

PAGE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



ON THE FIELD OF HONOR

A pleasant summer afternoon, just verging upon sunset. A low, verdant meadow, fringed on one side with a hedge of white and pink blossoms, on the other by a calmly flowing river that never was in a hurry, unless it was at a point half a mile further on, near the dam. Here the sluggish waters were churned into a white foam by the revolving wheels of an old mill.

A long stretch of gently-curving turnpike, white with the gravel crushed to dust by the tires of vehicles and the trampling feet of horses, ever being driven out for the sake and opened it. Exploring its contents with his hands, he heaved a self-satisfied sort of a sigh. Glancing up the road toward the town, he soliloquized:

Serious Situation.

"Which this confounded affair was well over. I have the lute and bandages all ready; I only hope neither one will be killed, that's all. Ed could hardly be blamed. Paul challenged him, and he had to accept, or we all should have called him a coward. Let's see. How was it the trouble started? Oh, yes, I remember. Paul is in love with Della, and so is Ed. Ed's Grant's party to at the bottom of it all. Both wanted to take Della to the party. Ed's invitation came first, and she accepted it. Good, but wasn't Paul mad when she declined to go with him? Well, there wasn't two of her, and Ed asked her first. Besides, I really think she cared something for Ed, but no one can tell; she's such a flirt."

The boy's remarks practically covered the facts up to a certain point, but it was not all there was in the story. Della Brown was the handsome daughter of a well-to-do farmer, and she attended the village school. Her age was not over 15. She had black curls, red lips and white teeth made her easily the queen in the school's "rosined garden of girls." Her pet, sweet ways won her many admirers, for at least half the boys in her class were in love with her. And she was a coquette, despite her youth. Among her boy lovers there was none more thoroughly in earnest than Ed Bronson or Paul Waldron. Della had had quite a number of love affairs, but at this time it served her purpose to bestow her smiles and billets doux on Ed Bronson.

Ed Grant had given a party. Della, Ed and Paul had attended, as well as George Darrington, Dr. Darrington's son. Because Della had chosen to go with Bronson, Waldron had become jealous and piqued. He was perhaps a year and a half older than his rival. Both boys were in that romantic period of life where the imagination revels in tales of blood and adventure and glibly feeds upon black and all sorts, historical and fictitious. It was not an unusual circumstance that Waldron should have wanted to "steal even" in some way with Bronson. He might have married him at night and have given him a wound, but that seemed too much of a hoodlumism. The idea of a duel appealed more strongly to his mind. So a duel he decided it should be.

A Challenge Is Sent.

Paul selected a second and the affair of honor was speedily arranged in proper form. Just as the boys had read in books these things were done. Waldron's second conveyed a formal note to Bronson, challenging him to mortal combat, leaving to him in accordance with the code duello, the choice of weapons. Bronson selected revolvers, chose his second, and the two proceeded to the services of Darrington, the doctor's son, as surgeon. Of course, the whole thing was kept quiet. The seconds assembled, secured weapons and picked out the spot near the

willows as the dueling ground; sundown was named as the time of meeting. The eventual moment had arrived and, as the reader has already seen, the boy surgeon was the first upon the scene.

"I wish they'd hurry up and get this business over. I don't half like being mixed up in it myself," said George to himself. "Ah, here they come at last," and he sprang to his feet.

The ludicrousness of the affair for it had a ludicrous side, was the fact that neither the combatants knew how to shoot, and it was doubtful whether they could hit the broad side of a barn, unless directly up against it. Then, again, George knew very little about surgery. With very sober faces, Waldron and Bronson, accompanied by their respective seconds, drew near. After nervously fidgeting about, Bronson's second spoke up, with considerable dignity:

"Gentlemen, the seconds have concluded to make a proposition. We hope the principals will agree to it. If they don't, we're going to quit and go home,

and returned with at full of clear, cold water. The "surgeon" laid Bronson out on the grass and pulled his arm out of the shirt sleeve. He dipped some of the lint in the water and washed out the wound, quite with the air of a professional. Then, placing some dry lint upon the wound, he adjusted a bandage.

The duel was over, and all the participants were glad of it. According to the programme they all marched away to the restaurant. They gorged themselves on ice cream, cake, pie, lemonade and almost everything else the modest little cafe furnished.

Now that the duel had actually come off they all decided they never wanted to engage in another. It had been a foolish piece of business, and it was fortunate that it did not result seriously.

Paul was as good as his word. He never molested Della Brown and Ed Bronson and they loved each other very passionately for at least six months. Della is now an old maid and keeps a millinery shop somewhere in North Dakota.

Off for the Shore.

Rum-dy-dy! Rum-dy-dy! Rum-dy-dy! The steam cars are taking us down to the beach. Clackety-clack! Clackety-clack! What's so important before we get back? Mother and Polly and baby and Jack. While the car waits go strolling along on the beach. Rum-dy-dy-clackety-clackety-clack!

