Chats with the Children 39990099999999

LITTLE MAY'S NEW DOLL. Sally Reg, her old, plain friend No more had gifts or graces; All day she praised Aminta's charms And hugged Aminta's laces.

Little May now lies in bed, But o'er she sought dream valley She flung Aminta on the floor And wout to sleep with Sally.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members have been enrolled in "Chats' "Couems' Band of Meroy:—Aloysus T. Claney, 121 Queen E., who has won the petture, his application being the first received; J. A. Doyle, 77 Ann street, Amelia Lavery, Caistor Centre, Ont. Libbie J. McDoneil, Robert McDoneil, John A. McDoneil, South Lancaster, Ont. The badges will be sent as soon as possible after the members send in their names; sometimes I have to send for more, so I cannot always forward them immediately.

Dear Cousin Fig.—I live in St. Mary's parish, and hearing that you were going to give a prayer-book to the boy who could write the best composition on the "Mission," I thought I would write to you, for there is nothing like trying—is there?

The mission opened on Sunday, the 20th February. The first three days, beginning with Monday, were for the children. One of the priests celebrated Mass each morning at eight colock, and in the afternoon one of the Jesuits gave a short instruction before Benefoldion. He explained how Jesus felt towards children, how the simple prayers were accepted by Him. He also told how the guardian angel goes to war with the tempter, how he (the guardian angel) is often victorious.

The mission was a beautiful work.

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The mission was a beautiful work. It made me feel as though I would like to begin life over again. I hope it made all the boys feel like that.

Dear: Cousin Flo, I hope you will find this fit to put in The Resister.

If I do not earn the preper-took I will have that pleasure anyhow, I hop.

Your sincere cousin,

Your sincere cousin,
Aged 11. A. F. DROHAN.
Toronto, April 2nd, 1898.

[There'is nothing like trying, cer-inly; and the harder we try the ore likely we are to su ceed.—O. F.]

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Drar Cours Fro—As i am a newcomer you will be glad to hear from me. I live in the town of Armprior, in which is situated a convent and a Catholic Church. There are four Sistors teaching school here. I am net fourth form and fourth book. There is Mass every morning, and every Sunday, which I generally attend. We had a mission here in August, which was held by the Redemptorist Fathers. The first three days were for the English-speaking people, the following three for were two priests, namely, Father McPhail and Father Bolleau. The latter priest held our mission. He saked questions, and for every correct answer he gave a picture. During the mission a number of boys and girls, whom I was among, received First Communion, given by our parish priest, Communion, given by our parish priest, Father Chaine, who is a kind, dutiful priest, and we were Confirmed by His priest. And we were Confirmed by His Lord Pembroke. The last day of the mission the priests erected a beautiful. large, life-size mission cross, which is planted in the church. The day of the erection every girl wore her First Communion clothes, and carried the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help around the church. Every person hissed the cross. While the mission was going on a little bird flaw about the church all the time. The priest idd us that some one of vs would die before the year was ont. A few days following a little girl belonging to our school, Minnie Hornadge was her name, took sick and died. R. I. P. I went to see her when she was dead. I remain, your loving, Aged 12. Termsa M. Barrett. Arnprior, April 4th, 1898.

HISTORY OF AN EXERCISE BOOK.

An exercise book and ruler lay at the bottom of the school-room scrap-basket, when the following conversation took place between them:

"kir. Exercise Book," said the Ruler in a tiny voice, "you look so old, you must have a history; would you mind telling me it."

"Yes, Mr. Ruler, I have a history; but I am not of use for the world now;" and the Exercise Book sighed.
"Go on," said the Ruler.

"I was once a very pretty red dress below in the little of the time."

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"Go on," said the Ruler.
"I was once a very pretty red dress belonging to a little girl," said the book; "but she was very carcless and one day spit some ink on me. That finished me. The next time the rag man came round I was given to him. I was then brought to a paper factory where I was put into a machine, and when I came out I was a nice piece of white paper. I was then put through another machine and when that was finished I was ruled with blue lines. After a little cutting, I was a nice book. I was given to a little girl, who said she would keep !

me very neat. She did so for a while, then she got careless, and all the me very neat. She did so for a wnite, then she got careless, and all the scratches and blots I got from her were dreadful. One day she went and told the teacher I was full. And here I am with you at the bottom of thus basket."

M. S.

> DITAGLES DECAPITATIONS.

Behead a color and leave something to write with.
Behead a grain and leave warmth, behead again and leave what everybody does.
Behead an outhouse and leave an article of furniture, behead again and leave a word meaning capable.

CHARADE.

My first is soft and sweet; my cond is hard and loud; my whole a musical instrument.

CONPADRUMS.

ONUMBERS.

