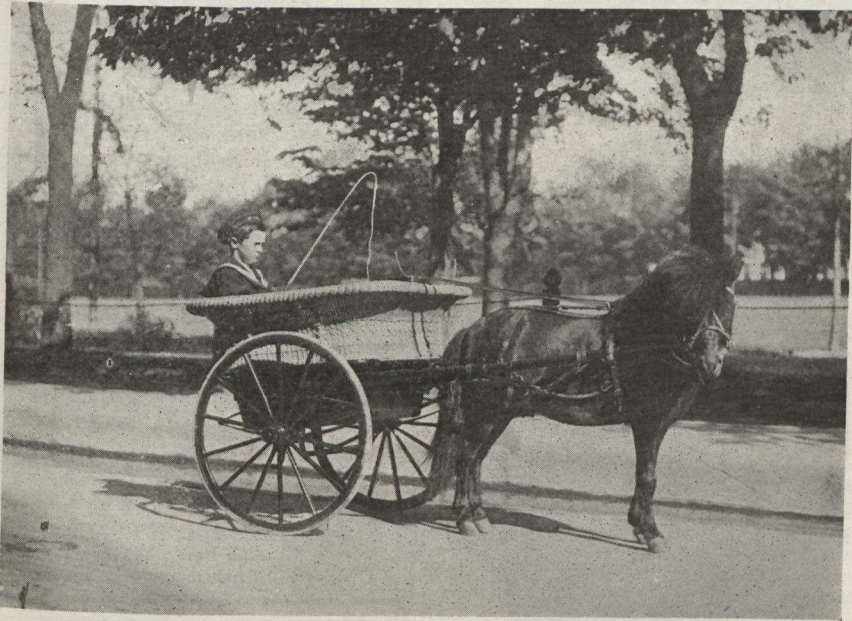


## FOR THE JUNIORS



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### About Tulips.

Written by Agnes McGhie, aged 13 years.  
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**M**ANY years ago a vessel landed on the shores of Holland, having among its many bundles on board some queer bulbs which the Dutch named "Tulips."

The people nearly went wild over them. The rich ones gave great sums of money for a few bulbs, while the poorer class, who did not have enough gold, would even sell their little farms to be able to possess even one of these coveted plants.

But at last a law was passed forbidding the people to do this. But it did not make them cease from loving this beautiful, strange flower. No, indeed! They were glad, for now tulips were cheaper. The poorest family tried to do without many necessary things so they would be able to have a little bed of these flowers in their small plot of land.

It was made the emblem of Holland, and rich men to the present day have beautiful country residences surrounded by great gardens of them.

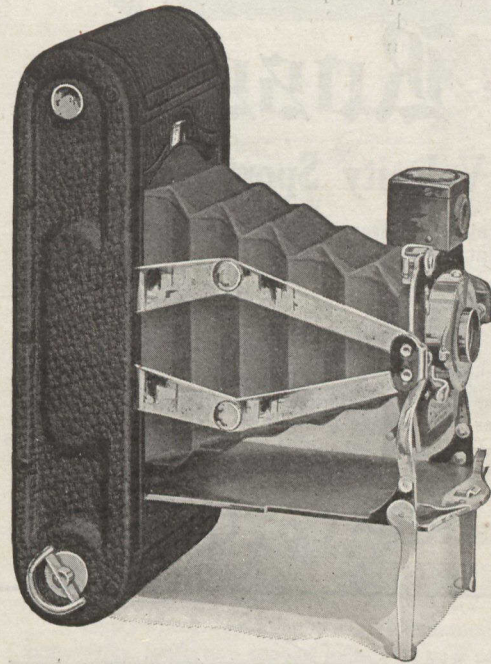
Now, there are so many in that little land that not only in our own Canada, but in every country in the whole world where flowers of that kind will grow, most of the florists get their tulips from there and they have been improved on as you already know from seeing the double ones. So you have now, if not before, learned that tulips have really quite an interesting history, and in the spring when you see the gardens filled with beds of these flowers you will remem-

ber that it is Holland we have to thank for their loveliness.



### Spare the Birds.

**S**CHOOL is over and it's ho! for holidays and the country. Last year's bathing suits are being mended, and the hammock has been dug out of the store-room and stowed into the bottom of a trunk. There are always to be found two apple trees, just the right distance apart, where it can be slung, and there one can swing, shaded from the sunshine and listen to the chatter of the birds. And it is about the birds we want to speak, and what we have to say is intended particularly for the boys. A great many boys who go to the country for their vacation, and, indeed, even boys who live in the country all year round, think it is great fun to go off in the morning with a shot-gun and see how many birds they can kill. If they ever stopped to think they would understand that it isn't fun at all, only unmanly pastime and something which is going to bring a great deal of harm to their country. To prove that this is the truth, a government that has lately looked into the matter declares that farmers are losing over two hundred million dollars every year because so many birds are wantonly killed that there are not enough left to eat up the great hordes of insects that destroy the crops. Think of it! Two hundred million dollars! And this isn't so hard to believe when we think of how many crops there are—hay, corn, wheat and vegetables of all kinds. So remember that birds were provided to check the destructive insects that prey upon plant life, and to keep down the growth of weeds by eating a portion of the seeds, and if you are interested in them do not shoot them to learn more about them, but take a bird book away with you on your vacation and you will learn quite as much and find that it will give you a great deal more pleasure to study them in the right way.



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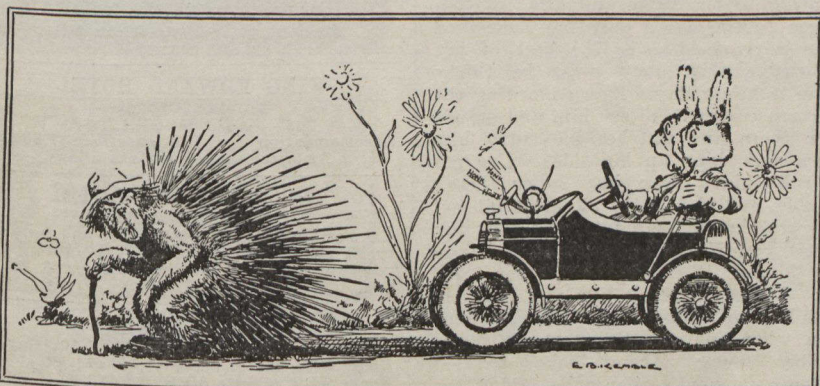
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—The Tatler.