Clackety-clack! Clackety-clack! I saw the bathing suits put in the trunk. Clackety-clack! Clackety-clack! Wonder if father will teach us to swim. I'm going to splash lots of water on him. Will he pretend to get mad, and then-him! Clackety-clackety-clackety-clack!

Tuckety-toot! Tuckety-toot! We can go walking down on the beach. Ding-a-ding-dong! Ding-a-ding-dong! Won't we be healthy and hungry and strong? Let's it time to be riding along. While the cars are carrying their jolly old song. Tuckety-toot-ding-a-ding-dong!

—Brooklyn Eagle.



so there! Our decision in this grave affair to each principal shall be not more than seven times. If neither is hit then the trouble shall be considered settled. Whoever draws blood first must declare his honor satisfied. Then the two principals must shake hands and become friends again. The one drawing first blood must give up all claim to Della Brown, and besides that, must take us all to a restaurant and buy supper for the crowd. Is that satisfactory?"

The principals replied together, "It is."

"Then," said the speaker, "nothing remains but to measure off the ground—20 paces. I believe—place our men and sail in."

Not So Romantic After All.

The ground was measured and the revolvers were carefully examined, and found to be in perfect working order. Waldron and Bronson each selected one with a gravity becoming so important an occasion. Now that they had really come to the point of deliberately shooting at each other, each would have willingly backed down, but was afraid to do so, lest he should be ridiculed. It wasn't quite so romantic, after all. Thoughts of home and mother would come up.

The two boys were led to their appointed places. There was a big lump in each throat, somehow could not be swallowed, and their hearts were violently thumping. The seconds attempted to appear indifferent, but only scored a failure. The principals were deathly pale. They looked as though they might faint.

With very shaky knees, Bronson and Waldron faced about. Darrington stood half way between and off at one side with a white handkerchief held aloft, so both could see it. He hoped he was at a safe distance, but did not feel quite sure.

"One, two, three," he counted, and the handkerchiefs fluttered to the ground. The seconds shouted in chorus, "Fire!" The revolvers cracked together with one report. No one was hurt.

Then the shooting was resumed, the lads peppering away at each other, but doing no further harm than to alarm an old cow, meekly grazing in the neighboring pasture. Three shots perforated the soft summer air and both boys still stood firm. At the fourth shot Bronson's bullet plowed its way through Waldron's straw hat. He had intended to hit Paul in the leg, but was sure, but then

Pointed Inquiry.

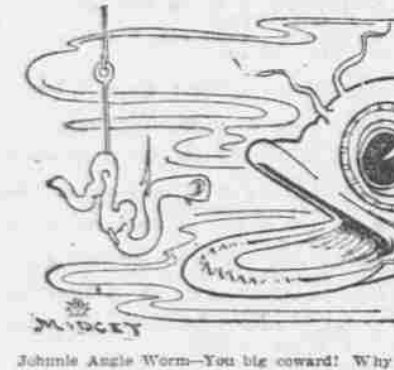
He did not claim to be a marksman. Paul fortunately was not struck, but his antagonist's bullet had come uncomfortably close. Both lads were now thoroughly warmed up to the contest, and the seconds and "surgeon" were no less deeply interested.

A Hit.

At the word, the fifth time, Paul aimed his weapon directly at Bronson's hat. "Crack!" sounded the two pistols. Bronson felt a hot, stinging sensation in his left shoulder. Instantly his white shirt sleeve was dyed with gore. Paul had the honor of drawing the first blood.

When he saw that crimson stain, all Waldron's animosity disappeared. He didn't care a fig for Della Brown. His generous, boyish nature came instantly to the front. He pulled his pistol in his pocket and impulsively ran to Bronson's side. The "surgeon" was ahead of him, but he came in closely after, and the two seconds were immediately behind him.

Bronson's wound was of a superficial nature. The bullet had merely grazed him, carving a tiny furrow in the muscle of the shoulder. Paul seized Darrington's black cloth cap, rushed to the brook



guess you don't know much about raising children, do you?"

"Why do you think that?" asked her mother.

"Because," replied the little miss, "you always send me to bed when I'm not sleepy and make me get up when I am asleep."—Chicago News.

A class of boys was being examined orally in Scripture. The history of Moses had for some time been a special study, and one of the examiners asked, "What would you say of the general character of Moses?"

"He was meek," said one boy.

"Brave," said another.

"Learned," added a third.

"Please, sir," piped forth a pale-faced, neatly dressed lad, "he was a gentleman."

"A gentleman?" asked the examiner.

"How do you make that out?"

The boy promptly replied, in the same thin, nervous voice: "Please, sir, when the daughters of Jethro went to the well to draw water, the shepherds came and drove them away; and Moses helped them. The daughters of Jethro, and said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first, please gentlemen.'"—Buffalo Enquirer.



TOOTSIE'S STRANGE PETS

Little City Girl's Experiences With Two Little Pigs, "Mr. Whittle" and "Mr. Blackie."

Tootsie was a city girl, and she knew very little of the everyday things that go to make up a country girl's life.

Tootsie's papa had bought a farm, and, coming home one day, had told his wife and little daughter that they would spend the whole long summer in the country, where they would all get fat on milk, eggs and homebaked bread.

