Can it be true that music up in heaven Is sweeter when their voices join the hymn? Is richer light to realms of glory given For that which fading left our homes so dim And can the angels who all day, are giving Care to the lambs within the Shepherd's fold,

Need, as a mother need amid her grieving, The little ones at night to clasp and hold? When shall we see again the precious faces smiled!

Oh, what shall fill the heart's sad vacant places, child?"

Why must we listen vainly for the patter Of little feet at morning on the stair? And miss the merry sound of childish laughter, Or gentler tones saying the evening prayer? Why vainly long for kisses, falling purely

Oh, He who made the mother-heart hath surely No chiding in his own for thoughts like these. E'n this how can we know-His hand hath smitten In wrath or mercy? Only He can tell, Perhaps in some sweet day there may be written

Upon our hearts this record, "It is well." Perhaps the broken harps that thrill and quive: Through all the night under the head of pain, May, in the mcrning of a glad forever, Wake 'neath God's touch to melody again. -- National Repository for February.

> WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. If you've any task to do, Let me whisper, friend, to you, Do it. If you've anything to say,

True and needed, yea er nay, Say it. If you've anything to love, As a blessing from above, Loveit

If you've anything to give, That another's joy may live Give it. If you know what torch to light, Guiding others through the night,

Light it. If you've any debt to pay, Rest you neither night nor day-Pay it.

It you've any joy to hold Next your heart, lest it grow cold, Hold it. If you've any grief to meet,

At the loving Father's feet, Meet it. If you're given light to see What a child of God should be, See it.

Whether life be bright or drear, There's a message bright and clear, Whispered down on every ear-

The fireside.

TERMITES, OR WHITE ANTS.

The number of eggs produced by a single termite is prodigious. She is said to lay them at the rate of one in every second, the number of eggs produced by one of these insects in a year amounts to many millions.

The workers and soldiers are wingless, and quite distinct from the males and females from the moment they emerge from the egg, and do not therefore acquire their special characteristics in consequence of any particular course of training or kind secured. One day he happened to hear his food. The workers of Termese bellicosus, the largest of the species, are about the size of a large ant, to which they bear some resemblance. The bodies are very soft, but they are furnished with mandibles which are capable of destroying the hardest substances. Their duties are to build the habitations and to keep them in repair when finished, to attend upon the royal couple, to nurse and rear the young from the egg upwards, and to lay in a

plentiful stock of provisions. The soldiers number only about a hundredth part of the community. They are twice as long, and weigh fifteen times as much as the workers. Their heads are horny, and much larger than their bodies; their mandibles are larger than those of the workers, and more adapted for weapons of warfare than for implements of labor. They are the defenders of the colonies and the maintainers of good order, and most faithfully and energetically do they discharge their duties. Their bite at once draws blood, and so tenacious is their grip that they will rather die than let go their hold. The negroes, on account of their bare feet and scanty clothing, are forced to beat a hasty retreat if they venture to attack one of the bives. Yet strange to say, these formidable heroes, upon whom the safety of the numerous family so largely depends, are totally blind; and most amusing it is to see them,

Their habitations are constructed with wondrous skill. These "termitari," as they are called by naturalists, are conical mounds surrounded by cones decreasing in size as they recede from the central mass, and are formed of earth worked into a hard, compact mass. They are strong enough to bear the weight of a man. Indeed, M. Figuier relates that buffaloes mount upon them and use them as watch-towers from which they can see if the lion or the panther is threatening him. These mounds attain a height of from ten to twelve feet, and one traveller gives twenty feet The walls of these gigantic structures are from fifteen to twenty feet thick. The entrance is at a considerable distance from the mound, and is con. nected with the interior of the abode by underground passages.

these curious little creatures build, he made a breach in a nest with his batchet. A soldier specific their religious education, nor fail to secure proper advantages for them in all reinstartly appeared, who was speedily followed by more he convinced himself that he was almost a motwo or three more, and in a very short time a whole del father. The only thing that was wrong about army was collected. Owing to their blindness him was he was of in in an ill-humor. He saw, some confusion ensued, and it was an amusing sight to see them tumbling over one another and influence, and he resolved to conquer it if he couldrolling down the sides of the hillock biting everything that came in their way. They soon recovered themselves, however, and the bustle subsided. As the traveller made no further breach, the sol- frown, and letting his voice speak in cheery tones and never have any fun at home, they and the diers at length retired. Thereupon out rushed the instead of perpetually, grumbling and finding fault. tittle laborers in crowds, each carrying a load of tempered mortar, and depositing it on the edge of the hole, they hurried back for more. So numerous. were these tiny builders and so rapidly did they work, that in half an hour the breach was repaired. Such is the number, size, and regularity of these sticks, or small, thin sticks of wood, or ivory, with when it is too late. John comes reeling home, his surely restores its color, when faded or gray. It stimu-

