

## YOUNG FOLKS

### The Lonesome Ducklings.

Pilly's little bantam hen had hatched out three of the funniest, fluffiest little ducklings you ever saw, with six of her own brood. They were such a funny sight as they waddled about the yard after Mother Bantie that people used to stand at the fence and watch them and laugh at them. Every night they would cuddle under Mother Bantie with their little chicken brothers and sisters, and Mother Bantie would spread her wings over them and cluck to them just as she did to her own little bantam children.

One day Mr. Meggs, who lived down the street and who also owned a drug store down-town, stopped at the fence and called to Billy:

"I'll give you a dollar if you will lend me those little ducks for two or three days. I'll take good care of them and bring them back to you safe and sound."

"A whole dollar! Billy had never had a dollar all at once. He did not hesitate."

"Certainly you can take them, but you'll be good to them and give them enough to eat, won't you?"

"Oh yes!" said Mr. Meggs. So Billy caught the three little fluffy, waddly ducklings, and put them into a box and gave them to Mr. Meggs.

Then he told his mother:

"That what is Mr. Meggs going to do with them?" she asked.

Billy stared hard at her before he answered.

"Why, I never asked!" he said.

"That's funny, but he said he would take good care of them, and bring them back."

The evening Gordie West whistled outside of Billy's gate.

"Ask your mother if you can walk down-town with me. I've got to go to the post office for my father, and I'm going to buy a new baseball."

Billy's mother said that he might go, and together the two boys walked downtown.

"Come on over to Mr. Meggs's drug store," said Gordie. "I want to show you something."

So they crossed the road to the corner. There were several people standing before the window.

"Oh, aren't they sweet!" said a little girl.

"Poor little things, they're cold!" said her mother.

"What're they looking at?" asked Billy.

"At my rabbit and my guinea pigs," said Gordie proudly. "Mr. Meggs gave me a dollar for letting him take them."

"Why, he gave me a dollar for my ducks!" said Billy, and then he looked into the window.

In a little pen, right in Mr. Meggs's drug-store window, were Billy's fluffy, waddly ducklings. In one corner was Gordie's rabbit and in the other two sleepy-looking guinea pigs.

"Those are my ducks," said Billy; but as he watched them, he almost cried. There was food on the floor, there was water in the dish, but the poor little ducklings were cold, and they looked homesick and lonesome.

One of them was standing as close as he could snuggle against the rabbit. Another was poking his flat little bill under the rabbit, wondering, no doubt, why he did not spread some soft warm wings over him as Mother Bantie always did; and the other little duckling was standing so forlornly in the corner that Billy could stand it no longer.

"Wait a minute," he said to Gordie. He felt of the beautiful crisp dollar bill that he had carried round in his pocket all day. He looked at his forlorn, homesick ducklings, trying to warm themselves by Gordie's rabbit, and he marched into the store.

Mr. Meggs was just ringing up some cash in his cash register when Billy walked up to him.

"Here's that dollar, Mr. Meggs," he said. "I guess I'd better take my little ducks home. They've never been away from their mother before and they're cold."

Then Billy choked a little and felt very foolish.

"Well, if you don't want to leave them here, you can take them home," said Mr. Meggs kindly. He was not cross at all, as Billy had feared he would be. "And you can keep the dollar; they've brought me more than that in trade from the people who have stopped to look in my window to-day."

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### Tact.

"Young man, did you kiss my daughter in the hall last night?" said the girl's mother sternly.

"I thought I did," said the young man promptly. "But really you look so young that I can't always tell you apart."

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Pressure on the Sciatic Nerve is the Cause.

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Motor nerves carry sensations from the brain to the body. The only way to stop a nerve carrying sensations are by cutting it or by pressure, which pushes apart the soft nerve matter, which is covered with a sheath, just as the water is pushed apart if you press a hose.

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### CUT BULLET FROM HEART.

French Surgeon Tells of Unique and Delicate Operation.

Dr. Maurice Beausseant, who had already extracted a piece of grenade from the right ventricle of a man's heart, told the French Academie des Sciences recently of a second similar operation performed with success.

A corporal wounded at Eparges had been treated for peritonitis and then had been operated on for appendicitis. He continued to suffer in various ways for more than a year, when a radio-scope revealed the pressure of a shrapnel ball, moving in time to the beating of the heart. Supposing this to be in the pericardium or sac about the heart, Dr. Beausseant "went in," as the surgeons say, and saw that the ball was actually in the right ventricle, near the lower end.

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## HARD WORKING WOMEN

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**SIKH BOY WON FAME.**

Queen Victoria Gave Silver Cup to Ram Singh, Indian Artist.

The story of Sirdar Bahadur Ram Singh, whose death occurred recently, is that of a Sikh boy, born in humble circumstances, who rose to honor and distinction by his own merit and endeavor and who remained, in spite of that distinction, unspoiled, a kind-hearted, modest, genuine man to the end. "L. J." writes in the Indian.