1. If two fish were to get married, which two fish would it be?

2. If you described a courtship be tween two things in a drug store, what things would you mention?

Answers to Puzzles, April 7th.

WORD REBUS.

Death overtakes the undertaker.

ACROSTIC.
C anada
O tiawa
L ondon
U nsolved
M ontreal
B rantford
U nknown
S tratford

Please, lease, case. MADEG

MARKS.

J. A. Doyle, 5; Amelia Lavery, 4;
J. E. Thompson, 2.
Amelia. Yes, the address is Gousin Flo, Register O:...o; if you de vot put my name on the envelope it is opened in the business office first. Yes, if you leave open the flap of your envelope and write "Printer's copy" on it, it will go for one cent. You did not see through the arithmetical problem; there were really only 12 guests provided for, but the way they were counted made it seem as though there were 13. Glad to welcome you, my dear.

Lizzie. The patron of our Band of Meroy is St. Frances of Assisi. I am going to tell you some atorics about tim soon.

COUSEN FLO.

A Protest Against Uniust Dismissals.

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MONTREAL, April 18.—At the meeting of the Harbor board yesterday afternoon an interview took place between the Commissioners and and a delegation representing St. Patrick's League. This was coasioned through a report being sent abroad that Meesra. O'Brien and Sharkey, two employes, whose services had already been dispensed with, had been discriminated against. The delegation consisted of Messra. J. J. Ryan, J. McMahon, Andrew Gullen and James McCarrey. They were accompanied by Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., Hon. Dr. Guerin, Mr. Jas. McShane and Mr. J. H. Semple.

Mr. Ryan, as spokesman for the League representatives, stated that two of their people, who had hald important positions on the board's service, had been deprived of their positions. They did not question the board's right to discharge any employe, either for political or other reasons, but they did hold that when mem were discharged, as their compatrots had been, their places should be filled by men of their position of their own nationality and oreed. In fact, they were there to ask for justice.

Hon. Dr. Guerin was the next speaker. He said the Irish Catholic people felt aggrieved. It was a fact that they had had a certain patronage in the past, which patronage had dispepeared. If the Liberal Harbor Commissioners intended to crucify their friends they were taking the best means to do it by ostracising those of the Oatholic roligion and Irish race. He had no doubt that the spirit of justice and fair-play which actuated gentlemen of chatploard to make repartiem.

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Ryan followed with speeches in a
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In reply Mr. Robert Mackay said:
If there had been any injustice inadvertently done, he was sure the board
would be happy to do its best to effect
a remedy. The chairrun also reiterated the same facts as regards the
discharge of Mr. O'Brien.

How I Made \$250 a Month.

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I have been selling Dishwashers and Household Specialties for the past two years, but until I began selling the Mound Oily Dishwasher I only made a fair salary, and in the past three months I have made more moneyselling the weather, which has all the sate timprovements, than I did in six months before selling the other dishwashers. If you only take two orders a day you make \$100 a month, but it is easy to average a, vo or more daily. The butsness is exceedingly pleasant and the work is light. Ladies can do as well as mon. No experience is needed. Anybody can do it. Write to the Mound Oily Dishwasher Co., St. Louis, Mo., for particulars. C. A. L.

Domestie Reading ពង្គឹងកានធន្មនាងងារាលបានចូលនាកាងដ

There is nothing selfish in religion; the more you give away the more you have. If you can keep all your religion to yourself, you may be sure you have a religion that is not worth anything.

We cannot benefit ourselves without benefiting others also. If we are
cheerful, happy, and well, we brighten
and unvigorate them; if we gam knowledge, we communicate it; if we grow
strong and courageous, we afford protection and infuse courage; if we are
noble and true, others breat 'ng our
spiritual atmosphere become also
nobler and truer.

Whether we intend it or not, we are always either helping or hurting others by our unconseious influence. Thus we can never stand aloof; we a never say "Though I do not help, nother will I hinder," for we are always doing one or the other. There is a self-indulgence, it is true, that is often yielded to at others' expense; but then it is also at our own, It may afflict them, but it likewise degrades us.

In every, circumstance, in every conjunction of adverse conditions, there is one rule: Pray without ceasing, duyour very best, and wait God's leadings in perfect peace. With the sea before them and the Egyptians at their back, the word of the Almighty Jehovah to Moses was "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." God is always strong enough to supplement our weakness, and "when He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?"

No man's brain is so full, and no man's eye so blind, that they cannot catch food for dreams. Each little episode of life is full, had we but the perception of its fulness. There is no such thing as blank in the world of thought. Every action and emotion have their development growing and gaining on the soul. Every affection has its tears and smiles. Nay, the very material world is full of meaning, and by suggesting thought is making us what we are and what we will be.

