The Ducks. One little gray, Six little white ducks Running out to play : One white lady duck, motherly and trim, Eight little baby ducks, bound for a swim,

THE LITTLE FOLKS.

One little white duck Running from the water. One very fat duck-Pretty little daughter; One very grave duck, swimming off alone, One little white duck, standing on a stone,

One little white duck, Ho'ding up its wings, One little bobking duck, Making water-rings; One little black duck, turning round its head, One big black duck-see he's gone to bed.

One little white duck Wasking by its mother: Look among the water-reeds, Maybe there's another. Not another anywhere? surely you are blind; Push away the grass, dear, ducks are hard to find

But I think my wee duck Is the nicest duck of all, He han't any feathers, And his mouth is sweet and small . He runs with a light step and jumps upon my knee, And though he cannot swom, he is very dear to me,

One little lady duck, motherly and trim, Eight little baby-ducks, bound for a swim ; One lazy black duck, taking quite a nap; One precious little duck, here on mother's lap.

Migrating Birds.

How do these robins, and the swallows, and other migrating birds, contrive to make, unobserved, their long journey north and south? Who sees to the cloth store at Knoxville. I was them arrive? Who has ever seen them obliged to be contented with receiving depart?

They have a time to go, and a time to When that time had gone by I went depart, and they move all together. We again, and had to wait a long time, but find them with us, some bright and cheery morning in the latter half of home. After three weeks' delay and March, or in April. We may feel sure disappointment, Uncle Daniel gave me they were not here the preceding morning. When did they come? Who saw Aunt Debby, the tailoress, had to be them arrive?

A friend who has carefully studied this problem, gives us his slow but very ter more hardships in going for her at decided conclusion. It is this: Our early sunrise on a cold, frosty day, and migrating birds chiefly go and come in the night.

His observation has led him also to the belief that this annual migration north and south, is due less to "instinct" than to instruction, and a sort of tradition, actually imparted to the hosts of young birds by the older ones. He has reached the conclusion that the young ones, born and brought up here in the north, would not know by instinct, that a long and dreadful season of deadly cold, with drifting snows and fearful storms, was coming, from which all sensible birds must flee, and seek in more genial latitudes their winter home. In proof of this he cites the case of those robins who remain with us over winter. These, he says, are invariably young robins, hatched the preceding Junenever old ones who had been here before the previous winter. This can be ascertained chiefly by their size, but partially by other indications and appearances, such as every vagrant school-boy is familiar with. To confirm this view our friend points to the large gatherings of young birds in later September, or early October, evidently brought together by the old ones, who fly along the whole line, eagerly chattering something to which the younger evidently listen, and which this observer believes to be a warning not to widely part company with the older ones, but to be on hand and keep them company, when, at a time near at hand, they must all leave for the southern clime. Some young birds, our philosopher says, either do not heed this wise warning, or mies the great company when they start-which is always, he says, in the night. One finds these unlucky stragglers, hiding as best they may, among the sheltering thickets in January and Februarymaintaining a precarious and doubtless a suffering existence by eating the cedar berries. These unhappy stragglers, left behind to endure the rigors of a northern winter, did not heed the tra-

Such is our observer's theory; and we find something that does look like a support of it, in the conduct of the swallows. We have often watched, in the country, these most graceful birds. when, about the first week in September, they are gathered in crowds of hundreds on hundreds, completely covering the fence-tops for long distances. Huddled close together, they present a curious sight; and the entire crowd of sitting and stationary birds are plainly enough the young swallows. Along the entire line, the older birds are flying eagerly, closely approaching the younger crowd, and twittering vociferously. This spectacle is best exhibited at the sea-shore. Along the outmost fences Sound, these closely packed congregations of young swallows are often astoncommonly about the first of September. be very earnest and anxious about it.

ditionary warning which is preserved

by the older birds and handed down

from generation to generation.

theory may be regarded, proofs of the they extend an invitation to every one pausing a moment between swallows, performed by night are sufficiently tinctive feature of this latest lunacy is will suffice to allay his thirst, and he abundant, we think, to settle that that the inmates of the homes are to be will cool off more gradually.

point. The wild geese maintain their long and families, thus avoiding the comdantly proved by the revelations of the charge of the organization of these got as far as latitude 81 degrees 35 mining heedlessly against the lanterns of wild fanatic who may join the Harmo- 27 minutes, and Parry, in 1827, atthe light-houses on the coast.

The astronomer Mitchell (now deceased) speaks of seeing birds cross the to the moon in the dead hour of the ly 2,000 pounds of honey per year,

night. We have conversed with other astronomers who affirm that in September and October, judging from the telescopes, the whole air seems to be they arise from mere trifles, an illustraliterally filled with birds flying south- tion of which is given in the following difference being that the direction of flight is reversed.-Hartford Times.

