

Chats with the Children

HIS MOTHER'S SONGS
Beneath the hot midsummer sun
The man had marched all day
And now beside a rippling stream
Upon the grass they lay.

Then sweetly across the singer's voice
A mild unvoiced calm,
And a soldier's march across,
A follower of the Lamb?

Sometime ago an armful of fresh catnip
Was plucked and taken to Lincoln Park
To try its effect on the animals there.

The keeper and the catnip carrier
Then made for the cage of Billy, the
American leopard. Before the front
of his cage was reached he had bounded
out from behind whereon he lay,
apparently asleep, and stood expectant.

First Billy lay flat on his back
and wriggled through the green reeds
until his black-spotted yellow hide was
filled with the odor.

AN INTERESTING BOOK
I want to tell those of the cousins
who borrow from the Toronto Library
about a book which I think will interest
them.

THE FOX AND THE GRAPES
A hungry fox one day did say
A bunch of grapes that hung so high:

The fox attempted long in vain
The luscious bunch of grapes to gain;
He licked and licked, and licked,
But found the fruit beyond his power.

Answers to PUZZLE of Aug 26th.
CRYPTOGRAM.
Reconnoitred.
One night overhead the stars were in
a blaze.

CHAMBER LETTERS.
1. Wine, wind, wink.
2. Mind, mind, mind.
3. Mine, mine, mine.

IRELAND'S CLAIM TO AMERICA'S
DISCOVERY.
Miss Mary Delany, of Paris, has been
boldly and patriotically defending
the Irish claim to the discovery
of America, prior to Columbus.

Vanity in women is
forgivable, it is
intention that
woman should be
personal appearance,
and the woman
of the world
falls of her full
womanhood.

The remedy for these conditions does not
lie in cosmetics. Skin disease is caused
by impurities in the blood, and by nervous
disorders due to excess and to disease of
the distinctly feminine organism.

BREAKING THE NEWS.

"Do you think he'll take it very badly,
Nora?"
Nora Helmsley shrugged her shoulders.

"My dear Betty, you ought to know
more about Mr. Markham's powers of
endurance than I."

"I think of this story when I call
to mind an event of my school-days.
There was a happy band at our school,
each one holding the other, and taking
no great pains to go home day till close
upon the prize day."

"I'm awfully sorry, Nora. Abuse me
as much as you like. Good-bye!"

"I think you might be serious now
and at least pretend that you are
ashamed of yourself. You begged me
to help you to get my aunt to ask him
here, to act as screen in fact, so that
your people might imagine it was all
over, and that you had both changed
your minds, and now—now—"

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as much as you like. Good-bye!"

"Is anything the matter?" she asked,
in a slightly alarmed voice.
He was surely not possible that he could
already have learned Betty's treachery.

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