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 s Ruth 1.20, MUsand the name of the star js waters; Mand the name   
 alled Wormwood : tand the third 2M stars called Worm   
 t Exod, 23. wood: and the third part   
 part of the waters became worm-| ofthe waters became worm=   
 wood; and many men died of the| ood; and many men died   
 waters, because they were made | of the because they   
 bitter. were made bitter. 12 And   
 the fourth angel sounded,   
 12" And the fourth angel sounded, «nd the third part of the   
 and the third part of the sun was, sun was smitten, and the   
 smitten, and the third part of the) third the third part of the   
 moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part   
   
 stars; that the third part of them of them was darkened, and   
 might be darkened, and the day the day shone not for a   
 might not shine for the third part of third part of it, and the   
 it, and the night in like manner. night likewise, \*8 And T   
 8 And I saw \*and heard an eagle +| Beheld, and heard an angel   
 xeh. xiv.   
 Rx.   
 + Socal! oldest   
 fell upon the third part of the rivers and spirit,—in that which the simple islanders   
 upon the fountains of the waters (it can of the South Sea call firewater. ‘That this   
 hardly be said, as Diisterdieck, that we plagne may go on ‘to destroy even this   
 e here as matter of course to under- fearful proportion of the ungodly in the   
 d, on the third part of the fountains, latter days, is far from impossible, con-   
 any more than we are to limit “all green sidering its prevalence even now in some   
 grass” in ver. 7 to all the grass within parts of the civilized world, But 1 men-   
 the third part of the earth). And the tion this rather as an illustration, than as   
 name of the star is called Wormwood an interpretation), And the fourth angel   
 (in the original, Apsinthos. The medi- blew his trumpet: and the third part of   
 cinal use of the plant was known to the the sun was struck (it is not said, as in   
 ancients), and the third part of the the case of the former three trumpets,   
 waters became (was turned into) worm- with what. And this absence of an in-   
 wood: and many [of the] men (who strument in the fourth of these correlative   
 dwelt by these waters: such may be the visions perhaps teaches us not to attribute   
 force of the art. But the expression may: too much import to the instruments by   
 be general: many men) died from the which the previous ones are brought   
 waters, because they were embittered ahont. It is the stroke itself, not its   
 (compare the converse history, Exod. xv. instrament, on which attention should be   
 23 ff, of the bitter waters being made directed) and the third part of the moon   
 sweet by casting a certain tree into them. and the third part of the stars, that the   
 See also 2 Kings ii. ff. ‘The question third part of them might be darkened,   
 whether wormwood was a deadly poison and the day might not shine during the   
 or not, is out of place here. It is not said third part of it (the limitation of the   
 that all who drank, died. And the effeet third part is now manifestly to time, not   
 of any bitter drug, however medicinally to brightness. So A.V. rightly, “for a.   
 valuable, being mixed with the water third part of it.” ‘That this consequence   
 ordinarily used, would be to oecasion is no natural one following upon the ob-   
 sickness and death. It is hardly possible scuration of a third portion of the sun, &e.,   
 to read of this third plague, and not to is not to be alleged as any objection, bnt   
 think of the deadly effect of those strong belongs to the altogether supernatural   
 ituous drinks which are in fact water region in which these visions are situated.   
 turned into poison. ‘The very name ab- Thus we have a globe of fire turning sea-   
 sinthe is not unknown in their nomen- water to blood—a burning star embitter-   
 clatnre : and there is effect which ing the waters: &c.), and the night in   
 be so aptly described by the falling of fire like manner (i.c. the night as far as she   
 into water, as this, which results in ardent is, hy virtue of the moon and stars, a time