How a Cont Used to be Made. Boys in these days who can go to a clothing store, try on a coat, and when they find one that suits, pay for it and take it home, may be interested to know how boys came by their coats in the old times. Hon. Amasa Walker tells this story :

"After I had obtained the wool for

my coat, and carried it a long distance

to be carded, I found the parties over-

whelmed with business. Everybody

desired their wool carded as well as I,

and I was obliged to wait the natural

course of events, which meant two weeks.

I returned home, and when the two

weeks had elapsed, again presented my-

self at the mill, and inquired for the

wool. It would be done in less than an-

other week. It was done when I next

visited them, and I took my possession

home. My mother was quite delighted

on my arrival, and at once set to work

to spin it on a great wheel. At the ap-

pointed time I made another journey on

horseback with my bundle behind me,

a promise of the cloth in three weeks.

engaged to make it. Aunt Debby could

not come for some days, but at last af-

waiting for her to finish a job, she was

obtained, and the hard-carned garment

was at last completed, as well as my

George's Rocking Horse.

When George was five years old, his

uncle gave him a rocking horse. It was

a small boy; but George liked it all the

It pleased him greatly for a while;

but when he got to be eight years old,

and had been on a visit to the country,

rocking horse began to lose its charm

whom such a famous rocking-horse was

George took much pleasure in show-

Then there was a scramble for the

under the horse's hind legs; George's

was a little out of temper, tried to push

Just then, George started his horse

with a shout; and before Willie could

All this time, Sam Howard, who was

looking on. Seeing that Sam was com-

But Sam would not keep the best

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divided by "temperaments into groups

nial Brotherhood.

brother's clothes."

better for that.

a great delight.

him off.

being so rude.

had good fun.

mount the horse himself.

the other, "O! see that mouse.' "O! no, it was a rat."

once more, if not several times:

"No ; it was a mouse." am sure it was a rat." "And I saw it, too, and I know it was

"I say it was a rat." "I say it was a mouse."

"Twas a rat," "No, 'twas a mouse. 'Twas a rat," "'Twas a mouse." And they kept it up until both were in a passion, and finally the bride in her home to her parents, and away she

showed them both their exceeding folly, the warm ale !" and they readily yielded to the suggestion of friends that they were a couple of little fools, and had better come together again, which they did.

Once more seated at their cheerful tea-table, in the cosiest of rooms, and happy in the thought that they were restored to their own sweet home, they finally obtained my treasure and went looked across the table into each other's eyes, and one of them said, laughingly, the cloth for my surtout, and then

"Was it not foolish for us to make such a big fuss about that good-fornothing little mouse ?"

"Why, dear, it wasn't a monse; it was a rat.' "No, love, it was a mouse. I saw it

myself.' "And so did I, and I am sure it was a rat."

And so at it they went aghin, one as positive and unyielding as the other, till they were as mad as before, and the wife went off to her father, and that a very large horse, almost too large for ended their living together.

BRITISH RAILWAY FIGURES.

American railway statistics are so well known, that those curious in such matters will find no difficulty in comparing their figures with the figures and had had a ride on a real horse, the which the Pall Mall Gazette gives of the railway system of the United There was a way, though, to have fun Kingdom. In England and Wales at out of it still; for George had some the end of last year there were 11,369 aration. young friends, smaller than himself, to miles of railway open, the total capital tanical tonic and alterative, guiltless of the curse of distilled or fermented ing it to them. One day, he invited ticket holders, stood upward of 400,-Tom Wilson, Charles Brown , Sam 11ow- 000,000. The total traffic receipts of the ard, Willie Thompson, and Fred Wil- year amounted to \$235,000,000, the work- those burning fluids mis-called tonics. kins, to come in and play with it. ing expenses to \$130,000,000, and the George meant to give all a ride; but he net traffic treceipts to \$115,000,000. found he had invited too many boys for | Since 1859 the average increase of mileone horse. There was a dispute at once | age has been about 300 a year. The as to which should get on first, and, to paid-up capital has risen by an average settle that question, George had to annual increase of \$7,500,000 a year, and the average increase in the number ef passengers has been close upon 20,best places on the rockers. Fred Wil- 000,000. In Scotland the increase of kins secured the hind rocker; Charles mileage has averaged scarcely 100 a Brown seated himsetf very comfortably year, standing now at 2,612, though since 1859 the capital has risen from little sister Mary, not to be outdone, \$185,000,000 to \$345,000,000, and the left her picture-book on the floor, and number of passengers conveyed has took her place under the horse's fore more than doubled. The whole number of miles of railroad in the United Kiug-The only place left was the front dom in 1873 was 16,000, and the total rocker. Tom Wilson and Willie capital at the same date \$2,940,000,000. Thompson both made a dash for that, showing progress that is safe, if not Tom got it first; and then Willie, who brilliant.

