I Wouldn't Be Cross.

I wouldn't be cross, dear, it's never worth Disarm the vexation by wearing a smile. Let hap a disaster, a trouble, a loss, Just meet the thing boldly, and never be

I wouldn't be cross, dear, with people at They love you so fondly, whatever may

You may count on the kinsfolk around you

O, loyally true in a brotherly band ! So, since the fine gold far exceedeth the I wouldn't be cross, dear, I wouldn't be

I wouldn't be cross with a stranger, ah, no! To the pilgrims we meet on the life path

This kindness, to give them good cheer as To clear out the flint stones, and plant the

No, dear, with a stranger, in trial or loss, I perchance might be silent, I wouldn't be

No bitterness swortens, no sharpness may The wound which the soul is too proud to

No envy hath peace; by a fret and a jar The beautiful work of your hands we may

Let happen what may, dear, of trouble and I wouldn't be cross, love, I wouldn't be

-Margaret E. Sangs'er, in "Harper's Young People."

A Modern Spartan.

ancient history about his illustrious namesake and the Grecian warriors till his eye danced with warlike fire : then | fore slow to follow the advice of those leaping to his feet and stretching himself to his full height, he exclaimed : "I wish I had been born in Sparta; Lycurgus, for whom you were then I should have been a noted law- called, might have been a king in giver or a famous warrior, perhaps a place of his brother, but he proclaimed great general, renowned for bravery | the infant son of his brother king and and praised in history for many gallant deeds and great victories won!"

"Yes," said his elder sister, "and so you would be dead nearly three thousand years."

"O, but I mean if I were a Spartan now," promptly answered Lycurgus, thinking that the difficulty was triumphantly surmounted.

greater than Americans in warlike probably fearing that they would make achievements," persistently answered him their king he left Sparta and was

This crushing reply had the effect of kindling into a flame the sparks of war- but by learning to obey and then to like fire which smouldered in the breast | do. Even Christ pleased not himself; of the gallant youth, and having no for 'though he was rich, yet for our brazen shield to repel the piercing dart sakes he became poor, that we through nor Grecian short-sword to strike his poverty might be rich.' He was through the neck of his assailant, he so meek and so lowly, so self-sacrificanswered with a tone and in a manner | ing and so submissive, and yet so not at all in full accord with brotherly great, that those who desire to be deference: "But I say, if this were truly great must follow his example.the age of Spartan chivalry and I were Observer. a Spartan by birth and training, then I might become a lawmaker or a soldier renowned in arms as much as any other Spartan."

"In other words," quietly urged his has a text: sister, if you had been the famous Grecian Lycurgus instead of Lycurgus Smith, you would have been somebody of note instead of -a silly boy."

A proclamation of war was about to shake the house from cellar to garret when their mother, who had listened in silent amusement to the war of in his own rocking-chair before the sister, broke in: "I do not see why you green. His father sat at a window may not become as great, and even reading the newspaper. Presently he greater than any Spartan who has ever drawn a sword or made a law or wield-

The martial spirit of Lycu gus now yielded to that of curiosity to know how it was possible to make a practical success of his ambitious aspirations.

"We don't have any wars in America," ruefully answered the boy.

"Yes, my son," assured his mother, "there are are many battles to be said, fought, and if you have the spirit of a true soldier you will fight them, too.' tell you, papa.'

"I thought you always wanted me to become a foreign missionary when I grow up to be a man; now you say I ought to be a soldier and fight battles me.' -with the Indians in the West, I sup-

"That is the lowest kind of bravery which delights in killing men, whether er. "The Spartans you think so great preciating that which makes a man truly great-greatness of character. great crime to those who are the instigators of it. It is only right to those | myself." who are forced to defend themselves and their country from the unjust attacks of an invader, or of him who

rights, civil and religious.

his spirit than he that taketh a city."

controversy with him.

"Keep thy heart with all dilligence," thankful and glad." added his mother, 'for out of it are the issues of life.' But in order to do this you must gain the victory over your-

"But people don't fight with themselves?" inquiringly suggested Lycargus, thinking to turn the application away from himself.

"Yes, indeed," said his mother. 'You remember the Apostle Paul speaks of a law 'warring against the law of his mind and bringing him into captivity' - 'when I would do good evil is present with me.' 'But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.' And he charges the Ephesian Christians 'Take un'o you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.' Yes, there are thousands of enemies to be overcome. For example, if you overcome the tendency to idleness you will be able to master your Latin Grammar easily and to commit to memory the questions in the Catechism. If you conquer selfishness you will be able to look with pleasure up-Lycurgus had been reading in his on the greatness or the property of others without envy or grudge. You are sometimes self-willed, and therewho are wiser than you. This enemy must be overcome. The great he himself became his guardian. Lycurgus was not a lawgiver without first applying himself to close study for many years. To gain this knowledge he left his home and travelled in distant parts of the world, studying the laws and constitutions of other nations. When he returned to Sparta full of wisdom, he drew up a code of laws, "But 'Spartans now' are not much gave them to his countrymen, and

> never heard of more. "No one becomes great by wishing;

A Little Boy's Sermon.

This must be a sermon because it

"I Keep my Body Under."

Little Bertie Blynn has just finished his dinner. He was in the cosy library, keeping still for a few minutes after eating, according to his mother's rule. She got it from the family doctor, and a good rule it is. Bertie was sitting words which had raged so hotly for a pleasant grate fire. He had in his few moments between brother and hand two fine apples, a rich red and a heard the child say :

"Thank you, little master." Dropping his paper he said

"I thought we were alone, Bertie. Who was here just now?"