Woman brings us into the world, woman is our first teacher, woman makes the world what it is, from century to century. We can no more escape from woman, and yet continue to live our lives as they should be lived, than we can hide ourselves from Nature. We are in her care or in her power during more than half our years, and often during all, from first to last. We are born of her, we grow of her, as truly as trees and flowers come of the mother earth and draw their life from the soil in which they are planted. The man who denies his mother is a bad man, and the man who has not loved woman is a man in darkness.—F. Marion Orawford.

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Whoever enters our churches must be impressed with the profound reverence and adoration which the people manifest towards the altar. To the altar they kneel in entering; to it they kneel in retiring. Here their eyes are turned, here they remain fixed, and here their hearts ascend in silent prayer and adoratio, because here they know the King dwelleth, "the desired of the eternal hills." Within the silent tabornacle is the very Lord and God Who fills the Heavens with His glory. There is their Redemer, the Spouse of their souls, under the veil of the Sacrament. Israel of old had its Holy of Holies, oh, Israel! and your sanctuaries are poor and mean and miserable in comparison with the poorest of our churches. God was in His Temple of Jarusalem, it is true, but God is everywhere But Jesus Christ was not in that ancient Tabemacle. He Whore Body redeemed us. Whose flesh is the life of the world, Whose Blood sanctifies, was not there. But He is here with us, as He was with His disciples after His resurrection; for He promised to be with us for all days.—Father McKenna, O.P.

ST. HELEN'S CIRCLE NO. 2, TORONTO

The officers and members of St. Helen's Circle invited their friends to an open meeting on Monday last, for the purpose of laying before them the benefits to be obtained by enrolling themselves in the Association. The meeting was well attended by the ladies of the parish, and eight filled their application papers, and others promised to do so during the month. Addresses were delivered by A. McDonald, chairman of G. B. Executive, W. Lane, G.S., D. Shes, Organizer, and P. J. Crotty. Songs and recitations were given by Brothers M. Delary, J. Howell, P. J. Orotty, D. Shes and others. St. Helen's Branch and Orrole will hold their annual At-Home in Sunnyside Boat parlors or Firday 15th. At a special meeting of St. Mary's Branch No. 24, E.B.A, held March Stb, 1898, a resolution of condolence was unannuously adopted on the death of Katie O'Heare, daughter of Rec. Sec., Bro, John O'Heare. ST. HELEN'S CIRCLE NO. 2, TORONTO

Lift up thy gates, triumphant, Heart
Eternal,
Heart of the God-Man. Heart that
througed on high,
Larger than that starred palace of the
gaty,
In glory reguest, and in love dost burn!
To Thee this day a People's beart doth
yearn;
To Thee all cagle-winged, yet tromblingly,
Makos way in Thee would live, for
Thee would die,
Zealous for Thee treestrial crowns to
source.

Zealous for Thee terrestriat growns sours.

Lift up your head, yo overlasting gates, And give a nation leave to outer in! The centuries ended of her adverse fates,

This day with God she hides her from the sin

Of prosperous realins that trample gifts divine—

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Of prespectors realms that train,
divine—
divine—
Heart of the God man, make Thy captive Thme.

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II.
Henceforth, O Erin, twofold life hast thou,
Regioned with God in that Great Heart
above,
Regioned below in that strong Church,
all love.

God's City, glittering from the mount-

To those alone whose hearts in meekness move,
To souls forgiving as that mystic Dove
That sanctified their first baptismal vow.
Oh! loyal proved through conturies of
war,
In peace he loyal to the Prince of Peace;
Oh! fixed and praised for spotless
Child and praised for spotless
To love at last brigg forth her full increase;
Iter 'hest fulfil! A nation vowed, go
forth
And plant the Savior's Cross above the
vanquiched Earth.

Aubray Dr Verr, in "Irish Monthly."

The Aztee Opal.

"Mr Mitchel," began Mr. Barnes after exchanging greetings, "I have called to see you upon a subject which I am sure will enlist your keenest interest for several reasons. It relates to a magnificent jowel. It relates to a magnificent jowel. It relates to a magnificent jowel. It relates to a the property of the mind in its solution."

"All Then you have solved it?" asked Mr. Mitchel.
"I think so. You shall judge. But, first, will you pernit me to allude to the chance which led to our acquantance?"

"Assuredly. Proceed as you please. I will give you my attention."

"Ye woul. It is little more than a year since I was travelling from Boson one night to this city. Upon that occasion I ownersed a curious conversation between the company of the proceeding the proceeding the processing that the advances of knowing your purpose in advance, for over a year you baffled me utterly, and in the ond you won the bet."

"I did," sa'd Mr. Mitchel in a self-granulatory tone. And considering that I was contending against the most skill du detective of the age I really feel proud of the achievement."

