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doos do not hurry themselves in anything they do, but the monkey has plenty of patience, and the end, when the crowd has stolen a little, and the dog has had his morsel, and the children are all satisfied, the fragments of the meal are thrown out on the ground for the "blunder argue," the monkey people, and it is soon discussed, the mother feeding the baby before she herself eats.—*London Telegraph.*

### SINGING.

I was once spending a few weeks away from home. My lodging was surrounded by a pleasant garden, where I spent many a hour.

On the morning after my arrival I was wandering among the flowers, when sweet voices struck up a hymn in the next house. It was a ladies school, and the young pupils had just gathered for study. But before they set about their different lessons they sang some familiar hymn

I cannot tell you how I loved to listen. The windows were wide open on those summer days, and I used to shut my eyes, and think of angels, as verse followed verse to the end. How sorry I was when "Amen" told me there would be no more singing until the quiet evening came! Then they again sang, ere retiring to rest, and it did me good to stand still and listen. My landlady told me they had

kept up this habit for eleven years. I do wish there were more singing in schools and in families. It would be a blessing all around. When brothers and sisters leave the parent nest, nothing dwells in their hearts more tenderly than the hymns they sang together at home each choosing a tune. Father's favorite was "God moves," while mother asked for "How sweet the name," and the little ones were never tired of "Happy land," and "Oh let us join," or "That will be joyful."

Only try to start the practice of singing hymns together, and you will find great comfort in it. Ask God to teach you and He will. He loves sweet music and singing, and by-and-by we shall all have tuneful voices.—*Buds and Blossoms.*

### IN THE SOUDAN.

The houses even of the better class have not much furniture. There is a bed-frame, with strips of buffalo-hide stretched across it, on which are laid neatly-made mats, so that it forms a seat in the daytime. Round the walls hang wooden bowls of various sizes which are used instead of crockery; but sometimes one or two of our willow-pattern plates may also be seen, and in these the hostess will take great pride. She has also great store of vessels in the shape of urns, manufactured by herself

of a mixture of clay and other materials; and when she leaves home she plasters them up in a peculiar way so that she can tell if they have been opened during her absence. The kitchen is separate, and in it there is a stone mill for grinding corn, and three large stones forming a fire-place. The drinking vessels are made out of gourds.

The Nubian woman's dress is a piece of dark blue calico wrapped around her waist and coming half way down to her ankles, her head and the upper part of the body being covered by a white muslin scarf with a red border, which can be drawn across the face. Her hair is sometimes gummed into a kind of bushy circle, at others hangs down in thick masses of innumerable plaits; and necklaces of agate and amber beads, coral bracelets, silver and coral rings, earrings, and massive anklets, complete the costume.

The upper classes in Nubia have a curious way of cleansing the skin. Every evening they rub it over, first with a kind of dough, and then with aromatic oil. This is called the *dilka*, and is said to be very refreshing.—*Little Folks.*

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Lent is a season in which the Church requires her children to "turn unto the Lord with all their hearts, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning," worthily repenting their sins, and acknowledging their wretchedness, that they may obtain of Him Who is the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.—*Bishop Quintard.*

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#### MARRIAGES.

At Trinity Church, Bear Brook, on Thursday, February 12th, by the Incumbent, (the father of the bride), Mr. Richard Duncan McDonald, of Amherst Island, to Elizabeth Annie eldest daughter of the Rev. I. J. Christie.

At Trinity Church, Bear Brook, on Thursday, 12th February, by the Incumbent, (the father of the bride), Mr. John Edward Annable, of Winchester, to Mary Eliza fourth daughter of the Rev. I. J. Christie.