

AS LITTLE CHILDREN.

In pure white robes the children kneel Beside their mother's knee; With bright eyes veiled and fair heads bowed In meek simplicity.

No shrinking fears, no warning doubts, Obscure their childish trust; God is their Father, tender, kind, And care for them He must.

O for the child's unquestioning faith, The love that casts out fear; That rests secure upon Thine arm, That knows Thee ever near!

Our faltering words but half express Our sense of varied needs; But God still reads our inmost thought, Each faint desire He heeds.

With childhood's firm, undoubting faith, Its reverence and its trust, Let us approach our Father's throne— His children we, though dust.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEW PROCESS OF ANNEALING GLASS.—A number of prominent citizens of New York and Brooklyn were invited recently to visit the La Bastie Glass Works of South Brooklyn to witness the manufacture of glassware under a new process patented by M. de la Bastie of Paris in 1875.

For the last few years the desire for Florida oranges has been so great that it was impossible to supply the steadily increasing demand at anything like reasonable prices.

A late London paper says: "On Saturday, the 10th inst., the steamer Wisconsin, which arrived at Liverpool from New York, brought one of the largest consignments of American fresh meat that have yet reached Liverpool port, consisting of about 2,000 quarters.

The probabilities of living to be 100 years old are, according to the statistics of Dr. Farr, 223 to the 1,000,000. That is to say, computing the present average number of deaths on the basis of recent official tables of mortality in England, out of every 1,000,000 now living, 223 will live to be 100 years old, and the last one of the million will die in his 103th year.

The island of Heligoland is reported to be gradually disappearing. It is now, says Iron, less than a mile in superficial extent; but in 1849 it was four miles in circumference; in 1300, forty-five miles; and in 800, a hundred and twenty miles.

Roger M. Sherman was once arguing a case, and made a point which the judge did not at once see. "Mr. Sherman," said he, "I would thank you to state the point so that I can understand you." Bowing politely, Mr. Sherman replied in his blandest manner, "Your Honor is not probably aware of the task you are imposing on me."

Five thousand Mennonites already settled in Manitoba make excellent settlers, and there is room still on the present reserves appropriated to Russian immigrants for "another ten thousand."

It is the result of practical, every day experience that steady attention to matters of detail lies at the root of human progress, and diligence, above all, is the mother of good luck.

There was an ugly row at Bennettsville, S. C., last week, in which one man had his arm shattered and another, not immediately engaged, was killed by a pistol shot.

The Waldensian Church is doing a great mission work in Italy, and has 4,200 children in school receiving instruction in sound religion as well as letters.

All which happens in the whole world happens through hope. No husbandman would sow a grain of corn, if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear.

Like the generality of kings and conquerors, Fredrick the Great had a most philosophic indifference to death—in other words, in one of his battles, a battalion of veterans having taken to their heels, he galloped after them, bawling out: "Why do you run away, you old blackguards! Do you want to live for ever?"

The epizootic, or cerebro-spinal meningitis, broke out among the cat-horses of Brooklyn on Friday last, and very little hope is entertained of saving the lives of the afflicted animals.

Facts are stubborn things, and if any one doubts that the Spitz dog is a dangerous animal to have in the family, let him study the facts.

While the Romish element in our population has been increasing and mainly by the Irish immigration, it is well to see that our gain is Ireland's loss.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO SING.—Why? Because it is the surest way to make them happy. The families are those who sing most around their own hearth-stones.

The National debt of France, due exclusively to the wars in which she has been engaged since 1845, will absorb this year about \$150,000,000; the pensions to invalid soldiers, widows and orphans, \$22,000,000; the army, \$110,000,000.

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Drummers for the sale of the fragrant guano are going to and fro in the earth and up and down into it.

A Boy's Faith.—Two little boys were talking together about a lesson they had been receiving from their grandmother, on the subject of Elijah's going to heaven in a chariot of fire.

An English court has decided that a gentleman who has failed, owing to delay on the part of the railroad company, to catch the regular train, may order a special train at the expense of the company.

Emigration is setting eastward. The Baltimore Gazette says: "On Saturday 140 emigrants from New York, Pennsylvania and other States sailed from New York city for Australia, and a party of 300 more are to sail in a fortnight."

Charlotte Observer: Judge Cline is reported as saying that he would give two years of his judicial life to be Mayor of Charlotte three days.

Greensboro North State: We are informed that Postmaster-General Key is related to Rufus L. Patterson, of Salem. Two of Mr. Key's daughters are at the Salem Female Seminary.

A couple of young men in this city took it into their heads to have a supper made up of delicacies from the sea-coast, and accordingly telegraphed to the operator at Morehead City to send them wild ducks, shrimps and crabs by the first train.

The stiper of ducks, shrimps and crabs has been indefinitely postponed.—Raleigh News.

Many excellent teachers, in our State, are now in want of remunerative employment, and we have the men and the women to increase the number, and enlarge the operations of our schools.

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