

A MOTHER'S REASONING.

I miss the little laughing baby faces,
Upon my ever-willing cheek and brow.
And, oh! of the thousand nameless joys and blisses
That once I had, but only dream of now!

A Dangerous Game.

ARRL, I don't believe you truly love me.
Mildred Reynolds looked at her lover half-angry, as if she defied him to say he did not love her, half-pleadingly, as if she begged for him to contradict her warmly.

Carl Langlois reddened under her gaze. "What nonsense, Mildred, of course I love you. Why else would I come a hundred miles to spend an evening with you?" he replied a trifle impatiently.

Carl had said, the last time he had visited her, that they would arrange their plans for the future when he next came, but when Mildred had made the remark that she did not believe he really loved her as was on the verge of departure and still had not asked her to name the day which would make them husband and wife, he must have known what the question was.

"My dear child," she exclaimed, "there must be a mistake somewhere. Carl assured me only yesterday that you kept putting him off whenever he mentioned your marriage. I can not understand it."

"I can, Mrs. Langlois," said Mildred, proudly. "Your son has grown tired of me and is seeking in some way to free himself. But, thank heaven, his fetters are not yet riveted, and are easily broken. I will release him from an engagement which is no longer a pleasure to him."

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household - Quaint and Amusing Sayings of Many Cuts and Curious Children.

"Oh, there comes papa, way down the street," said little Dora. "Come on, kitty, let's hide!"
Kitty only said "new," but in cat talk that meant "yes" just then, but Dora ran to the big tree, for that was just a good place to hide.

How Ted Lost a Hand.
He is such a little boy, this Ted, and his legs are so short and his arms are so long, that you might think he would have to wait quite a long time before he could lend a hand that would be of any use; but he does not think so.

OLE OLESON AT THE RACES.
He relates to a Friend His Experiences in a Speculation.
"Hello, Ole, you ya been to-day?" said John Johnson, a sunny-natured son of Sweden, as he met his friend Oleoson alighting from a race train.

When you see the rain drops falling to you ever think of how swiftly they come down and what prevents them from doing great damage? Away up in the clouds little particles of moisture gather until they form a tiny drop.

Interesting Japanese Custom.
At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is planted, which must remain untouched until the marriage day of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down, and a skillful cabinet-maker transforms the wood into furniture, which is considered by the young couple as the most beautiful of all ornaments of the house.

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VERY delight involves a duty.
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AN ODD SUPERSTITION.
Walks, Rain or Shine, Rather than Ride Through a Tunnel.
"Nearly every man has his superstition," remarked a La Salle street broker to a friend as they boarded a car.

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