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NEW YEAR'S HYMN. O God, vouchsafe Thy gracious ear, While in Thy presence we appear. To seek Thy face, to bless Thy name,

And Thy unceasing care proclaim,-For life preserved, for wants supplied, For dreaded evil turned aside; For all we are, and have, and know, Our strains of grateful homage flow,

Accept, O God, the praise we bring, And breathe a blessing while we sing; Thy blessing maketh rich indeed, And still we own a time of need,

On Thee our every care we cast, For future time, as in the past; That future is to us unknown-We dare not venture forth alone!

Oft have we wandered, oft rebelled, But, by thy promised grace upheld, May every stage of time to come Be onward, upward, nearer home.

And if allotted time is brief. May this be of our aims the chief, To live to Him whose name we bear, While for his coming we prepare.

### The Lireside.

GEORGE'S VACATION. BY R. H. CRAIG.

Bounding into his mother's room, one day last summer, and flinging on the table his strap of broks, George proceeded without much formality to inform her that school had been dismissed, giving a vacation of two months.

"Well, George," softly answered his mother, "I hope you appreciate it, and that you will show your appreciation by making your best use of the holidays.

"If I don't, then no one will," affirmed George, with emphasis, "It has been nothing but study, study, study, since last Christmas, and I do hate those books and the school, and I cannot bear to look in the teacher's face.'

The direct cause of George's over-excitement was the simple fact that school had been agreeably surprised in receiving vacation just one day sooner than was the general expectation, and this to the less industrious, like George, was of no small account.

"You will have a fine opportunity to do a great amount of private study during these two months," suggested his mother.

George thought he would be differently occupied, and did not hesitate to inform his mother that "he would like to see the book he would take in his hands for two months to come." He assured her that he would fish, hunt, play base ball, go on excursions, visit, or do almost anything but study, and that he could neither be bribed nor paid to do it. His mother did not manifest much concern, being well accustomed to George's idleness and want of taste for study, but, after a moment's pause

calmly inquired: "George, how old are you now." "Don't you know, mother, that I'll be sixteen on the tenth of September !-- old enough to leave school I should think !"

"So you will soon be sixteen, George," his mother replied : "old enough to leave school, but far from being scholar enough to graduate! Let me ber and qualifications of their teachers, and some addresses Emily with a loud and jesting intimacy had comparatively limited opportunities of school in the sailor saloons of Water Street or Wap

this an excuse for neglecting his studies. Though | W. Curtis, in Harper's Magazine for September. working hard all day, he applied himself to his books from six o'clock in the evening till eleven or twelve at night, then rose early in the morning, so as to spend two hours in study before going to work again. In this way he cultivated his mind in his study when not at work. If asked to join body gently till it grows warm, not rubbing briskly, he politely begged to be excused, giving as a rea- warm on the skin. If the baby is too heated, and the which afforded him sufficient exercise, but he enough to bring on serious consequences. Rememfor this reason he constantly carried in his pocket | cold, and for a baby to be chilly means a stomach- | close; a bird; a meat; happiness; ardor. a Latin or Greek grammar, use it along the way for ache or headache at once. You want to take pride Rules of Syntax, &c. All this was successfully ac- while it is with you. - Wide Awaks. complished during his walks. When he had attained to considerable proficiency in most of his other studies, he found that on account of the forced character of his education, he was quite deficient in spelling and local geography. Well, to remedy this, he purchased the best school atlas he could find and studied it map by map for half an hour every morning, till he made himself as familiar ed college there was great surprise that he took a a cup of currants if you like; either is good. high place. Indeed, the general opinion was exin particular which this boy attended to. He al- quick oven. They will keep for weeks. ways kept his Bible on the table before him, and, APPLE BATTER PUDDING.—Three eggs, one coffee when his day's study was over, drawing it to him, cup of sour milk, one large teaspoonful of butter, he would read one or two of the precious Psalms, three large tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-half teaor a chapter from some of the gospels or epistles, spoonful of soda, and flour enough to make a bator else in the place of his regular reading; for he ter as stiff as cake. Add quartered apples as degenerally finished reading the New Testament once sired. a year : the Old, once in two or three years. An-

porting religion was always well taken, for he re membered God's promise : 'Them that honor me I is to wear warm clothing on the hands and feet,

would like to imitate his example, I will tell you two or three times a day with equal parts of cam-

ter anything."