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"Well, you put it rather unflatforing by for yourself. But cortainly we used our brainess against one another, and I won."

"Now, then, Mr. Mitchel, we have reached the point where I may make a proposition to you. I have to day been called in to investigate one of the most singular cases that have fallen my way. It is one in which the usual detective methods would be utterly valueless. The tacts were presented to me, and the solution of the mystery could only be reached by analytical education."

"That is to say, by using your brains?"

"Precisely. Now you have admitted that you consider yourself more expert in this direction than the ordinary detective. I wish to place you for once in the position of the detective, and then see you prove your ability."

"Ah, I comprehend! You think that avoiding detection, such as I did in our recent affair, is easier than actually ferresting out a criminar!

"I do Therefore if you care to listen to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I can all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I know of the case to which I out all that I

in accordance with his plans, a sumptu ous dinner was served, as a sert of fare-well feast, the party expecting to separate

ous dinner was sorvee, as a management oday."

"What guests were on the yacht?"

"I will tell you everything in order as the facts were presented to me. Mr. Gray courserated the party of follows: Bos-des himself and his wife there were his wife's sister, Mrs. Eugene Cortlandt, and her husband, a Wall Street broker. Also Mr. Arthur Livingstone and his sister, and a Mr. Dennett Moore, a young man supposed to be deveting humself to Mrs. Livingstone."

"That makes seven persons, three of who whom are women. I ought to say, Mr. B trues, that, though Mr. Gray is a quainted with his wife or with the others. So I have no advantage over you."

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"I will come at once to the currous incident which made my presence de arable. According to My Gray a story, the dinner had proprossed as far as the roast, where suddenly there was a slight shock as the yacht touched, and at the roast, where was eligible shock as the yacht touched, and at the same moment the lamps spittered and then out, leaving the room totally dark. A second inter the vessel righted horself and spad on, so that before any sort of pane ensued it was evalous to all that he dadage, had passed. The gentlement had a spad on, as that before any sort of pane ensued it was evalous to all that he dadage, had passed. The gentlement had a spad on, as the state of the state

instituted, but the opai could not be found."

"That is certainly a very significant fact," said Nr. Mitchel. "But was the search thorough?"

"I should say extremely thorough, when we consider that it was not conducted by a detective who is supposed to be an expert in such matters. Mr. Gray described to me what was dono, and he seems to have taken every precaution. He sent the attendants out of the salon, and he and his guests systematically examined overy part of the room."

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"Except the place where the opal was concealed, you mean."

"With that exception, of course, since they did not find the jowel. Not satisfied with the search by lamplight, Mr. Gray looked the salon so that no one could enter it during the right, and another investigation was made in the morning."

"The pockets of the seven persons presons were not examined. I presume the present was a salon of the present which is a salon of the present the present his post to Mr. Gray on the part of the present the present the present the part of the present the presen

the other could be found the two would be as interesting as any jeweds in the world.

"This is the story which I was asked to unravel," continued Mr. Barnes, "and I must now taken towards that end. It appears that lowards that end. It appears that lowards that end. It appears that lowards that end. It appears that however, that he had sent for a steeder, and it was no restraint was placed upon them by Mr. Gray. All kny lowever, that he had sent for a steeder, and it was natural that no end edition, and it was natural that no one that he had sent for a steeder, and it was natural that no one that he had sent of the seven persons who had been present at the dinner."

"Then you omitted the attendants from your suspicions?"

"I did. There was but one way by which one of the servants could have steelen the opal, and this was prevented by Mr. Gray. It was possible that the opal had fallen to the floor, and, though law discovered and have appropriated it on the following morning, had he been able to enter the salon. But Mr. Gray had looked the doors. No servant, however bold, would have been able to take the opal from the hady's neck."

"I think your reasoning is good, and we will contine ourselves to the crigical seven."

"After my interview with Mr. Gray I asked to have Mrs. Gray sent in to ma. She came in, and I noted that she placed herself on the defensive. Women frequently adopt that manuer before a detective. Her story was very brief.

The main point was that she was avare of the theft before the lamps word or of the theft the state of the control of the theft of the control of the control

"That might mean anything or nothing."

"Exactly. But we are not deducing values yet. Mr. Dennett Moore came at one next, and he is a straightforward, honest man, if I sever sav one. He declared that the whole affair war a great mystery to him, and that while ordinarily he would not care anything about it, he could not but somewhat interested because he thought that one of the ladies, he could not say which one, suspected him. Mr. Livingstone also impressed me favourably, in spite of the fact that he did not remove his eigarette from his mouth throughout the whole of my interview with him. He declined to name the person who esuspected him, though he admitted that he could do so. He made the significant remark:

"Are he are a detective of experience."

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"Yes, he went happened to be in pecuniary difficulties he became grave at once I will give you his answer."

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