

CHAPTER II.

LESSONS IN ITALIC LETTER.

On sitting down to Meals.

*When I at table take my seat,
I turn my thoughts to God above,
That what's before me I may eat
With gratitude and love.*

*From him my health and blessings flow,
My bread, and milk, and meat ;
To him a thankful heart I owe,
For all things good to eat.*

*This grateful sense of bounteous good,
Such humble feelings spread,
That I'm content with needful food,
And thank my God for bread.*

Paper for writing or printing, is made of old rags that are no longer fit for use as clothes.

Printing was invented about four hundred years ago. People who lived before that time had no books to read but such as were written with a pen ; and those were very scarce and very dear, so that but few people learned to read.

Those who had learned to write were called scribes ; and the books or rolls which were written, or copied, the scribes read to the multitude who could not read.

In the books now printed in our language, Italic letters are used chiefly to mark some word or words, on which greater stress or emphasis is placed.