

Happy Days

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IN the city of Hamilton lived two little sisters, Bertie and Lottie Jenkins. Their cousins from Toronto, Laura and Willie, came to visit them during the holidays. On New Year's day they saw the gentlemen coming in carriages to make their calls, and so two or three days after, when they had become a little rested from the excitement of New Year's, and wanted some amusement, Bertie said, "Let's play calls."

"O yes, yes!" the others cried, "that's just the thing!"

"Bertie," said Laura, "you and Lottie will receive the calls, and Willie and I will make them."

"Then we must have a horse and carriage," said Willie.

"O, I'll tell you!" said Bertie, "there's Benny's hobby-horse. We can have that."

Benny was the youngest of the Jenkins family, and



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almost too small to have a hobby-horse, brought the horse into the parlour—what a place for a horse!—and put him in front of one of the chairs. On this Lottie placed a

foot-cushion for the driver's seat. Then they all drew the large easy chair behind the other chair for the carriage.

After the girls had dressed themselves in borrowed livery, Laura got into the carriage, and Willie took the driver's seat.

"Now, Michael," said Laura to Willie, who played coachman, "I want you to drive to Miss Jenkins's, and go as fast as you can, for I have a good many calls to make."

"Get up, Dabbin," said Willie, or "Michael," as his sister called him, and he pulled the reins and made the hobby-horse dance up and down.

They were not long in getting to "Miss Jenkins's" house, and found the young ladies ready to receive them in the politest style possible.

Benny at first was not very well pleased at having Cousin Willie use his horse, but he soon forgot his displeasure when

he saw the wonderful way in which his sisters had managed to dress themselves in order to receive calls. Snap, the dog, hardly