Chats with the Child Children

LITTLE BY LITTLE.

the by little the bird builds her nest; the by little the sun sinks to rest; the by little the waves, in their glee, ooth the rough rocks by the shere of the sea.

Drop after drop falls the soft summ

shower; Leaf upon leaf grows the cool forest bower; Crain heaped on grain forms the moun-tain so high That its cloud-capped summit is lost to the ope.

Little by little the bee to her cell Brings the sweet honey, and garner

well;
Little by little the ant layeth by,
From the summer's abundance, the
winter supply.

Minute by minute, so passes the day; Hour after hour years are gliding away. The moments improve until life be moments improve until life be past, , little by little, grow wise to the last.

WHERE ARE THE COUNTS?

I am wondering where all the cousins have got to. We have not had an answer to the puzzles dor two or three weeks; are they getting tired of the compettion? I hope not, because we might have quite an interesting department in "Chats" if they would take an interest in it. The winners in the last series must send mo their addresses, I have mislaid them and cannot forward the prizes till I hear from them again.

COUSIN FLO.

THE FLYING FISH.

THE FIXING PISH.

A certain fish is called the flying fish, because it can give great jumps out of the water. This is the nearost approach a fish can make to flying. The air-bladder of the flying, fish is very large When it is filled with air, it takes up nearly the whole of the body. Its first are very large, and almost like wings. They do not hinder it from swimming; when it is in the water, they are folded close to its body, and quite out of the way.

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When the fish takes its jumps, it not only expands its fins but its tail. It skims along a little like a swallow. Indeed, the ancient writers called it in hirundo," which means a swallow. It can fly about fifty or sixty yards at a time; then it drops into the water and moistens its gills. After that, it can take another spring. The fish gives these jumps to get out of the way of its enemies. In the Tropies, a shoal of flying fish is often seen springing out of the water. Their silvery fins and blue bodies glitter in the sun, and look very beautiful.

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of the water. Their silvery fins and blue bodies glitter in the sun, and look very beautiful.

But this plan of dying is not always a safe one. There are a number of seahurds ready to pounce on the poor fish when it gets out of water. The gull and the great albatross are always on the watch. For in tropical seas the birds abound in far greater numbers than you have any idea of.

The poor little flying fishes are often pursued by dolphins. In vain they give their flying leaps out of the water. On come the dolphins close after them. More than one little fish has failen into the mouth of its enemy. I am afraid that, one by one, they will all be devoured in a similar manner.

On board ship, people amuse themselves by watching the flying fails. If a light is brought, a sheal of them will drop on deck attracted by it. Then they get caught. The sailors think them a great delicacy, and say they are as good to eat as mackorel. Thus, you see, the poor flying fish has no peace. It is hunted both in the air and in the water.

WONDERFUL SCIENCE OF NUMBERS.

An Irishman and a Yankee were going along a road when they stumbled on a beg containing an inneer of silver dollars. The Irishman, being the quicker of the two, secured the beg; but his companion urged that they both had found it, and ought to divide the amount equally. To thus the other would not agree. Finally the Yankee proposed that he should have all the money provided he could tell the number of coins without asking any questions. This was agreed upon.

"Count the coins," said the Yankee, "but don't stell me how many there

"That's all right," said the Atlandaria, "Now subtract the whole amount from 999," continued the Vankee.
"Done again," replied his companion, "but sorrs a nearer to it are ye."
"Wait a minute," exclaimed the Yankee. "Put ... we treat figures and subtract them from 397, and you'll have the number of the coisa."
"Some one totall ye!" shouted the other, for it was right.
Eo the Irishman gave up the bag of coins to the Yankee, who did not know how many there were till he counted them.

them.

Try it, with any number, boys and girls, adding, subtracting, etc., the numbers as given by the Yankee, and you'll find you will come out right ergind you will come out right ergind.—From "Our Boys and Girls."

PUZZLES.