DRINKS FOR HAYING AND HARVEST. Agricultural journals persist in recommending various concoctions for get out of the way, the rocker came farmers to drink during the heating and down with full force upon his toes. It exhausting labors of the hay field and made him whimper a little ; but, for my the harvest field. We have, in our day, part, I think it served him right for tried these various mixtures, but we have found nothing equal to pure cold well water. Active exercise under a sun a very modest boy, had stood quietly that would raise the mercury above 100 degrees raises the temperature of the pletely crowded out, George got off the body to a high degree, a degree that horse and told Sam to mount in his would prove fatal were it not for the stead, which he did; so the boy who constant operation of nature's infallible was least selfish had the best place after | cooler - perspiration. Perspiration thickens the blood and other fluids, causing thirst, frequent and intense. place all the time. He let the other What drink is so well calculated to reboys take it, each in turn; so they all duce the internal heat and thin the fluids as cold water? Having decided upon using cold water as the beverage of the hay and harvest fields, the next A new community of socialists are thing is to use it judiciously. It can be founding a Harmonial Home on Valcour so used as to be injurious. When the Island in Lake Champlain. According laborer comes around to the water jug, of the farms bordering Long Island to their creed they will indulge in com- or whatever the vessel may be, hot and plex marriage and no other sort. In thirsty, and breathing rapidly, if he other words, they will be practical free- seizes the vessel and drinks until he is ishing in their numbers. The time is lovers, and will neither deny their creed satisfied, he will cool off too suddenly nor sit on the ragged edge of remorse and take too much water into his stom-The lesson—if it is a lesson—is repeated to any great extent. They propose to ach; but if he will take a mouthful into youth! He probably found her elbows we en't day after day, the old birds sceming to live on a great deal of love and very his mouth, hold it for a moment, gargle little agriculture. There are two hun- it in his throat, and then eject it, and However this part of our friend's dred gudgeons in the party now, and afterward drink a swallow at a time, fact that migration of birds is chiefly else wishing to live with them. One dis- he will find that a much less quantity

THE Austrian explorers, Payer and flight alike in the darkness and the bination of discordant elements" in one Weyprecht, seem to have reached the daylight. So, possibly, may the small family. Doubtless the red-haired men most northerly point ever attained by birds, and these may escape obervation and women will constitute one group, man. Capt. Hall, in his last voyage, because of their smallness. That they and those with a fondness for "gush- traveled by sledges to latitude 82 dedo, however, fly in the night, is abun- ing "another group. Those who have grees 16 minutes; Dr. Hayes, in 1861, astronomer's telescopes, as well as the groups will, however, have a good time utes; Morton discovered the supposed slaughter occasioned by the birds dash- in finding out the proper place for every open Polar Sea in latitude 82 degrees tempting the Spitzenberg route, went as far north as latitude 82 degrees 45 A FARMER near South Bend, Ind., has minutes. We are informed that the field of his glass, when this was directed over 200 swarms of bees and sells near- Austrian voyagers, however, reached the

happen, sometimes, even in the best names for themselves, both Christian number which cross the fields of their regulated families. But, very often, and surnames, to judge from the odd ones that crop up continually. Looking over a volume of wills at Doctor's ward at night; and again in April the old story, which contains so good a Commons the other day, I came upon same phenomenon reappears, the only moral that it will bear to be republished | those three testators bearing respec tively the names of "Flight Scurry." "Swift Fleet" and "North South. A loving newly married couple sat down to tea for the first time in their Only the day before I turned up a mar-

ODD NAMES .- One would think that

These are ugly things, yet they will | English peope were hard driven to find

new home. Happy as a pair of birds, riage license authorizing a Mr. Pickle to marry a Miss Onion. Not long ago they were billing and cooing to each other, when seeing something run out a gentleman in Devonshire named Pine of the chimney corner, they exclaimed, was compelled, on succeeding to the one of them, "O! see that rat," and estate of a relative to take the additional surname of Coffin, and the whimsical result is in a newspaper before me which records the marriage of one of "Not at all, my dear; I saw it, and I his daughters as Miss Pine Coffin .-London Letter.

A DEAF old lady, who had brought an action for damages against a neighbor. was being examined, when the Judge suggested a compromise, and instructed the counsel to ask what she would take to settle the matter. "His Honor wants to know what you will take?" tears and her anger said she would go loud as ever he could in the old lady's asked the learned counsel, bawling as ear. "I thank his Honor kindly," answered the ancient dame; " and if it's A few days or weeks of reflection no ill-convenience to him, I'll take a lit-

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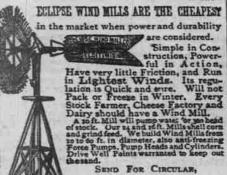
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