

Young Folks.

A BOY'S MOTHER.

My mother, she's so good to me... She loves me when I'm glad or mad... I don't like her to punish me...

THE WISH APPLE.

Jimmy Smith wasn't such a bad little boy, but he had a reputation... And yet Jimmy wasn't such a bad little boy after all...

But he had a reputation and was just a plain boyish boy, who believed in ghosts, and fairies and things... This particular Saturday afternoon Jimmy wanted to go to the swimmin' hole...

There would be a strange swelling of breasts in that same barnyard after the dried apples had made the acquaintance of the water from the pump trough...

Any sport soon loses its zest to the prisoner, and the supply of dried apples showing an appreciable shrinkage, Jimmy thought it was time to quit...

"Wish'd there wuz some fairies up here," he said... "You do, do you?" piped a thin little voice which seemed to come from the strings of dried apples over his head...

"I thought you wanted a fairy," piped the thin voice... "Where are you?" said Jimmy... "I don't see nobody? Who be you?"

"I'm one of the dried apple fairies," said the voice... "No! no! no!" said the voice... "What would you like most?"

"Some apples, and ice cream and—" "Hold on! Wait a bit!" broke in the fairy... "Not so fast, please, one thing at a time..."

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in the swimming hole with all his clothes on and the other boys throwing mud at him... "Geel" said he, reaching for his apple which bobbed along on the water in front of him...

Looking up, they caught sight of Jimmy and a big old grandfather bear said: "Wough! Wough! I smell a bad boy who puts bent pints on Fenelon Smith's chair..."

"Oh, dear! I'll be good if I ever get back out of this," said he, and he tried hard to bite his apple, but it was frozen so solid that his teeth could not dent it...

"Guess I ate too many dried apples!" "Jimmy! Jimmy! Oh, Jimmy!" his mother's voice called at the foot of the garret stairs...

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INDIA'S GREAT FAMINE.

MULTITUDES PERISHING IN THE PRESENT APPALLING CALAMITY.

's Death Roll Unknown—Six Millions on the Relief Works—India's Slight Endurance—England Disgusted With Her Post Laureate—"Count Tolstoy" on suicide.

If it were not for the war in South Africa, all the world would be watching another tragedy, less dramatic, less picturesque, but the most terrible of modern times—the famine in India, writes a London correspondent... Its death roll is unknown—I have not seen even an estimate of the numbers who have perished—and one reads only an occasional official paragraph stating that another half million or so have been added to those who depend for subsistence upon the handful of rice which the Government supplies daily to people who are actually starving...

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Floriculture.

THE CARNATION.

The carnation pink, belongs to the genus Dianthus, meaning "Flower of Jove." From its delicate grace, its regularity, its delicious clove-like fragrance and its variety of color and readiness to bloom it is a wonderful favorite... It is a more democratic flower than the rose; it is the people's flower and it may be bought, at any street stand, with ordinary care the cut carnations will hold their color and fragrance for days, being therefore very desirable for decorative use in hot rooms where other flowers would wilt...

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WATER DIVINERS.

France Will Investigate the Dubious Claims of These Alleged Experts.

For many years men in this country and in Europe have claimed that they were able to ascertain the sources of water supply by means of divining rods and other instruments of fanciful names... In later years also these gifted persons have asserted their ability to discover minerals as well as water... The faith in the water diviner has been particularly prevalent in England where he still plies his lucrative profession without legal interference... He is often employed even by town authorities, who fail to realize that they are merely his dupes when his art proves inadequate to the task of discovering water sources...

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