### YOUNG FOLKS Merry Talk.

The Chicken's Mistake. BY PROBBE CARY. A little downy chicken, one day, Asked leave to go on the water, When she saw a duck with her brood at play,

Swimming and splushing about her. Indeed, she began to peep and crr, When her mother wouldn't let her; If the ducks can swim there, why can't I; Are they any bigger or better?"

Then the old hen answered, "Listen to me, And hush your foolish talking; Just look at your feet; and you will see They were only made for walking."

But chicky wistfully eyed the brook, And didn't half believe her, For she seemed to say, with a knowing look, "Such stories couldn't deceive her."

And as her mother was scratching the ground, She muttered lower and lower,
"I know I can go there and not be drowned, And so I think I'll show her."

Then she made a plunge, where the stream was deep, And saw too late her blunder; For she hadn't hardly time to peep, Till her foolish head was under.

And now I hope her faith will show The child my story reading, That those who are older some times know What you will do well in heeding.

That each content in his place should dwell. And envy not his brother; And any part that is acted well, Is just as good as another.

For we all have our proper sphere below, And this is a truth worth knowing, You will come to grief, if you try to go Where you never were made for going!

A Corpse in the Air. - One of the strangest and most horrible of sensational incidents took place the other day at Puteaux. A party of children who were playing in the environs discovered, flooting in the air, and partly entangled amid the branches of a tree, a white parcel, upborne by means of some twenty or thirty little toy balloons, which were attached to it. The attention of the police being called to this singular object, it was brought down and the package opened, which proved to contain the corpse of a new-born infant. Investigation into the matter brought to light the following facts: The child was that af a poor toy-maker and his wife. Just after the confinement of the latter, the husband haddied suddenly, and all the household goods and chattels had been seized for rent. The unhappy woman was driven mad by this accumulation of misfortunes; she killed her infant, and then went out and threw herself into the river, leaving behind her a written paper in which she declared her intention of committing sulcide, and said that she " had gotten her baby ready to go to heaven." The toy balloons evidently had formed part of the dead husband's stock in trade.—Paris Correspondence Philadelphia Press.

THE FIRST TIPPLE.—There was a tradition a hundred years ago among some of the neighboring tribes, that an old chief said had been handed down from generation to generation, in which it was stated that when the Indians here saw the ship, which seemed a huge white thing moving up, they thought it was some monstrous fish, but finally concluded it to be the canoe of the great Manitou visiting his children. Runners were immediately sent to the neighboring tribes, who flocked to the place of rendezvous. Sacrifices were prepared, and a grand dance ordered for his reception. Hudson, dressed in scarlet and attended by a portion of his crew, came ashore, and the chiefs, grave and respectful, gathered in a circle around him. Hudson, to show his friendly feelings, poured out a glass of brandy, and tasting it himself, handed it to the nearest chief. He gravely smelled of it, and handed it to the next one, who did the same, and passed: it on. In this way it went the entire circle without being tasted. At last a young brave declared it was an insult to the great Manitou not to drink else would drink it, he would, let the consequences else would drink it, he would, let the consequences be what they might. So, bidding them all a solemn farewell, he drained the goblet at a draught. The chiefs watched him with anxiety, wondering what the effect would be. The young brave very soon began to stagger, till at length, overcome by the heavy dose, he sank on the ground in a drunken stuper. The chiefs looked on at first in still terror, and then a low, wild death-wail rose in the air. But after a while the apparently dead man began to rally, and at length jumping on his feet, capered tound in the most excited, grotesque manner, declaring he never felt so happy in his life, and asked for more liquor. The other chiefs no longer hesitated, and following his example, the first great tipple on New York Island took place, ending in a scene of beastly intoxication. From that time on, the name of the island in the Delaware language signified "the place of the big drunk." Many peo-ple think it would be a good name for it now, or at least portions of it, not only where the "sachems"

do congregate, but other places. A TOUCHING STORY.—The Paris correspondent of the New York Evening Post tells the following touching story : A young American artist of much talent has been for some months preparing a picture entitled "Charlotte Corday on the Eve of Her Execution," purposing to send it to the Centennial Exhibition. As he is most thoroughly conscientions and pains-taking he has labored earnestly with models. It is scarcely necessary to say that he had much difficulty in finding one who suited him in every particular. When he did find her he was surprised to learn that (something perhaps a little rare for models) she was the virtuous daughter of pious parents and had adopted this curious profession because she had drifted into it at a moment when there was nothing else to do. Joined to herrare and delicate beauty, was an indefinable and exquisite melancholy, which seemed born of some vague and unexpressed apprehension of future trouble. During the seventy or eighty sittings which the model gave the artist the latter frequently and respectfully endeavored to win from her the secret of her troubles, but always in vain. At last he himself could not help seeing, in the mysterious pallors or the sudden flushes which overspread the beautiful features, that the model was doomed to consumption—that insidious malady which so rarely releases a victim which it takes from the poorlyfed and overworked classes. One day the model came late; then there were days when she came not all. At one time she and a You must make haste or we shall be too late to see the picture finished." There was a whole epic of suffering in the manner in which she uttered those words "too late." The artist delicately endeavored to secure care and attention for the beautiful model, and to warn her of her danger. But with the intense pride so characteristic of the Parisian woman of her class, she refused all succour from any individual; and waited and waisted until she was compelled to go to the hospital. Now she lies there, fading out, just as a white cloud fades in the morning sky. You admire it for an instant, it is so unutterably pure—so remote from all things gross—then it is gone. Perhaps you will think for a moment about his poor model when you look at the picture of Obstlotte Corday," in the Art department of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia this summer.

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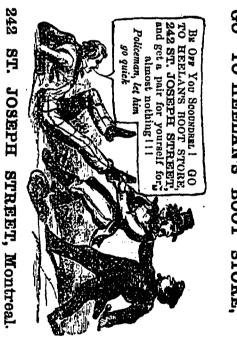
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