YOUNG FOLKS.

DICK.

Dick was the pet of the whole household. From the oldest to the youngest, the family never tired of watching his cunning ways and bright eyes.

Can you imagine what he was? Some one says a dog, another a bird, or perhaps some one who has such cute baby brothers, may think he was a lovely baby boy. But he was neither of these; but a squirrel of the species known as wood or gray squirrel. He was dark gray, with a bushy tail as long as his body; and he had such a funny way of curling it over his back.

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On the outside, attached to one end of the house, was a wheel made of strips of tin. It was about a foot and a half long and nearly one foot across.

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He was often given the liberty of a room with closed doors, but unless the door of his own home was closed, he would invariably go back into it. Still he did not seem so very much afraid of persons, but would come close up to Frank and take a piece of nut off his knee, as he sat on the floor, but he never permitted any one to handle him.

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Mr. Johnston had been away on a business trip, and one of the last things Eleanor had said to him before he started was, "Please bring me something real nice, papa, something I can play with." So before papa even started to have some supper he told Eleanor he had not forgotten his promise, and that he had her present right with him. Two little arms were around his neck in a minute, as he caught her up in his arms, and then two little hands immediately started to search all his pockets. The outside pocket on his ulster had a peculiarly large appearance. Eleanor thought it might have two big bags of peanuts in it, so she put one little hand inside to take some if they were there, but, oh! my, it didn't feel like peanuts, it was warm and soft and she gave a little jump when some small, wet thing licked her fingers. "What is it, papa, what is it?" and her golden curls bobbed up and down with delight. Papa smiled as he lifted very carefully from his pocket a little baby collie dog, with a bushy tail as long as his body; and he had such a funny way of curling it over his back.

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A STUDY IN INSECT PHRENOLOGY.

BY PROFESSOR G. G.—1890.

In the few years last past the science of Phrenology has made wonderful strides. It has been applied to matrimony in the way of aiding you to choose a congenial partner of your bosom—one whose temper will "compat," as it were, with your own. This is why it is so hated and held up to public scorn by the legal profession. Persons phrenologically mated furnish no business for the divorce courts. By it you can select your self, for the benefit of mankind, as the raw material for a doctor or a lawyer or a preacher or a President of the United States. It is now known that your bumps and your temperament indicate what you ought to eat, drink, breathe and wear. This accounts for the unprincipled opposition of the medical profession. No doctors are feed by those who feed and dress and so forth after the dictates of their own bumps.

Very recently it has been discovered that the brute-beasts can be selected for any special use by Phrenology. You can pick out dogs that will bark in the night when your enemy wants to sleep; and mules that will buck; and horses that will either run away or balk, as you may prefer. By this beneficent science you can select cattle that will horn your enemy, and will break into his garden and convert his cabbages and his turnips and his cauliflowers and his asparagus into your milk and beef. I have a farmer-friend who never buys a sheep without feeling its bumps. In that way he secures such as will butt when they are rams, and so avoids a loss on any male sheep that proves a failure for mutton or wool. He sells him, in that case, among dairy products, as a first-class butter.

Perhaps the day will come when I shall not be alone in the belief that, throughout the dateless periods of an illimitable past, this venerable science of Phrenology, unhonored and unsung, has been guiding mother Nature's processes of evolution in the selection of the fittest to survive!

The latest advance, and by far the greatest that Phrenology has made at any single stride, is to be seen in my own astounding discovery that it applies to insects as well as to beasts and men. Under the microscope you can read, from their cranial development, the characteristics of flies, gnats, bees, bigots et ceters.

A word of explanation on two points just here. First: As most insects are nearly or quite bald-headed their bumps can be appreciated by vision alone, without the aid of the fingers. It is well to know this when the subject is a hornet. Second: Subject to correction I think it is scientific to classify bigots as insects. All the bigots I have seen were insects. Judging by my own observation no sect is without them.

This new branch of the science—a branch which I have ventured to call Insect Phrenology—finds its best illustration in the dear familiar housefly. I select a single chart out of many I have written after observations made through a microscope of two hundred diameters. The extracts from the chart will be followed by a narration of some remarkable incidents in the career of the fly referred to. The whole will establish the claim of Insect Phrenology to recognition among the noble sisterhood of sciences.