really quicker to learn than your papa, of whom I broken, dress the sores with Turner's cerate spread have been telling you, just now; the great defect on lint, or with melted mutton suet and whiting. you have to correct is the want of application. Either of these will give almost immediate relief. You have the opportunity of correcting it now. | -Dr. Hope. Will you try ?"

"I will with all my might!" said George. for though 'he becometh poor that dealeth with a breadth of four factors and three or four feet long, slack hand,' yet 'the hand of the diligent maketh dip this into cold water, then squeeze it gently and rich' in study as in all things else."-N. Y. Ob- apply it round the neck, cover with a fold or two

CURIOSITIES IN OUR LANGUAGE.

English language is the inexplicable manner in a bottle.—Dr. Hope. which most of the words are spelled, the twenty-six letters of the alphabet, vieing with each other to a meal, nor when you are wet with perspiration 1 cask Irish shovels, 500 boxes window glass. Wholesale letters of the alphabet, vieing with each other to a meal, nor when you are wet with perspiration, represent the forty or forty-two sounds of the lan- nor without advice when you are. As soon as the guage in the most bungling and disorderly manner. bather begins to shiver, or the nails turn blue, it must spend years in learning these "curiosities of quickly as possible, before the feet get cold. In literature," while a foreigner can only master our every case rub the skin after bathing till it is warm. noble language by a vast expense of labor, Patience | -Dr. Hope.

that the consonants are nearly as bad : B makes the road broad, turns the ear to and Tom into a tomb.

C makes limb climb, hanged changed, a lever fresh eggs. The whites of eggs may do the best. lever, and transports a lover to clover. D turns a bear to beard, a crow to crowd, and nakes anger danger.

F turns lower regions to flower regions. G changes a son to a song and makes one gone H changes eight into height. K makes now know and eyed keyed.

N turns a line into linen, a crow to crown and akes one none! P metamorphoses lumber into plumber.

L transforms a pear into pearl.

Q, of itself, hath no significance. S turns even to seven, makes have shave, and ord a sword, a pear a spear, makes slaughter of ughter, and curiously change: having a hoe to

T makes a bough bought, turns here there, one to tone, changes either to tether, and transorms the phrase "allow his own" to "tallow his town

W does well, e. g., hose are whose, are becomes, ware, on won, omen women, so sow, vie view; it nakes an arm warm, and turns a hat into-what? rub to a ruby, ours to yours, a lad to a lady! ly varied. -Poultry World.

#### EASY MANNERS.

intimate relation of morals and manners. It may see, you went to school at six years of age; you have be said that there is no greater peril to morality been at it ever since, with some one at home help- than much that is called merely free and easy ing you to prepare your lessons, and, with all that, manners. Young men, and even young women, you are not sufficiently educated to fill any sort of permit themselves a freedom and license of mana respectable office. There is one thing yet to ner which, having all the aspect of impropriety, learn, it is that scholars are not made by the num- may very readily acquire its substance. Edward of the greatest men who have honored the world of tone and conduct, which might be expected education; but they felt the necessity of being ping, but which is repulsive and odious in the educated, and so devoted every moment they could drawing room, or among refined and gentle persons. Edward and Emily would be amazed to be told "I knew a boy who was sent to school for the that they have not the manners of a gentleman or first time at eleven years of age, almost as tall as of a lady, and have the air of the demi-monde. you are now, but without knowing the alphabet. They think that they are especially comme il faut, He did not idle much in school, for he felt how far and that above all others they know what is the rule I know Thou wilt hear in Thine own chosen time he was behind even the little children. Out of of high society. But they are merely vulgar. school he carried his primer in his cap, as he Coarseness cannot be gilded into refinement. The Defer not! defer not! ere morrow's sunshine worked for his father during the long summer young woman who habitually calls her young mornings and evenings, and when a moment of friends of the other sex by their Christian names, or leisure occurred he would pull out his book and who suffers anything that can be called familiarity, study a line or learn to spell a word. A boy like although it falls short of actual indecorum, should rethat could not be kept long in a primer, so he was flect carefully. "Sir," said a lady to a policeman who promoted from class to class, until, at the age of took her elbow to pass her over the street, "if I tifteen, he had mastered arithmetic, algebra, gram- wish you to touch me I will ask you." No woman of mar, geometry, the outlines of science, and was a high sense of personal dignity wishes any man to entering regularly into the study of Latin and lay his hand upon her thoughtlessly or unnecessari-Greek. He had to leave school about this time to ly. Nor will such a woman permit any kind of work for his own support, but he did not make rudeness in the tone or manner of men.—George