Tootsie was wild with joy, as would be any other little city girl whose sole idea of the country was had from the big park.

Before the month was out, the family was settled on the farm; Tootsie had made friends with several little girls, farmer's daughters, and they all played together, manufacturing whole bakeries of mud pies. To the child's delight, she was permitted to get dirty and to stay comfortably dirty; therefore, she enjoyed her splash in the bath at evening, and being tucked in her little bed, in a clean, white "nightie."

One day she went to visit the farmer's little daughters and found them playing with two little white pigs. "Oh, the little darlings! Oh, how sweet they are! Are they yours, all your very

CUTE SAYINGS OF CHILDREN.

Funny Ideas That Pop Up in Heads of Boys and Girls.

When small Harry did anything naughty his mother punished him by making him stand in the corner for five minutes. One day, after an experience of that kind, he said: "Mamma, when I get big I'm going to build a house with round rooms in it." "Why are you going to do that, Harry?" she asked. "Because," replied the little fellow, "then there will be no corners for my children to stand in."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

First Boston Boy—Yes, father punished me severely yesterday.

Second Boston Boy—Indeed! Some parents have such radical ideas about government without the consent of the governed.—Pack.

Mamma—Why do you not give your nice, uncle a kiss, Elsie?

Elsie (whose uncle has a heavy beard)—I don't see any place for it, mamma.—New York World.

"All right, then, we'll toss for it," said Tommy. "Here goes! You holler. Heads or tails?"

"Very well," replied little Emerson of Boston. "I prognosticate the falling of the obverse uppermost."—Philadelphia Press.

Aunt Mary—Now, candidly, Margie, don't you think you have eaten enough pudding?

Margie (aged 4)—Well, I may think so, Aunt Mary, but I don't feel so.—Chicago News.

Bobby—I wonder why the tiger doesn't lie down and go to sleep once in a while?

Nurse—I am sure I don't know, Bobby.

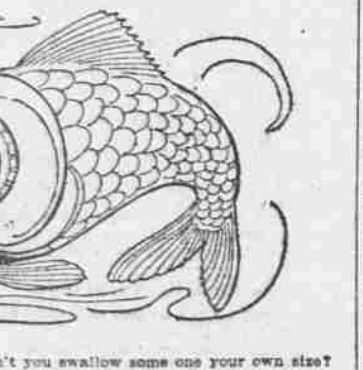
Bobby—Do you suppose he's afraid he will turn into a rug if he does?—Pittsburg Leader.

"Mamma," said 3-year-old Flossie, "I

The Funny Fly.

"Dear me," said a witty young fly, "As he lit on a bald head, 'If I Only had smoother skates For these smoother skates pants, I'd have lots of fun on the slip!'"

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JUVENILE LAMENT.

Great-Grandpa—What's wrong, Mary? Little Mary (temporarily)—Ev'ry sing goes wrong all time. Wish I had my whole life to live over agin!

"I Thank You, Dear!"

Four little words of love to hear—Four little words so sweet. They mean my work seem, oh, so light And put wings to my feet! I think, if folks knew just how nice They sounded in my ear, For every little thing I do They'd say, "I thank you, dear."

Why, goodness me, I race the stars, Run up and down all day For things my sister leaves around Or brothers put away! And when at last I find them And bring them with delight, They only say, "Why, merry, child, I thought you'd stay all night!"

Oh, grown ups, if you only knew, My heart goes in my boots! I work no hardiwood words, But seems like nothing suits. No matter if my feet were tired, I would not cry one tear. But happy be, if folks to me Would say, "I thank you" dear."

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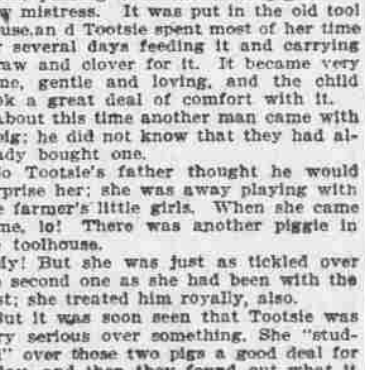
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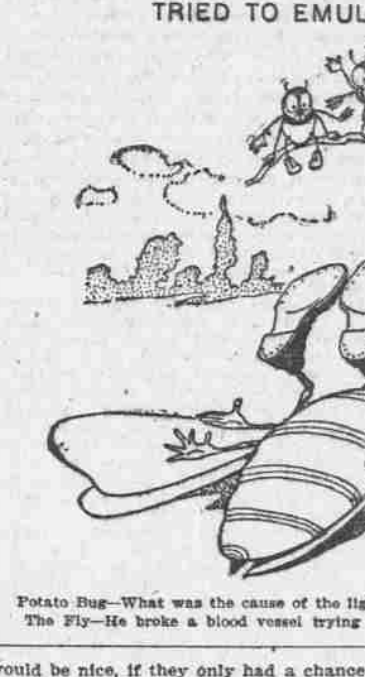
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