Some enterprising minds will, doubtless, wish to verify and enlarge the discovery I have had the honor to make. For their guidance I will say, in passing, that the restlessness of the fly, while under examination, perplexed me greatly for a time. Imagine me just ready to estimate the relative prominence of a set of bumbs, preparatory to entering the result on the chart. At that moment, of all others, the fly would begin to scratch his ear; or to stretch down a wing with one of his legs; or would move to a new place in the field of the microscope—and present his posterior parts to the line of vision! Sometimes he would fly away and mix up with other flies, and persist in looking so much like them that I could not be sure of recapturing the subject of my unfinished study. At last—as if by inspiration—I thought of some cocaine forenges I had. I laid one on the table. In a little time it was covered with flies, intent on packing their trunks with sweetened paralysis. I soon had all the quiet subjects I wanted, and was enabled to pursue my investigations at leisure.

In quoting from the chart referred to above I shall confine myself to the organs which were remarkable either for their great size, or because they were abnormally small. I find that I marked the fly as follows:—viz., veneration, 4; firmness, 6; combativeness, 7; inhabitiveness, 9. The highest marking of this latter organ on any former chart—whether of man, beast or insect, was 7.

The day after writing the chart I was lecturing to my class. Let me say, in explanation, that I conduct a school of phrenology. I turn out many bright young men who devote themselves to lecturing on the noble science for a silver collection at the door. They also write up charts of the human head for the small sum of one dollar each—when they cannot get two dollars.

It was a muggy afternoon in September, one of those heavy hot times when all life is beyond all doubt, a case of Insect-in-side. But that differs from Insect-i-cide by the full value of the letter "c"! That exoclation of the ethical problem encouraged me to be silent, but it was a narrow escape.

My judicious silence kept me out of a number of difficulties. Think of the awkwardness of the postmortem, the coroner's inquest and the funeral of a corpse which was known to be hid away somewhere among my vitals! Silence is golden!

The moral to be drawn from the whole subject is this; if you have any bumps that are either very large or very small don't neglect them.

Take any means necessary to enlarge the under-sized organs. If nothing else will do get some one to assault and batter you on the defective place. If it be done with sufficient energy the bump will rise. I knew a man whose head was flat where veneration should have been. He was a carpenter. One day the boss found fault with some of the work he was doing. The carpenter showed his utter lack of veneration by swearing at his boss and making toward him with clenched fists and saying something about "punchin' of 'is 'ed." In self-defence the boss caught up a claw-hammer and gave him one blow on the right spot. It stunned the man but it was the making of the bump. He was never known to be irreverent toward that boss afterwards.

The exaggerated bumps cannot be treated in the surgical way. It would not do. If some of you, beloved, were to get the bump of selfesteem reduced to the normal size by amputation, life would no longer be worth living. The greater part of the brain mass would be gone! You will have to control your master-organs from within or get into trouble.

Begin at once and persevere in that way of peace and good fortune. Veneration, 1; firmness, 6; combativeness, 7, make a bad, a perilous combination, when any other organ ranks as high as 9. Let a single additional example suffice. Say that over-sized bump is benevolence. In that case you grow exigent, persistent, belligerent. You presume to lecture all mankind on the subject of the moral virtues. You set up as instructor and leader of your seniors and superiors. You dub yourself "Expert Moral Reformer." You leave the impression on observing minds that you have a patent right on pretty much all the wisdom and goodness in the earth beneath, with pre-emptions elsewhere. When other people differ from your pet opinions and you don't get your way, you shake your fist in their faces. You buttonhole the same persons every day and every other day. You bore into their sensibilities as ruthlessly as that late lamented insect bored into my nerves.

Beware! A long-suffering public will bear with your teasing for a season.

One day you will find that public pre-occupied and, maybap, impatient. On that day another tragedy in the insect-world will be enacted. You will be as the victim. Don't count on historic fame as a compensation for being swallowed alive. Some of the grandest things can be done only once. Of all the apples that ever did, and ever will fall to the earth only one can claim the proud distinction of having suggested to the beholding eye of science the existence of the silent and invisible but almost omnipotent force of attraction which holds together the physical compact of the world and of the universe. In like manner, but one of all the insects in the world could become historic in revealing to science the fact that the Laws of Phrenology apply all along the line of animated nature down to the ephemeron fly whose natural lifetime is six hours.

There is nothing left for you to reveal. You may exemplify the mischievous effect upon conduct of overgrown and undergrown bumps when they are neglected. You may exasperate the public and perish. If you do it will not be as a celebrated and useful first subject whose eccentricities contributed to the discovery of a great truth, but as a fool who was deaf to the voice of instruction and warning.

GULLIVER GUNNE, Prof. Phren.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE

A Horrible Incident in Connection with the Franco-Prussian War.

