The Disobedient Duckling.

There was a naughty little duck Who would not mind the mother; She would not heed her father's voice, Her sister, or her brother; But always thought that she knew best. And now I'll tell you all the rest.

One day beside the pond she sat, With little froggie playing, And did not see that pussy cat Was very near her straying. Her mother called aloud, "Quack, quack Make haste my child ; come back ! come

Again her mother called, "Quick, quick, Come back into the water." She would not listen to a word, That wilful little daughter; But so intent upon her; play She even dared to disobey.

A rustle heard beside the pond, A queak, and then another, And never more was duckie seen To swim beside her mother; And never more with froggie plays Beside the pond where pussy strays.

And mother duck was very sad To find her daughter lacking; And father drake felt very bad, And could not keep from quacking. And all the ducklings learned that day How wrong it was to disobey. -Selected.

A Poor Rule.

Said Mary to Johnny: "O dear! This play is too poky and slow; There's only one bubble-pipe here-O Johnny, please, I want to blow !" "No, I'll blow them for you," said he; "Just watch, and you'll see every one; That leaves all the labor to me, While you will have all the fun."

Said Johnny to Mary: "O my! That apple so big and so bright, You can't eat it all, if you try !" O Mary, please, I want a bite ! "No, I'll eat it for you," said she, 'And show you just how it is done; I'll take all the labor, you see, And you will have only the fun ?" -Youth's Companion.

Alice's Accident.

The front dcor was flung wide open with a loud bang, and some one ran in sobbing. It was Alice. Alice did not often sob like that, and, of course, grandma ran out to see what the trou-

As mamma was not at home, good my story.' old grandma was all the more anxious. 'What in the world has happened,

cles all in a heap. so sweet-and-and my birthday pres-

Across the broad brim was a long cut, loops and levely quills.

It was enough to make anyone cry. 'What a pity !' said grandma. 'How

'It blew off, and-and-an old cart ran right over "it;' and Alice sobbed more violently than ever.

'Well, there; don't cry any more, coaxed grandma. 'l'm sure mamme can get it fixed before Sunday, and then grandma's baby will be happy once more.'

Grandma always called Alice her "baby" when she wanted to pet her, although Alice was past seven and had

a real baby brother. grandma began saying, 'When I was a little girl I used to have some sad acci-

dents happen to me.' As soon as grandma began like that Alice stopped sobbing and climbed up into her lap.

'Yes, when I was a little girl, just about your age, I had two accidents that I considered very sad. My mother made me a little red flannel kerchief to wear over my shoulders. It was like a little three-cornered shawl. I thought it was very fine, and I was quite proud of it. My mother had exchanged beeswax for the flannel we had very little money to buy things with. The store that she went to was seven miles from our house. They went with an ox team, and it took About two weeks after mother had three. made my kerchief, a little friend of mine came home from school with me John. to stay all night. After supper mother washed out my kerchief, and gave it and held it too near the fire, and you left home.' scorched one corner so badly that mother had to cut it off. It was the John. corner that hung down behind. I rekerchief looked with the corner cut your umbrella?"

the dear old face.

ma's troubles. The very next day, as chiefs had thus disappeared one by my father was piling logs in the fire- one, and as John was toe honest a felplace, by accident he threw one of my low to steal, his stock of these articles shoes into the fire and it was burned | had run very low. to ashes. I had but one pair of shoes, very hard because my shoe was burned, true; that she was not engaged.' and because I had to wear one of mother's old slippers tied on with a laughed more than ever when I came in with a shoe on one foot and a big gagement were known, she wouldn't slipper on the other.

Alice had to laugh a little to herself | young gentlemen friends.' as she asked, Did you get a new pair right off.'

another shoe in a few days.'

'I'm glad I wasn't a little girl, then,' said Alice, thinking of her spoiled hat, and how mamma would go down town on the electric car the very next day and get it fixed.

'And yet,' said grandma, putting on her spectacles and taking up the red mitten she was [knitting for Alice, 'people talk about the good old times. -Presbyterian Observer.

"If You Please"

'Kiss me, baby ! kiss me, darling jittle May!' urged Carrie Helston as she seated herself in Aunt Margeret's cheerful kitchen, and strove to win to her side the bonnie twin girlies one of whom stood shyly hiding behind her tall mother's sable dress, while May stood looking boldly, yet with curiosity at the stranger.

'Kiss the "lady, May,' said Aunt Margaret.

'Not if s'e doesn't say p'ease', replied the little maiden with a solemn maj esty that would have graced a queen.

And the 'please'said, Queen May permitted her rosy lips to be kissed, and Maudie's shyness being somewhat abated, she submitted to the same

As I watched the little scene I said

'Here is something I can tell all my young friends about, and a nice little lesson lies hidden and gilded over in

I thought what a great deal we lose for the want of a little more courtesy child?" she cried, in such a flutter that | the one to the other. 'If you please' is easily said and as easily forgotten. she dropped her knitting and specta-It smooths over such a host of diffi-'It's ruined ! its ruined ! and it was culties oftentimes, and chases away an army of cross looks! I wonder how many of you boys say, 'If you please' And poor little Alice held up her to the younger sisters ?-- or to mother? red felt hat, trimmed in velvet loops Some of you, I really believe, think and quills. Dear me, what a sight! that sisters, mothers, and servants are made for you to order about. Perhaps permission, he said :and a muddy streak over the pretty | you think it is manly and superior to speak in a rough, commanding tone Indeed it is not, it is only ill-bred.

of Wellington, who is every English sports. While we are away, he must boy's hero! When he was sick, and stay at home. But he can whittle; tea. A servant stood by, and quickly and his are better than ours. So, if 'Will you drink it sir?'

