, part of which shewn to the eye of the when rapt   
 they performed on the preceding evening, into a supernatural state, having, as is tho   
 perhaps to Apollonia,—and the rest that case in a dream, xo objective reality :   
 morning. By the word rendered the whereas, in the other ease, the thing seen   
 housetop, Jerome, Luther, Erasmus, and actually happened, and was beheld by the   
 others, understand an upper chamber. But person as an ordinary spectator, in the   
 why do we not then find here the which possession of his natural senses. 11.   
 St. Luke so frequently uses for an upper tied by four rope-ends] Not, as A. V., ‘knit   
 chamber? It was the flat roof, fre- at the four corners, but as in margin.   
 quented in the East for purposes of exer- The ends of the ropes were attached to the   
 cise (2 Sam. xi. 2; Dan. iv. 29, marg.),— sheet, and, in the vision, they only were   
 of sleeping in summer (1 Sam. ix. 26, by seen.—These four ends are not without   
 inference, and as expressed in LXX),—of meaning, directed as they are to the four   
 conversation (ib. ver. 25),—of mourning parts of heaven, and intimating that men   
 (Isa. xv. 3; Jer. xl 38),—of erecting from the North, South, East, and West,   
 booths at the feast of tabernacles (Neh. now were accounted clean before God, and   
 viii. 16),—of other religious celebrations were called to a share in his kingdom: sco   
 (2 Kings xxiii. 12; Jer. xix. 13; Zeph. i. Luke xiii. 29. We must not wander away   
 5),—of publicity (2 Sam. xvi. Matt. into childish exaggeration of symbolism   
 x. 27; Luke xii. 3. Jos. B. J. ii. 5),— as some have done, interpreting the four   
 of observation (Judg. xvi. 27; Isa. 1), ends of the four gospels, &e. 12. all   
 —and for any process requiring fresh air the fourfooted and creeping things of the   
 and sun (Josh. ii. the sixth hour] earth] literally: not ‘many of each kind,’