ENGMA.

I am three words of 16 letters. My 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 is a Latin word; my 16, 16 let is a fictionate; my 14, 13, 8, 16 a girl's name; my 11, 12, 13, 7 is a stin word.

AIDDEN CITIES AND TOWNS

I wrote articles for The Vindicator on town and country life contrasted.
 You must, Annie, I insist upon it.
 Ras Don taken his medicine, Hattie?

4. Catch it and you will win. Nip Egbert's arm and he will drop it. 5. Don't you think Signor Ementibe's tones are very aweet?

I have no tips and no teeth, yet I can talk, I have no hands, yet I can pick things up and hold them; I often what upstde down; I have no clothes and yet I am dressed in all the colors of the rainbow. What am I?

Answers to Puzzles, Sept. 22nd

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CHARADES.

1. Arm.pit.
2. Too nail.
3. Thumb-scrow
4. Button-hole.
APITIMATICAL PROBLEM.
The total number of acres was 247 ;
John's share, 55; Arthur's, 273, and the romaining 05 acres went to Philip.
CONUNDRUMS.
1. (Horst them, of course.)

1. (II)cat them, of course.
2. When he is a-board.
3. Ten clauses.

C. Casserly, 2; B. Maher, 3, F. McCarthy, 4.

Unsuccessful competitors are reminded that the winners of prizes cannot compete again; so that those who are defeated will have a better chance next

A GRAND FINANCIAL BUBBLE.

When Tommy Todd awoke to find the morring coming in, He rose before the sun, he was so anxmorring comm He rose before the tous to begin!

For Master Tommy's father, since Tommy begged he would, Had promised him a nickel, each day, The days within a weet!—they went a-recting through his tate! The days within a month he matked with spred upon his state!

The days within a year! The days in twenty years! Just there He stood upon his whirling head and waved his heels in air.

And on, from Monday morning till the shades of Monday night He really tired the family by being voo polite

He asked about the price of things, and frowned a moneyed frown; He took a lordly interest in all the trade in town;

He chose a fancy golf set, the dearest in the store; A camera and box of tools, and twenty treasures prore.

He sauntered by the candy-shop like any duke, that boy! And slapped his trousers' pockets hard, and glowed with very joy!

Yet when that first week had an end-how-er could it be ?— Of days there had been seren, but—of nickeis there were three!

Our Tommy smiled a lofty smile, to show he didn't care; There was a swagger in his gait, a bluster in his air;

He even tried a reckless tune; but when bedtime drew nigh His mother thought she heard him give a sort of smallish sigh!

And when she said, "Good-night, my son!" he felt she understood It's hard to earn a nickel, each day, by being good!

—Catharine Glen, in St. Nicholas.

BIRDS OF OTHER LANDS.

What would the world be like without the fowls of the air? says Mr R. Kearton in "Chums." A desolate and very possibly uninhabitable wilderness. They once tried the experiment in France, and suffered so disastrously in consequence that a special commission sat, and after deliberation arrived at the verdict that the birds can live without man, but that man cannot live without man, but that man cannot live without man, but that man cannot live without he birds. How true this is may be gathered from the following fact:—A mighty host of caterpillars some years ago bade defiance for days together to a railway train crossing the line upon which it was advancing in such predigious numbers that their crushed bodies made the metals too greasy for the engine wheels to grip them, and after the contents of the sand boxes had given out, they simply ipped round without making any progress. If we had no birds it is no exageration to say that we should not have a leaf upon our trees, a flower no uri fields, or a railway train running for a hundred yards at certain our fields, or a railway train running for a hundred yards at certain our fields, or a railway train running for a hundred yards at certain our fields, or a railway train running for a hundred yards at certain for light in the same of the year, and that every time a man clapped his hands he would feel a distinct layen of winged insects between them. To such a remarkable extent do birds keep down insect pests by feeding upon them that directly the swallows leave their feeding haunts in some far Northern stations the inhabitants notice a marked increase in some far Northern stations the inhabitants notice a marked increase in form the lamb, hares, rabbits, grouse, and other birds which he dound in an eagle's nest, and this I am readily disposed to believe from the lands, hares, rabbits, grouse, and other birds which he found in an eagle's nest, and this I am readily disposed to believe from the lands, hares rous, and the externed north our kingdom that to encourage its