Ram Singh, as a lad, attracted the attention of Lockwood Kipling, father of Rudyard Kipling, and under the auspices of the famous Anglo-Indian artist the young son of a Punjabi cultivator became almost equally widely known as a designer. Later he succeeded to Mr. Kipling's post as principal of the Mayo School of Art at Lahore.

In 1891 Ram Singh was ordered to proceed to England to design and supervise the decorations of the Durrani Hall at Osborne House. The new room was to be in Indian style, and the work was executed with remarkable beauty and effect. The Queen took great personal interest in the work during its progress, and much admired it on completion. Ram Singh might have obtained many commissions in England after that, but he was a singularly unambitious, modest man. He loved his work, but in the strange surroundings he was often homesick, and in 1892 he returned to the Punjab with the treasured possession of the silver cup given to him by Queen Victoria.

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"Come to think of it, ma'am," said the seedy gentleman, as he fastened his bag, "I wouldn't care to sell you any powder. This poky little kitchen of yours is so low in the ceiling that the bread wouldn't have no chance to rise."

Looking Ahead.

"I think I had better get a job before we marry."

"Don't be so unromantic, Freddy. I won't need any clothes for a long, long time."

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Crown Prince Scapitall About His Father's Bag of Deer.

The Kaiser and the Crown Prince have always been more or less at daggers drawn, and an amusing story of the Crown Prince's "cheek" on one occasion is told in London Tit-Bits. They were out shooting with a party. At the end of the day it was announced that, as usual, the Kaiser had "beaten all records."

The deer he had "shot" were laid before him on the ground in a long line. The photographers began to get busy. "Sixty-four head, your Majesty," announced the head keeper dutifully in the meanwhile.

The Kaiser made no comment or contradiction, but suddenly the Crown Prince chimed in scornfully, "Sixty-four head? That's rather funny, considering you had only sixty cartidges, isn't it, father?"

"Father" became black with fury, but the mischief had been done; a good many of the party had overheard the remark, as the Crown Prince had meant they should.

## IF FOOD DISAGREES DRINK HOT WATER

When food lies like lead in the stomach and you have that uncomfortable, distended feeling, it is because of insufficient food supply to the stomach, which with acid and food fermentation.

In such cases try the plan now followed in many hospitals and advised by many eminent physicians of taking a teaspoonful of pure bicarbonate of soda in half a glass of water. It will act comfortably on the stomach and the bicarbonate of soda, as any physician can tell you, instantly neutralizes the acid and stops the food fermentation.

Try this simple plan and you will be astonished at the immediate feeling of restoration of the normal process of digestion. People who find it inconvenient at times to secure hot water and travelers who are frequently obliged to take hasty meals poorly prepared, should always take two or three five-grain tablets of Bicarbonate of Soda after meals to neutralize the acid in the stomach.

## THE CONNAUGHT TUNNEL.

Construction Work Rapidly Approaching Completion.

One of the greatest of the achievements of the Canadian Pacific Railway is the Connaught Tunnel. This great work—through the lofty Mount MacDonald—amongst the Selkirk Mountains, is nearly six miles long and double tracked. The excavation has been made at a cost of over \$12,000,000 to the great transportation company. But the C.P.R., which has spent from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000 per annum on the development of the West previous to the war, does not even in times of a conflict affecting the greater part of the world, spare expense where the public convenience makes an urgent demand. The opening of the tunnel will greatly facilitate traffic, will open a new route, and will do away with many miles of snow sheds.

The Connaught Tunnel will give the Canadian Pacific the lowest grade of any transcontinental railway running through the Selkirk Mountains. It was bored in less than three years under the supervision of Mr. J. G. Sullivan, Chief Engineer of Western lines, and it is claimed that no other detouring of similar dimensions was ever completed in such a short time. In the excavation of the tunnel many engineering difficulties had to be overcome. But mighty rocks gave way and the roots of a gigantic mountain crumbled before the advance of human skill. At various points along

## HIS FRIEND HURT; HE HELPED HIM

Injured Man Laughed When Simple Treatment Was Suggested, But He Thanked His Comrade Later.

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"It was so bad that the leg had turned blue," said Mr. Voehl in relating the story. "I told him I would have him out in a week and he laughed at me. But I took him a bottle of Sloan's Liniment, that night he put some on and noticed the ankle felt better. I told him to use it every day, and in three days his ankle was practically well. In four days he was working. He gladly admits that Sloan's Liniment 'put him on his feet.'"

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## Explained.

He—Your cousin Alice looked awfully bored at the party last night. She—Oh, I don't know. He—But I do. Wasn't I talking to her nearly the whole evening?

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## Double Proof.

A tramp knocked at a farmer's door and called for something to eat. "Are you a Christian?" asked the good-hearted countryman. "Can't you tell?" answered the man. "Look at the holes worn in the knees of my pants. What do they prove?"

The farmer's wife promptly brought out the food and the tramp turned to go.

"Well! Well!" asked the farmer. "What made those holes in the back of your pants?"

"Backsliding," replied the tramp as he hurried on.

## THE LOST ART.

The 4-year-old had just been reproved at the table. "He continued to talk cheerfully, though unanswered, to father. After some minutes