



THE CHEERFUL DUCKS.

Down to the pond when the weather was warm
 Harried two ducks at signs of a storm.
 Quack, quack, quack! Splash, splash,
 splash!
 Fast come the big drops, faster the flash.
 Down down we dive at a big thunder
 clap.
 Up, up we jump with a flap, flap, flap.
 Waves on the breast and rain on the back,
 Water, water, everywhere, quack, quack,
 quack!



Down to the pond when the weather was
 cold.
 The same two ducks one afternoon
 strolled.
 Quack, quack, quack! Why, isn't this
 nice—
 A few drops of water at the edge of the
 ice!
 Paddle, paddle, feet; bubble, bubble, bill;
 Spatter, spatter cheerily, flap with a will.
 There goes almost a drop on my back.
 Isn't it glorious? Quack, quack, quack!
 E. W.



A BABY IN A BATTLE.

REMARKABLE STORY IN WHICH MOTHERS
 WILL TAKE THE DEAREST INTEREST.

A report comes from Rochester, N. Y.,
 giving the details of a fierce battle in
 which the saving of a baby's life was the
 outcome. The story, which is in-
 tensely interesting, is told by a well-
 known and most estimable lady, Mrs. N.
 Gueriot, living at 37 Myrtle street,
 whose husband is employed in a large
 shoe manufactory in Rochester. The
 subject of the remarkable incident is
 the infant son of Mr and Mrs Gueriot,
 now about one year old.

It seems when the child was three
 months old fevers broke out on his
 neck. The eruptions spread rapidly
 down his spinal column until his back
 appeared as one mass of sores. Every
 time the bandages were removed blood
 would flow, but the discharge of mat-
 ter was so profuse it was necessary
 to dress his back three times a day.
 The child's pitiful wailing was heart-
 rending to the mother. The little
 body was wrapped in silk, but even
 then he would cry if anything touched
 his back. To add to the parents' an-
 xety, a boil appeared near one of the
 baby's eyes and his sight was threat-
 ened.

One day Mrs Gueriot, as a brief res-
 pite from her constant watching and
 nursing, ran over to her old home, and
 her mother, who had had occasion at
 some time to use the well-known blood
 medicine, Hood's sarsaparilla, suggested
 it for the afflicted child. Mrs Guer-
 riot, eager to try anything that held
 out hope, hastened to a drug store and
 purchased a bottle of the medicine,
 together with a box of Hood's olive
 ointment and a cake of Hood's medi-
 cated soap. All other medicines were
 laid aside and she gave the infant the
 smallest dose of the sarsaparilla.
 Washed the sores with the soap and
 applied the olive ointment. Incred-
 ible as it may seem, a change for the
 better was noticed the next Sunday.
 Day by day, with the use of these rem-
 edies, the discharge grew less and the
 inflammation disappeared. Gradually
 a thin skin formed, the scabs dropped
 off and now not a scar or blemish can
 be found anywhere on the child's body.
 Less than two bottles of Hood's sar-
 saparilla was required to effect this
 wonderful cure. The child is now
 sound, healthy and robust.—[Adv.]

Sunshine and Shadow.

STRENGTH.

For strength we ask,
 For the ten thousand times repeated task—
 The endless smallnesses of every day.

No, not to lay
 My life down in the cause I cherish most.
 That were too easy; but whate'er the cost,

To fall no more
 In gentleness toward the ungentle, nor
 In love toward the unlovely, and to give

Each day I live
 A not-to-be-regretted thought or deed
 To every hour, such strength would fill
 my need. E. W.

SONG OF THE PLOWMAN.

I am the plowman, lo! at my service,
 Potent and powerful lieth the plow.
 God said, "There shall be seedtime and
 harvest."
 Then at need rudely I fashioned the plow
 Harnessed therewith dumb cattle, and lo!
 Plenteous increase sprang from my labor.

I am the plowman, I God-appointed
 Win from the kind earth life for the na-
 tions.
 I am the basis—founded upon me
 Towering empires rear their vast struc-
 tures.
 Trade and industry thrive at my bidding,
 Wealth and prosperity wait on my toil.

I am the plowman, firstling of mortals
 Out of me cometh the great of the earth.
 Monarch and warrior, prophet and states-
 man.
 All are my progeny. Out of my dreams
 Wakeneth the poet, and born of my song
 Liveth the singer whose voice thrills the
 world.

I am the plowman—I the God favored,
 Knowing not envy, nor bitter contentions,
 Scorning subjection or service abasement,
 Chastened and blest by the beauty of
 labor.
 Holding communion with God through
 his works.
 Dwell in the uplands of life evermore.
 [George Harris.]

HEART PROMPTINGS.

Check not the promptings of the heart
 That bid you give of self a part.
 The helpful word, the cheerful tone,
 God thus has made his wishes known.
 With still small voice your spirit stirred;
 Leave not one kindly deed deferred.
 Give him who bids you, loving well;
 Aid still his needy ones and tell
 The weary and despairing here
 Of boundless love that holds them dear.
 Then heed the silent mentor's art,
 And every prompting of the heart.

RUTH RAYMOND.

AN "AWFUL GOOD MAN."

There was once a very conscientious
 man who would eschew evil and make
 the most of every moment of this fleet-
 ing life, and so he formulated 329 rules
 for the avoidance of the sins of com-
 mission and omission. These rules he
 carried in his pocket and pasted on his
 door and distributed among his friends.
 Thus he was ready for every emer-
 gency. He let no golden moment tar-
 nish. His kinsmen and friends tried
 him sorely by neglecting his rules and
 his example. He found the world a bad
 place. His wife couldn't live up to the
 schedule and pined away. Then he
 died, and the man who nursed him and
 acted as chief mourner was a soft-
 hearted fellow whom he had given up
 years before as a hopeless case, so
 happy-go-lucky and so addicted to the
 society of dogs and unfortunates that
 he couldn't make anything of himself.
 "He was an awful good man," observed
 the chief mourner, "but I couldn't help
 being sorry for him. He didn't have no
 fun. He was as fond of them rules of
 his as I am of Jack and Rover, here,
 and the Smith orphans; but what can
 rules do for a man when he's lone-
 some?"—[J. E. T.]

ESSENTIALS, NON-ESSENTIALS.

We often see a whole family made
 unhappy by the inability of the differ-
 ent members to distinguish between the
 essential and the unessential things of
 life. Some persons seem to think that
 children, and men and women, too, are
 all cut after one pattern and should all
 do things in exactly the same manner.
 Consequently parents nag at their chil-
 dren and men and women criticize one
 other. How often we see persons wait-
 ing time and thought and temper upon
 unessential details, meanwhile allow-
 ing the opportunities of their lives to
 slip through their fingers or neglecting
 that which would raise themselves or

others to a higher plane of living.
 Froebel teaches us that the "inner es-
 sence" of life is the essential, and the
 "outer manifestations" the unessen-
 tials. We can not judge the former
 from the latter.—[Pharma Blair.]

A HORSE WHO RIDES.

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 States who rides regularly on a street
 car? This picture is redrawn from a
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