pared to a collection of negro huts, The habits of the marching termites are also very civilized compared with the habits of our ancestors now can be be won back easily to the paths of lost hair regrows with lively expression; falling hair is Interesting. The English traveller Smeathman, some three hundred years ago. Then forks were virtue from the paths of license. who studied these insects with great care when in unknown; each man had his own knife, and at Now, I don't believe that boys should be allow- or gray hair resume their original color. Its operation South Africa, one day saw an army of them march | dinner seized the joint with his hand, and cut off | ed to act like barbarians in a civilized house. | is sure and harmless. It cures dandruff, heals all humors, past him. His attention was first attracted by a what he wished; the dish was then passed on to They ought not to litter the parlor, the study, and and keeps the scalp cool, clean and soft-under which loud hiss. This noise caused him to move a few the next, who did the same. The knlife then cut every other place indiscriminately. They should As a dressing for ladies' hair, the Vigor is praised for paces from the path, when he saw an army of ter- the portions into small pieces, which were put into be taught neatness and order as carefully as the its grateful and agreeable perfume, and valued for the mites coming out of a hole in the ground. They the mouth by the fingers of the hand unoccupied by girls are. Nevertheless, they should have some soft lustre and richness of tone it imparts. came out in vast hordes and with great rapidity, the knife. At a short distance from the hole they separated In many parts of Spain, at present, drinking hall bedroom, or the attic, which they can own to

great many soldiers appeared, scattered along both and a custom which the French seem to have reothers marching up and down the lines, but all any longer eat without forks, landlords are obliged holes. They continued marching past him for bassador. Or hush the tones that plead, "Give back the more than an hour without any apparent dimunition of their number.

well attested to be doubted. They will eat into the hardest substances, particularly wood, which seems to be a favorite article of diet with them.

Stepley the discovere of Living the first article of the seventeenth of th From lips that said their good-night at our knees? Stanley, the discoverer of Livingstone, relates that on one occasion upon examining certain stores he literary, artistic and mechanical work of producing forks of silver, along with a few of 1 ron or steel.

boxes in which the guns were packed, but had even eaten the gun-stocks. In dwelling houses the hollow out the beams and rafters, and if not speedily | 1814.—Early Days. destroyed, will render the house unsafe for habita. tion. They always leave a thin shell of the object attacked, so that detection is impossible; and curious stories are told of the manner in which articles of furniture, etc., which have been operated upon by these invisible destroyers have fallen to pieces on the slightest touch, much to the chagrin and often astonishment of the beholder.

At La Rochelle, Rochefort, and other towns in the south of France (into which country they are supposed to have been unintentionally imported with some bales of goods at the end of the last | 526 B. C. century), many houses have been completely under- The first public library was founded at Rome. minea by them. At Tournay, Charente, the floor | 167 B. C. and the occupants were precipitated into the dria, 184 A. D. cellar. At La Rochelle the termites took up their abode in the prefect's house. One day a clerk on opening the box in which the government docu- B. C. thought, complete and uninjured; but on raising in A. D. 43. the topmost leaf, he saw only a small heap of rub. bish. The termites had bored through the wood and cardboard, and had eaten the parchments. having taken their usual precaution of leaving no traces of their handiwork on the exterior .- Chambers Journal.

GOOD HUMOR.

Perhaps if the parents and teachers knew how the children sometimes speak of them it would have a salutary effect upon their tempers. Unfortunately, however, they do not see themselves as others see them; and they comfortably suppose that though they are irritable and petulaht, the children are still loving and respectful. It is a great mistake. The love of children is only to be gained in the same way as that of other people. We must win their esteem by merit, kindness, and courtesy, or it will not be ours at all. There was once an ill-tempered man who failed to understand this. He was often irritable and impatient, scolding and punishing his children, sometimes, at least, when they felt that they did not deserve it, and yet he expected the same love from them that other fathers who were reasonable and uniformly little boy speaking out of the fullness in his heart. "I wish we could change fathers," he said, 'Your father is so jolly, he always seems ready to play with you or do anything to make you happy."

"Of course, all fathers do that," said the other ooy. "Doesn't yours?" "No; indeed he does not. My father is nearly always tired, and has the headache. So mother says, but I believe it is only his ill-humor. He comes home with a frown on his face, and then we scarcely dare call our noses our own. He thrashes

us, too, sometimes, and nobody likes that," "But you deserve it, I suppose; and if you do, the least thing he has a right to expect of you is that you should take your thrashing in a manly

"But I do not always deserve what I get, and neither do others. Only this morning he punished me for telling a lie,"

"Served you right, too.' "So it would have done if I had told the lie

"It was a mistake; but it was such a one father often makes. I think he ought to take the injust and ill-tempered than he."

The father who thus heard his duty pointed out when attacked, moving their monstrous heads to him by his son, felt exceedingly grieved and unfrom side to side, opening and shutting their jaws. comfortable. He did not know that he had been inreasonable and unjust, though, as the boy said, he had taken very little trouble to ascertain the truth. He had never doubted but that he had the esteem and love of his children; for they were always respectful and obedient to him, and he supposed that the moving power was love. He discovered now that he had been mistaken, and that they were only docile because they were afraid to be otherwise, and that there was very little true affection in their hearts for him. And when he asked himself how this was, the reason was not difficult to find. He was not a drunkard, who neglected to provide for his children. He was a Christian man, industrious, painstaking, and thoughtful. He took care that they were always well dressed, and that they attended a good school, where they would be fitted for their future work. A traveller relates that, being anxious to see He did not neglect their religious education, nor dren. And he did that which he aimed to do, by simply keeping a smile on his face instead of a

-Health Reformer.