'If you please, was the Duke's re ply. And these were his last words.

I think it was beautiful to see the man who had commanded great armies, and conquered nations, and who had but his eyes, turned towards his comall his life spoken in peremptory tones But she couldn't stop crying until of authority, remembering, even on his death-bed, the small, yet sweet courtesies of daily life. And to see him addressing them to a servant We might not have thought so much of them if spoken to his wife or

Do remember, in all your home talk, that there are three such little words as "If you please." Whether people serve you, or whether they rule over you, you will find yourself better served and better cared for when you preface or end your requests with an 'If you please.'

Sowing Dragon's Teeth.

'John, where are your towels?' said Mrs. French to her son, when she social observance and the simplest went to visit him at college. 'You duty. One calls upon a newcomer in almost all day to make the trip; for had a dozen nice new ones at the bethe mud came half way up the wheels. ginning of the year, and here are only posed. It is often an act of most

'And where are your handkerchiefs?'

member I was very miserable all the The one you took from home was a next day, thinking how funny my great deal better than this. Where is

off. I couldn't study or do anything, 'I don't know where it is,' said John. own. because I saw a little girl point her Mrs. French was puzzled. But later finger at my back and then laugh be- she was told, but not by John, that hind her book. I had to wear that college boys help thewselves to what remember, separate card should be bad blood in any form from a common

ing,' and think or 'ry to think it no 'But that was not the end of grand- harm. John's towels and handker-

and those father made me from the engagement, said young Mr. Brown to skin of the little spotted calf. I cried a lady friend, 'and she said it wasn't In each of these cases, however, the

'You oughtn't to have done that,' replied the friend; 'the young man to leather string. The children at school | whom she is engaged is in Paris this winter, and Miss Jenks says if her enhave any attention at all from her

What kind of a harvest will come from such sowing as this? Can a lie 'No,' said grandma, 'I didn't get a be anything but a lie? Can stealing new pair at all, but father made me be anything else than stealing, no matter what names it may masquerade ideal spring medicine. Try it.

As to be hated needs but to be seen, Yet seen too oft, familiar with his

We first endure, then pity, then em- and morning, for pleurisy. brace."

write the commandments on the door- and feel that it does me good, no matposts; hold up the standards of eternal | ter how hard it is. right, and your child, mother, will be spared what ignominy, and you, what unavailing sorrow!

Generous Indian Boys.

Last year Rev. E. R. Young visited his former mission field among the Hudson Bay Indians, and took along, as presents for the boys, many pocketknives. To induce them to learn to sing, he offered a half-dozen of these to the six best singers among the lads: | ladies to bear in mind that if they take better and far more costly than the | ble with "prickly heat," "hives," others, though all were good.

Forty boys entered the trial; but when summer comes. Prevention is one by one they dropped out, until only six remained. These sang so well that the judges could not decide which should have the highest prize. Though they tried again and again, there was no decision.

One of the six was a cripple, weak and almost helpless. In the days of savage life he would not have been allowed to live; but his parents were Christians, and poor Jimmy had been tenderly nursed by his mother and cared for by his father, so that he regarded himself equal to other boys. except in physical sports.

After a number of trials, in which none of the six proved himself better than the others as a singer, one asked | the Lark.' If accepted let me know.' Mr. Young if he might speak. Given

'Missionary, we five,' pointing to all but Jimmy, 'are well and strong. But Jimmy is a cripple. He cannot help I fancy none of you wish to be more it. He cannot run through the woods manly and brave than the great Duke por swim, nor skate, nor share in our his end very near, he asked for a little and he likes to make bows and arrows, handed him some in a saucer, saying, you will, please give Jimmy the best knife, the one with the four blades and we will be glad to have one apiece

> The best prize was handed to the cripple bey. Jimmy took it in silence; panions, told more than words could that he was thankful .-- Harper's Young People.

The Etiquette of Calls and

In the matter of introductions, if [a gentleman is to be presented, it must be with the lady's consent. When there is a disparity of age between two women a proper respect for years requires that the younger should be introduced to her senior. An introduction at a public gathering, however, being an accident of situation, may not properly be held to constitute an acquaintance except by the mutual ask why you address me in this managreement of the persons involved.

Visits are the commonest form of the neighborhood or not as one is disgracious hospitality to do so, for the 'I don't know where they are,' said | simple call may open a new window to the world for some forlorn and homesick pilgrim into a new part of town. continued Mrs. French. 'I marked | Each call thus made should be return to me to hold before the big log fire them very carefully with your name; ed within a fortnight. This is imperto dry. My head was so full of play there were a dozen new ones, besides ative. If after that it should be de that I did not see what I was doing, as many old ones, in your trunk when sired by either to drop the acquaint- heed to a cough, there is always dan-'I don't know where they are,' said without rudeness. Custom prescribes Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure that from two days to a week after a 'This umbrella certainly is not yours. | dinner party one should cail upon the hostess. It is permissible for a gentleman to leave his card or for his wife, in paying her visit, to leave it with her

> If there are several ladies in a house hold or visitors whom one wishes to

'Poor grandma,' said Alice, patting mates, and call it 'pinching' or 'swip- edges or corners of a card to signify that one has left it in person, or that it is intended for all the ladies of the family is an old-fashioned custom that is now honored in the breach.

> Formal visits of condolence or congratulation or of farewell are all pro-'I congratulated Miss Jenks on her per observances, dictated by an amiable regard for one's acquaintances. leaving of cards serves the same purpose. Harriet F. Robinson, in the

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> better than cure. Entering the house of one of his congregation, Rowland Hill saw a child on a rocking horse. "Dear me!" exclaimed the aged minister, "how wondrously like some Christians! There

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