"Nobody, papa, only you and I." "Didn't you say just now, 'Thank

you, little master?"" The child did not answer at first, but laughed a shy laugh. Soon he

"I'm afraid you'll laugh at me if

"But I mean you will make fun of

"No, I wont make fun of you, but perhaps I'll have fun with you. That

will help us digest our roast beef." they are red or white," said his moth- eaten my red apple, and wanted to eat carries out our idea that he possesses my green one, too. Just then I rewere a race of stern and cruel, rude membered something I learned in other workers of his size. - Harper's and savage warriors, incapable of ap- school, about eating, and I thought Young People. one big apple was enough. My stomach will be glad if I don't give it the He is not great who takes pleasure in green one to grind. It seemed for a shedding blood, and making war is a minute just as if it said to me, 'Thank times to my knees by the overwhelm-

has been teaching about eating?"

"She told us to be careful not to would deprive them of their lawful give our stomachs too much food to grind. If we do, she says it will make "There are other enemies, however, bad blood, that will run into our brains which it is right for you to fight, and and make them dull and stupid, so conquer, too. In that way you may that we can't get our lessons well, and cured me. become a very great warrior. You perhaps give us headaches, too. If we ROBT. McQUARRIE, Balmoral, Man. applied.

recollect the words of a wise man: 'A give our stomachs just enough work wrathful man stirreth up contention to do they will give us pure, living but he that is slow to anger appeaseth | blood that will make us feel bright and strife. He that is slow to anger is bet- cheerful in school. Miss M'Laren says ter than the mighty, and he that ruleth that sometimes, when she eats too much of something that she likes very Lycurgus face glowed a little, for he much, it seems almost as if her stomremembered the momentry heat of ach moaned and complained; but when passion stirred up by his sister's witty she denies herself and doesn't eat too much, it seems almost as if it were

That's as good preaching as the minister's Bertie. What more did Miss M'Laren tell you about this mat-

"She taught us a verse one day about keeping the soul on top. That wasn't just the words, but it's what it meant.' At this papa's paper went suddenly right up before his face. When in a minute it dropped down, there wasn't any laugh on his face as he said :

"Were not these the words: 'I

keep my body under?" "O, yes! that was it; but it means just the same. If I keep my body under, of course my soul is on top."

"Of course it is, my boy. Keep your soul on top and you'll belong to the grandest style of man that walks on earth."- Exchange.

It Came to Pass.

George Stevenson, the celebrat engineer, used to speak with indignation of how the "Parliament men" badgered and baffled him with their book learning when he proposed to build a railroad from Liverpool to Manchester.

"The smoke from the engine," said these book-learned men, "will kill ali the birds, and the sparks will set fire to the fields and houses. The passengers will be made seasick; the noise will frighten away the game, and thousands of coachmen and inkeepers will pearance of evil." be thrown out of employment."

The fast mail coaches were driven at the rate of ten miles an hour. When Stephenson asserted that the steam coaches would attain to a much more rapid rate of speed, he was laughed at and hooted as a crack-brained enthu-

"You must not claim a speed of over fifteen miles an hour," said the nervous counsel of the promoters of the railroad to Stephenson, just as he was about to appear before a Parliamentary committee.

A member of the committee, opposed to the proposed railroad, thought he could make the simple hearted engineer assert an absurdity that would kill the project. "Well, Mr. Stephenson," he asked, "perhaps you could go seventeen miles an hour?"

"Yes." "Perhaps twenty miles an hour.

"Certainly." "Twenty-five, I dare say. You do not think it impossible?"

"Not at all impossible." "Dangerous, though?"

"Certainly not." "Now tell me, Mr. Stephenson, will you say that you can go thirty miles an hour?"

"Certainly." The fish was hooked to an absurdity,

so every member of the committee thought, and they all leaned back in their chairs and roared with laughter. Their sons now ride sixty miles in sixty minutes.

The Brain of an Ant.

There is an old puzzle question which asks. "What is smaller than the mouth of a mite?" The answer is, "What goes into its mouth."

Although an ant is a tiny creature, yet its brain is even tinier. But, although it is necessarily smaller than the ant's head which contains it, yet it is larger in proportion, according to the ant's size, than the brain of any known creature. This we can easily believe when we read of this insect's wonderful powers. The quantity of instinct or sagacity does not fully explain some of the stories told about them. The best writers upon ants, "Well, you have just laughed, and those who have made the astonishing LINIMENT in my family for a numintelligence of these little insects a ber of years for various cases of sickspecial duty, are obliged to admit that ness, and more particularly in a severe they display ability, calculation, last winter, and I firmly believe that reflection, and good judgment. Such it was the means of saving my life. qualities of brain show a more than ordinary instinct, and we are not sur-"I'll tell you about it, papa. I had prised to hear that the ant's big brain a higher intelligence than is shown by

Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said : "I have been driven many you, little master;' but I know I said it | ing conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of "Bertie, what is it Miss M'Laren all about me seemed insufficient for

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A letter from sister; what all have done; Shakespeare says "All the world" is this; an annual fruit; A "home" let-

No. 34.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 7 letters, and need a physician.

My 7, 4, 5 is used by many; my 1,2, 6 is oft used in the kitchen; my 6, 5, 3 is oft used in the water.

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The Mystery Solved in three weeks.

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THE CHILD AND THE YEAR.

-OUR POETRY.-

BY CELIA THAXTER.

Said the child to the youthful year. "What hast thou in store for me, O giver of beautiful gifts; what cheer, What joy dost thou bring with thee?'

My seasons four shall bring Their treasures the winter's snows, he autumn's store, and the flowers of And the summer's perfect rose.

"All these, and more, shall be thine, Dear child-but the last and best Thyself must earn by a strife divine, If thou wouldst be truly blest.

'Tis a conscience clear and bright, peace of mind which the soul can lift To an infinite delight. Truth, patience, courage and love

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