### HOW TO AMUSE YOUNGER CHIL-

You must learn how to take care of children and and stored it with useful knowledge, which he hop- amuse them, to make it pleasant for them and youred would obtain for him a better situation and a self. The best feeling in the world is thrown away more important position. He had no teacher at. if you don't know how to show it. If there is a all. A clergyman who lived near very kindly pro- baby to keep for an hour, find out whether it has posed to help him in his difficulties. The offer was been asleep lately, or if it is near its time for taking gratefully accepted; but the clergyman was seldom a nap. If it is growing tired or fretful, very likely applied to; for a young man who will work a sum it needs sleep, whether it wants to or not. Begin in algebra ten times over rather than be defeated, by making the little thing comfortable, if you want and study a problem in mathematics, as he did, for any comfort with it. See if its feet and hands are two days, till the solution is found, would not warm, and its little body about the waist. Babies readily gite up a difficult passage in Virgil or are often chilly in warm weather, because the air, downward, name not ever. Homer before he had mastered it. His neighbors creeps under their clothes, and it never fails to did not know much about him, for he was always make them cross. Then you want to rub its little his young acquaintances in an evening's pleasure, but moving your hand softly, and letting it lie son that he could not spare the time. He was drops are about its chin, and its face flushed, bathe it ways in January. naturally fond of, and longed to enjoy good society; gently about the neck with fine soap and tepid but when invited, he would debate the question water, passing the sponge and lather gently under with himself: 'I would like to go; an evening's its chin and behind its ears. Babies love to be make. recreation and enjoyment would do me so much bathed three or four times day in warm weather good; but then I would be so much behind with But you must be careful to keep it out of a draught, my studies that I must decline the invitation.' for the fine thread of air that comes from the crack dexterity. He had two miles to walk to his place of business, of a door can chill a baby when it is being washed committing to memory the Declensions, Verbs, in having your baby comfortable and well kept

### HOME HINTS.

Home-Made Camphor-Ice. - Melt half a teacupful of mutton tallow with a piece of camphor An arm of the sea; a verb; an affirmative. gum, the size of a large hickory-nut-pour into a little cup or mould.

CUP CAKE. - One cup of butter, one cup of sweet | Ffrigea. with the names of places in the world as he was milk, two cups of sugar, three eggs, four cups of Pppooihsatum. Aaaoclr. Aemydrrdo. with his own name. Spelling he learned in a similar way, making it a special duty. When he enter- and cinnamon. You may add a cup of raisins and GINGER SNAPS. - One half teaspoonful each of

pressed when he presented himself for examination | salt, soda and ginger, three tablespoonfuls of boil- | Tabby, but not in Carlo. that he could not even enter. But the Professors | ing water, three tablespoonfuls of melted lard put found that he knew a great deal, and so he moved in a teacup and fill up with New Orleans molasses. away from the most of his class. There is one thing Roll very thin and as soft as you can. Bake in a

other habit he had, which we must admire, he never fine, season with pepper and salt, add one-third the opened secular books on the Sabbath. He said that it was God's day, and on it he would rest, not milk; have your hands floured, rub the meat into in idleness and sleep as do many, but in religious balls, dip it into beaten egg, then into fine pulverexercises. Consequently his place in church was ized cracker, and fry in butter; garnish with always occupied by himself, and his part in sup parsley.

