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## Young People

#### THE TREE OF HAPPINESS

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Once upon a time there was a good and wise king, but he and his subjects were in great trouble; they were waging a terrible war in a distant country, and the old men, and grew discontented and miserable.

fruit sufficient to supply all the people the fruit if I find the tree of Happiness." in my kingdom. I command all my "You will not find it here," said a voice in my kingdom. I command all my fruit that there may be no longer discontent and unhappiness in my land." for many days, but none of them have found it yet."

Now when the proclamation was Dulcie turned again to the high road;

and do not waste any more time here."

Dulcie turned away rather sadly and retraced her steps to the shining gate; she turned a regretful gaze at the gardens as she left them and trudged down the dusty high road.

When she next turned aside it was into a thick wood in which were growing many women, and children were left at home different kinds of trees. She found the walking rough and difficult; the wood The king was sorry when he heard of was full of searchers for the tree. Many their unhappiness and made haste to of the tall trees bore tempting looking send them a message of hope. "There fruit, but it grew very high up on the is in my kingdom" ran the message "a branches and few were able to reach them, beautiful tree called the tree of Happiness, and its branches are laden with don't think I shall ever be able to pick the fruit if I find the tree of Happiness."

subjects to search for this tree until they at her side; "This is the forest of ambifind it, and to pluck from it its golden tion. I have been watching these people

published in every town and village of she felt tired and dissappointed; the the land, all the people were anxious to search was proving far more difficult than begin the search at once. and each one she had anticipated. Just then she heard was determined if possible to gain the a call for help, and looking round saw honour of discovering the tree. One a little boy struggling in the ditch at the little girl named Dulcie made up her side of the road. He had evidently slipnittle girl named Dulcie made up her side of the road. He had evidently supmind to set out at once on this wonderful ped as he was walking along and fallen quest. Like the rest of the king's subjects into the mud, and now kept slipping back she thought what a grand thing it would as he tried to get out. Dulcie ran to help him and kindly did her best to brush the mud from his clother. While she tinction of finding this wondrous tree; the mud from his clothes. While she but like all the rest of the people she was doing so she told him of her vain misunderstood in part the great king's search. "You have not much farther to meaning, for it was necessary that each would search for the tree, and also that on the right road." That was all she each should find it for himself. Those could get from him but it cheered and who were fortunate to discover the tree. who were fortunate to discover the tree helped her, and she went on more briskly.

## Shakespeare's Anniversary

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Written for The Western Home Monthly By C. M. Watson

Sublimest Shakespeare, Prophet, Poets' King, How sweetly still doth thy memory cling As once again this day we think of thee, The Bard of Avon's Anniversary. Dear child of memory! Long may thy Fame Be a triumphant witness to thy name, Whose influence was so preponderant And built for thee a lasting monument. Dead? Thou art not dead! Thy works of words will Live and thy spirit lit with love of Truth still Remains with us, which time will ever foster, For death is but servant, not the master. Burn brightly thou imperishable flame, And England ne'er will forget Shakespeare's name.



Portrait of Shakespeare

friends, but it was the duty and privilege and saw a little girl sitting crying. At of each to pluck the fruit for himself.

surely this would be a likely place in way comforted. which to find the tree. She timidly find one bearing the golden fruit lean on your shoulder I could get home. the tree of Happiness was to be found in those gay gardens.

to their By and by she came to a turn in the road her feet was an empty school satchel, and Dulcie set off one bright morning, her the contents were strewn around her. heart filled with hope and determined to Dulcie saw in a minute what was the troucarry on the search until she succeeded. ble, the strap of her satchel had broken, She had traveled some way upon her journ- and she began quickly to pick up the eywhen she came upon some beautiful gates books and pencils trying meanwhile to that glittered in the sun like gold. comfort the little girl. "See, they are Through them she could see lovely gar-all right," shesaid, "and I have some string dens and a splendid mansion standing in my nodest with which have some string dens and a splendid mansion standing in my pocket with which I can mend your back amongst the trees. What gay satchel." Soon she had everything in gardens! thought the child longingly, its place, and the little girl went on her

"I am afraid it will be a long time betried the fastening of the gate and find- fore I find the tree, if I keep stopping like ing it opened easily, she walked up the this," Dulcie thought as she went quickly smooth drive, gazing with admiring eyes on her way. She had not gone far howon the lovely trees and flowers that bordered it. For many hours she traversed the winding paths and green lawns, but though there were innumerable fruit girl? I am lame and have just broken to her, "Can you help me along, little girl? I am lame and have just broken to her, "Can you help me along, little girl? I am lame and have just broken to her, "Can you help me along, little me trees of every description, she could not my crutch. I think if you will let me for which she was searching. Many were strolling round in the gardens, whether on the same quest as herself she not tire you." It seemed a long tramp could not tell; at last seeing an old man, to Dulcie before she reached the man's who looked as if he might be a gardener, cottage. She was just saying good-bye to she ventured to ask if he knew whether him at his door when she saw growing close to the roadside a beautiful tree those gay gardens.

The old man slowly shook his head: "I from the branches of which hung abundance of golden fruit. "Oh, sir," she said The old man slowly shook his head: "I ance of golden fruit. "Oh, sir," she said turning to the lame man, "can you tell me gardens belong to my Lord Mammon and are called the gardens of Pleasure. I do not think you will find the one real tree though there are many that appears to the side of this read for any one to nick here, though there are many that appear to the side of this road for anyone to pick some to be like it. Take my advice who will." "Oh, tell me the name of this