



CHILDREN'S COLUMN

From the Kitten.

I am only a kitten, and what can I do
To keep myself busy the longest day through?
I can eat a good dinner, and drink some
warm milk, and I can sit on the sunny
spot, and I can play with my little
toys, and I can purr and mew and
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Living Sandworms.

Of all the birds the tiny humming
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like animated jewels as they dart
about from flower to flower in the
sunshine. As is so often the case
with birds of beautiful plumage, they
have no song to speak of. Moreover,
they are as quarrelsome as the saucy
sparrow, fighting with their mates as
well as with strangers. They are very
inquisitive, too, their curiosity often
getting them into trouble, and some-
times even into the collector's net.

The Girls and the Parrots.

Two little girls, named Annie and
Grace, had been given new sun shades,
and had fallen into a quarrel in regard
to their respective beauty.

Science for Young Folks.

Everybody knows, or ought to know,
that the pressure of the atmosphere at
sea level, is in round figures, 15
pounds to the square inch, but it is
not generally known that this may be
demonstrated in a very simple way.

The Mocking Bird and the Ring Dove.

On the eastern shore of Maryland
there are some beautiful woods, and
these woods resound with the music
of the little mocking birds that gaily
flit from bough to bough.

The Barefoot Fad.

The latest sensation in Dublin is the
adoption by a number of society peo-
ple of the "barefoot" fad for their chil-
dren. Considerable attention is
aroused now and then in the streets
about the fashionable squares by the
appearance of smartly clad children,
walking barelegged and barefooted, all
but a slight sandal. The idea is that
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family thought they would like to
make her a present. Unfortunately
they had not a great deal of money,
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PICNIC DAYS.

I.

Under the spreading chestnut tree
The well-filled basket stand,
Containing chicken, pies and things—
The work of Bridget's hand,
And away off in the distance there's
A blaring country band.

II.

Dick bottles with a homie bee;
And Joh, with youthful zest,
Falls from the lofty chestnut tree
And papa and the rest
Proceed to eat the loach upon
A yellow-jacket's nest!

III.

The gentle rainstorm rolls around
And when the day is late
They homeward tread their weary way
And turn inside the gate,
And lie in bed and wonder just
How many ants they ate.

MUMBOUS.

Nell—Maud is the most generous girl
I know. Belle—Yes, she can't open
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