"I had just sold my commission in the British army when the Franco-Prussian war opened," said an Englishman a few days ago to some friends at the bar of the Hoffman House, New York. "I had still some pretty strong bankrings after an active military career, and as I had been disappointed in the business project that had induced me to relinquish the hope of seeing further service with the red coats, I joined the Foreign Legion of the French army, and in the following year any craving I might have had for fighting was amply gratified. I had many adventures, some of them startling enough, but one, to which no personal danger was attached, stands out at times with unpleasant distinctness in my memory.

"A few weeks before all French hopes of final success were buried at Sedan a portion of my corps was detached to engage a party of Prussians that had been harrassing some villages near Metz. We found the enemy readily enough, but they had been strongly reinforced, and though we drove them back after several hours of very hard fighting, we suffered severely.

"Night had fallen before the firing ceased, and I was sent with an order to an officer on a distant part of the field. The moon was shining as I returned, and I was walking my horse, as the animal was very tired, being, however, in self-defence, she feels she a feeble voice called to me.

"'Sir,' it said, in very good English 'I recognize you as an officer of the Foreign Legion. You are an Englishman, I think. Will you do me a great favor, and a last favor?'

"I dismounted and found a young French officer lying at my feet. His sword and pistols were gone and he was desperately wounded. His eyes were almost closed, the death damp lay cold and heavy on his forehead, and little specks of foam and blood were on his lips. One bullet had passed completely through his body, tearing the lungs in its passage, and he was gashed and perforated in half a dozen other places.

"'What can I do for you?' I asked.

"'I am suffering horribly,' he gasped, 'and I may live for an hour yet. Will you have the great kindness to blow out my brains and end my agony?'

"I looked very closely at the poor fellow. I knew something about gunshot wounds, and it was as clear to me as is the sun at noon that he had no earthly chance of living until the dawn.

"'I cannot take your life,' I said, 'but if you desire it I will lend you my pistol and turn my head away.'

"'Thank you,' he muttered gratefully; that will do just as well. I have still enough strength to pull a trigger. You will find a flask of eau de vie and a bundle cigars in the pocket of my cloak. They are yours, mon ami. Take them, I entreat you. Adieu!'

"Silently I handed him the weapon and turned away. A shot rang out. When I looked again at the Frenchman he had ceased to suffer. I took the pistol from his hand and rode away quickly.

"I have been condemned for the part I played in this tragedy, but I have never blamed myself."

Census Troubles in India.

In one of the wilder districts of Bengal, during the census of 1881, a curious rumor got about among the Dravidian tribes that the numbering of the people was merely the preliminary to the wholesale deportation of the men to serve as camp-followers in Afghanistan and of the women to work as leaf pickers in the tea gardens of Assam. This silly fable, embellished with characteristic but highly indelicate details, created a general panic. Many thousands deserted their villages and hid themselves in ravines of forest-clad hills, where they hoped to escape the official enumerators. The number of the fugitives was largeenough to vitiate the census statistics for that area, and the day fixed for the final enumeration was perilously near. Something had to be done, but any attempt to compel the tribes to come in would only have increased the panic. The district official used his personal acquaintance with some of the tribal headmen or elders to induce them to meet him and talk matters over. By explaining to them in simple language the real object of the census, and laying stress on the necessity of knowing, for the purpose of relieving famine, the exact population of a district which had within living memory suffered from two severe famines, he succeeded in inducing them to exercise their influence to get the people back. So effective was their action and so readily were their orders obeyed that within three days the villages were again occupied and whatever may have been the defects of the census in that part of the country they certainly did not lie on the side of omission.

The same thing was done, only in a more humorous fashion, by a district officer in the central provinces. Some of his tribes took fright and ran away, and he induced their headmen to listen to explanations. Relying on the fact that wagers of various kinds figure extensively in Indian folklore, he solemnly assured them that the Queen of England and the Emperor of Russia, having quarreled as to which ruled over the most subjects, had laid a big bet on the point. He went on to explain that the census was being taken in order to settle the bet, and he warned his hearers in a spirited peroration that if they staid in the jungle and refused to be counted, the Queen would lose her money and they would be disgraced forever, as cowards, funks, or traitors to their salt. The story served its purpose, and the tribes came in.

I Love Her.

Why do the birds sing so softly
As they flutter to and fro?
Why is nature so hushed and still?
Because I love her so.

The brook as it flows at my feet,
The whispering winds above
Are murmuring, murmuring gently—
I love her, I love her, my love.

The zephyrs kiss the grasses,
And as they gently move
They bend their heads and whisper:
I love her, I love her, my love.