KNIVES AND FORKS.

soldier. While these were hastening forward, a it is expected that each person has one of his own, ST. JOHN SLATE MANTEL MARBLEIZING great many soldiers appeared, scattered along both and a custom which the French scan to have to sides of the two companies, some standing still, tained from the old Gauls. But as no person will THE Subscribers have entered into partnership under under the name, style and firm of

evidently prepared for any attack that might be to furnish these, together with plates and spoons. made upon the laborers. "But the most extraordin- None of the sovereigns of England had forks ary part of the march was the conduct of some of | till the reign of Henry the Eighth; all, high and the soldiers, who, having mounted the plants which low, used their fingers. Hence, in the royal house. grow here and there, had placed themselves on the hold there was a dignitary called the ewrar, or points of the leaves which were raised ten or fif- ewary, who with a set of subordinates, attended at teen feet from the ground, and overlooked the the meals with basins, water, and towels. The army marching below. Every now and then one office of ewary survived after forks came partially of entire satisfaction can be given. All Stoves War or other of these would beat with his forceps upon the leaf, making a noise similar to that made the Spanish ambassador at a dinner, of New Post Office. Also, Hazen Brick Building, Charberty after his accessions "their majesties" and the spanish ambassador at a dinner, of New Post Office. Also, Hazen Brick Building, Charberty after his accessions "their majesties" lotte street. the same effect upon the marching white ants, for washed their hands with water from the same instantly the whole army returned the noise, and obeyed by increasing their pace with the utmost by the lord treasurer, and to the Queen by the Lord of South wharf. That gave our homes such sunshine when they haste." He saw the two columns at length unite high admiral." The Prince of Wales had a ewer and descend into the earth by two or three other to himself, which was after him used by the am-

About the first royal personage in England who is known to have had a fork was Queen Elizabeth ; The accounts of the destruction caused by the but, although several were presented to her, it retermites would be incredible, were they not too mains doubtful whether she used them on ordinon one occasion upon examining certain stores he 1688, few English noblemen had more than a dozen utmost care has to be taken to guard against their had but two prongs, and it was only in later times depredations. Bed-posts and the legs of tables that the three pronged kind were made. As late and chairs are placed in vessels containing water. as the early part of the eighteenth century, table-Nothing to which they can gain access escapes forks, and, we may add, knives, were kept on so their voracity. Boots, shoes, and the contents of small a scale by country incs in Scotland (and trunks, if left upon the ground, are destroyed in a perhaps in some parts of England), that it was single night. They rarely venture in sight, and so customary for gentlemen in travelling to carry with ecretly are their operations performed, that the them a portable knife and fork, in a shagreen case. utmost precautions of the inmates are often render- The general introduction of silver forks into Great ed abortive. Having extended their galleries be- Britain is quite recent; it can be dated no farther neath the house, they will perforate the floors, back than the termination of the French war in

> CHRONOLOGY OF SOME IMPORTANCE, &co Maps, globes and dials were first invented by

Anaximander, in the sixth century before the Christian era. They were first brought into England by Bartholomew Columbus, in 1489. Comedy and tragedy were first exhibited at Athens, 562 years B. C.

Plays were first acted at Rome, 139 B. C. The first public library was founded at Athens,

of a dining-room gave way during a dinner-party, The first public library was founded at Alexan-Paper was invented in China, 170 B. C.

The calendar was reformed by Julius Cæsar, 35 ments had been deposited found them, as he Insurance on ships and merchandise first made Saddles came into use in the fourth century,

Horse-shoes made of iron were first made in A Stirrups were not made till a century later. Manufacturing of silk brought from India into

urope, 551 A. D. Stone buildings and glass introduced into England, 674 A. D. Pens first made of quills, A. D. 635.

Pleadings in courts of judicature introduced A. the figures of arithmetic brought into Europe the Saracens, A. D. 991.

Paper of cotton rags invented towards the close f the tenth century. Paper made of linen, in 1300. The degree of Doctor first conferred in Europe it Bologna, in 1130; in England, 1208.

The first regular bank was established at Venice n 1157. The bank of Genoa was established in 147; that of Amserdam in 1609; England, 1674. Astronomy and geometry brought into England

Linen first made in England, 1253. Spectacles invented, 1280. The art of weaving introduced into England,

Musical notes, used, invented, 1380. Gunpowder invented at the City of Cologne, by chwartz, 1320-40. Cannon first used at the siege of Algeziras, 1342.

Muskets in use, 1370. Pistols in use, 1544. Printing invented at Metz, Guttenberg, 1450. Printing introduced into England, 1471.

Post-office established in France, 1464; in Engand, 1581; in Germany, 1641. Turkeys and chocolate introduced into England

om America, in 1529. Tobacco introduced into France by Nicot, 1560. First coach made in England, 1564. Clocks first made in England, 1608.

Potatoes first introduced into Ireland, in 1536. The circulating of the blood discoverd by Har-

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