One Man's Martyrdom.—There was only one man at "seaside hotel, but he wasn't clever, so we ran him out." "How did you do it?" "We took turns asking him why he didn't go to the war."

Domestic Reading

The Precious Blood was on God's eternal thoughts. It was

God's eternal thoughts. It was part of His wisdom, part of His gloty, part in the His gloty of His wisdom, and the His wisdom, and the His gloty of His wisdom, and the Hi

and the life.

The advections themselves carry ever an appetite of good, as reason doth, the difference is that the affection beholdeth merely the present, reason beholdeth the future and sum of time. The mind has over the body the color and which a lord has over a slave but, as Arlstott elsevies, the tracon has over the mind the command which a magistrate has over a free citizen.

mand which a magistrate has over a free citizen. Men's weaknesses and faults are best known from the enemes, their virtues and abilities free; their friends, their customs and times from their savants, and their conceits and opinions from their familiar friends. The liheaments of the body disclose the disposition and inclination of the mind in general, but the motions of the countenance and parts rot only do this, but do further disclose the present humour and state of the mind and will.

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Let the men who despise religion learn first to know it; let them see it as it is—the inward happy clisis by which human life is transformed and an issue opened up towards the ideal life. All human development sprinss from it and ends in it.

Logic differs from reason, not only as the fist from the palm—the one close, the other at large—but much more in this; that logic handes reason exact and in truth, and rhetoric handles it as it is planted in popular opinious and manners.

The anclent poets attributed to Apollo the gift of medicine as well as that of music, and the conjunction seems a happy one, since it is the function of medicine to tune the curious harp of man's body, and to reduce it to health and harmony.

It is fabled of the basilisk that, if he see you first, you die for him, but if you see him first he dies for it, and so it is with deceits and evil arts; if they be first espied they loss their life, but if they be not prevented in the beginning they endanger. A nation is not worthy to be saved if, in the hour of its face, it will not gather up all its jewels of manhood and life, and go down into the conflict, however bloody and doubtful, resolved on measurcless ruin or complete success.—Jumes A. Garfield.

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solved on measurcless ruin or complete success.—James A. Garleid,
The happiness of the winner involves the misery of the loser. This kind of rection is therefore essentially antisocial, sears the sympathice, cultivates a hard exolosin, and so produces a general deterioration of character and conduct.—Herbert Spencer.

The sunlight falls upon a, clod, and the clod drinks it in, is warmed by it itself, but lies as black as ever, and sheds out no light. But the anu sheds out no light. But the anu slouches a diamond, and the diamond almost chillis itself as it sends out in radiance on every side the light that has fallen upon it.
The sublitly of the human mind is such that there is hardly anything in form or matter incomprehensible to it. All that is required to its development is that we retire our observation, and learn to use the means provided us by Nature for the study of mind and matter.

I submit that duty is a power which rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us at night. It is co-extensive with the action of our intelligence; it is the shadow which cleaves to us go where we will, and which only leaves us when we leave the light of life.—Gladstone.

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If you had impregnable uprightness of character, if nefarious methods were abhorrent to you, there would be no attractiveness in vicious deeds, and they would have no more alluring power than the fire has, which may coax you to thrust your hand into it, but which coaxes in vain.

We should be helpful, not hartful, to each other. It is one of the perimary demands of the Christian religion that we shall love our neighbour, and where love is there is always pity for the fallen; but never a word that shall make it easy for them to slip further down.—G. W. Hepworth.