CHILBLAINS .- The only way to prevent chilblains keep up the circulation by exercise, and above all "And what good did it do him?" asked George. things do not bring them suddenly from cold to "Well, it qualified him to fill an important posi- great heat. This is the whole secret of prevention. tion, which he occupies to this day, and if you When they are formed, but not broken, rub well phorated spirit and lead lotion, or Goulard's ex-"I would like it very much if I had the talent," tract, or equal parts of camphorated spirit and soapsaid George: "but I am so dull that I cannot mas- liniment, or sweet oil and spirits of turpentine, or with an ointment made of a teaspoonful of dry "It is not want of talent, George, for you are mustard and an ounce of lard. If the skin be

Sore Throats may almost always be checked, if at the commencement you apply a wet bandage in "God bless you, my son, and you must succeed: this way. Take a piece of linen or calico the of flannel or a woollen stocking, and let it be kept on all night. And for a gargle you will find the following very valuable :- Put into a jug a hand-Mr. M. Patterson who seems to have a peculiar ful of dry sage leaves, two tablespoonfuls of salt, taste as well as a peculiar talent for examining into four tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and one tablespoonthe peculiarities of language, gives the following as | ful of cayenne pepper ; pour upon these a pint of boiling water, cover up close, and afterstanding half One of the principal difficulties in learning the an-hour, pour clear off through a bit of muslin into

Be the capacity of a child ever so good, yet he is time to stop. Always wet the head first, or as

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and either old or young birds, when kept in confinement, should not be stuffed with this kind of allowance. A large share of their feed should be Y turns fur to fury, a man to many, to to toy, a rub to a ruby, ours to yours, a lad to a lady!

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#### MY PRAYER. BY E. M. D.

Recent events have called public attention to the My Saviour, I bring Thee a dearly loved boy, Please lay Thy kind hand on his head. And bid him for Thee all his talents employ Ere the days of his boyhood have fled. He's my own darling brother, this bright joyous boy, Far dearer than life unto me.

Just fifteen to-day, full of sunshine and joy, I bring him, I bring him to Thee. Oh, gently constrain him to give Thee his heart, He knoweth the way, lead him in, That he may not wander, far from Thee depart, Nor be chained by the fetters of sin. h, is he not now consecrate unto Thee

By baptism and many a prayer? Please open his eyes that Thyself he might see:

Thou canst cause him Thy goodness to view.

ANSWERED. " My soul is full of Peace and joy For being justified, Not by my works, full of alloy, By faith in Him who died. "I have the peace that passeth all The joys of earth and time. I heard the Saviour's loving call And all to Him resign."

The words from brother ! did my voice Reach even to the throne? I know Thou heard'st; Lord I rejoice-For he is now Thine own. My cup is full -doth overflow With gratitude and love-My soul doth sing, my heart doth glow, Such bliss is from above.

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ppears; a domestic animal.—Centrals reading 44.—ENIGMA. My 4, 3, 2, means gained;

My 2, 3, 4, means right off; My 1, 3, 2, is a male; My 4, 3, means misery My whole is generally seen in December, but al-45.—CHARADE.

My first is a barrier; second, to make; third, to 46.—DECAPITATION. Decapitate brisk, have a market; again, have

FRED EUSTIS. 47. - METAGRAM. thought it too much time to pass unemployed; ber when your baby sneezes that it is getting too cure; a repast; an American novelist; an alarm; to

48.—CHARADE. My first is a color ever clear; My second never is seen in dear; My whole is a merry, blithesome bird; And in the forests green is heard.

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