The communicating of a man's self

The communicating of a man's swift to his friend works two contrary effects, for it redoubleth joys and cutteth grief in half; for there is no man that imparteth lis joys to his friend but he joyoth the more, and no man that imparteth his griefs to his 'riend but he grieveth the less—Bacon.

but he grieveth the less—Bacon.
Let your stirvings be after contentment. Oct out of each passing day all the sweetness there is in it. Live in the present hour as much as possible, and if you live for character your foundation will overlast to-morrow It is when men build without moral principle that they need fear the future.

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History repeats itself—with the exception of your own private history, which is repeated by your neighbours, "Everything on earth has its mission." "How about mosquitees?"
"They make us think more kindly of flier."

files"

Corn—"College men seem very much it clined to take life easy." Dorn—

"Yes, even when they graduate they do it by degrees."

An old gentleman, being asked what he wished for dinner, replied.—"An appetite, good company, something to eat, and a napkir."

A Benedict friend of ours has come to the conclusion that "merely making up a bonnet" is more expensive than buying a lew one.

up a bonnet" is more expensive than buying a new one.
"Dickie, how did you happen to eat the whole pie?" "Mamma, I played you wuz grandina, an' told me to take all I wanted."
Helped—"Did the doctor do anything to help your rheumatism?" "I guess so. Anyw.iy, it has gained on me steadily ever since."

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"They have nothing but swords He should say 'shoulder blades."

She-"Yes, they say there's a fool in every family. Don't you think so?"

Ife-"Er-wel, you see, I'm the only member of the family."

Mr. Slayon-"No; I say, pay as you go, and if you can't pay, don't go.' The Dear Girl-"Would a small loan let you out, Mr. Stayon?"

"He," sobled the verdant bride, "does not love me any mere." "You are tucky," said the sessoned matron, "if he does not love you any less."

Little Edith-- "Manma." A poorhouse, "I hamma-"'A poorhouse?" Mamma-"'A poorhouse?" Mamma-"'A poorhouse?" Mamma-"'A poorhouse?" Mamma-"'A poorhouse ("Why, of course they have chills and fever down in Cuby," said old Mr. Squeehnwkett. "They wouldn't have named that place Santy-Ague if they

Squeehawkett. "They wouldn't have named that place Santy-Ague if they hadn't."
"When er man gits de reputation o' bein' able te exuheise patience," said Uncle Eben, "folks gin'rally don't let 'in run much resk of 'ls gettin' outer

ractice."

Hidden.—Mrs. Joggins—"Willie, has
ou mother been buying a new rug i
Villy—"Yes. You wouldn't know there
ras a hole in the carpot now, would
out 2"

understand they are going to send those prisoners back to Spain in neutral ships."
"Tommy," said his penurious uncle, "how would you feel if I were to give you a penny?" "I'd think," replied Tommy, "that I would feel a little faint at first, but I'd try and get over it."

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Beyond Doubt.—"What do you find the most difficult task?" saked the lide friend. "The hardset thing about my Job." the all-round clerk replied, "Is going on with my work when I have drawn my pay in advance."

"The boiler exploded," said the man with the paper, "because there was no water in it." Then Colonel Budd, of the Eluc Grass region, spoke:—"That, shows, sah, the superfority of man over machinery, sah!"

She bad sent off a telegiam, and was waiting for an answer. Suddenly the peculiar halting click of the receiver sounded in the office, and she said to her companion:—That's George, I know; I can tell his sutten."

"What are you going to be when you grow up, Tommy?" asked Uncle Bob. "Mamma says it looks very much as If I was goin' to be a giant," said the little fellow, glancing down at his halfoutgrown trousers and coar.

The Best She Can Do.—Kildurt—"What an awful talker Miss Tungstate is. She absolutely talks all the time." Skildmore—"Fot when she eats, surely." Kildurf.—"She does the next thing to it. She eats audibly."

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