The sparrows perched around me,
The robins chirping above,
The humming bees, the whispering winds
Are telling of my love.

Who, then, will bear my message?
O, spread thy white wings, I love,
And fly with speed and tell her
I love her, I love her, my love.

—[M. G. Hall.

Army Suicides in Russia.

Another of those mysterious suicides of army and navy officers which have been causing such sensation of late in the Russian capital took place the other day in the public baths on the Paschkin street, near the Nevsky Prospect. A well-known Captain of the Imperial Horse Guards, M. L——, engaged two rooms there, ostensibly for the purpose of indulging in a Russian bath, but when the attendant offered his services, as is usual in such cases, he refused them and locked himself in. This aroused suspicion, but no further notice was taken of the matter. Ten minutes later a pistol shot was heard and several of the employees rushed up and forced the door, but were unable to effect an entrance. The police were then sent for, and after breaking into the apartment, M. L——was found dead in a pool of blood. No papers were found on his person. It is not yet known what documents were found at his lodgings, but the belief is current that this is another political suicide, although it is right to say that this is only a rumor—a very probable one, no doubt, but of which there are no positive proofs. The suicide will be announced in the papers.

How to Wash Windows.

Two servants employed in adjoining houses were talking recently about their methods of cleaning windows. The one whose windows always looked the brightest said she selected a dull day for the work, or a day when the sun was not shining on them because when the sun shines it causes them to be dry streaked, no matter how much one rubs. The painter's brush is the best article for this purpose; then wash all the woodwork before the glass is touched. To cleanse the glass simply use warm water diluted with ammonia; don't use soap. A small stick will get the dust out of the corners, then wipe dry with a piece of cloth—do not use linen, as the lint sticks to the glass. The best way to polish is with tissue paper or newspaper. To clean windows in this way takes much less time than when soap is used.

Without a revelation of what God is, no man can know what he himself is.

What Should She Do?

I print verbatim the letter of a girl whose sentiments, I fear, express those of many other young women.

"I am 19 years of age. By the death of father, mamma is left with three children, of which I am the oldest. I should help to support the family, yet it is a severe trial to go out into business and incur the criticism of all the wealthy girl-friends with whom I associated when papa was alive. What shall I do? Can I not get some private employment which would bring me the revenue but not the unpleasant taunts and remarks of the girls I know?"

My correspondent in this case will excuse me if I speak to her plainly and frankly:

What shall you do? First of all, my girl, learn that nobody but a fool or a coward ever made unpleasant remarks about the girl who honestly and honorably earns her living. Believe me, those who would taunt and criticize you are unworthy either of your, or any good girl's friendship.

What shall you do? Get over the unwomanly cowardice which makes you want to hide from the world at large the fact that it is your duty to help in the household that lost its protector. The world has grown in these years, and the self-supporting self-respecting woman receives her meed of respect and applause. The woman who works is the power in the land—if she does her work well.

The woman who wants to sit at home and do her work secretly, because she feels she can not face secretly, because she feels she (what poor friends they must be) is not apt to do goodwork and is not apt to get good pay.

You may do some fancy-work that your friends, for sweet charity's sake, will buy for a while, but this isn't working; and if you are young, healthy, and have ability, as you say, you don't want to be an object of charity.

What shall you do? Go out into the world, my girl, let the sunshine of honest work clear away the clouds in your brain. Do whatsoever your hand find for you to do with all your heart and all your strength, and as surely as you and I are living you will succeed.

There is always in this world a place for a good worker; there is always proper payment for good work; but for poor work, for listless labor, for work about which so little pride is felt that anybody wants to hide it from the public view, there is nothing but contempt.

The woman who works need never be anything but womanly, but she must be as exact as a man. She must recognize the value of punctuality, and, above all else, if she does nothing more than sweep an office, she must conclude to sweep that office so well that she will get better wages for it than any one ever got before, and in this way make her first step toward success.

Success must be sought; it doesn't come uninvited nowadays. The leave you get to work, which Elizabeth Barrett drowning says is the best you can get, is yours. Having it, keep always going ahead, each day making your work better and better, not only because your employer has a right to demand it, but for your own honor's sake.

You will soon learn to like it because you do it well, and when the day comes when your wages are handed to you there will be a great throb of thankfulness in your heart, not only because you are helping those at home, but because you can stand in the sight of your God and feel that "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

That is what you should do. Be honest, be good, be courageous, and you will make of yourself a woman in the truest sense of the word.

A Poem by Courtesy.

"Please read my verse!" the poet said
Unto a heartless editor.
He acquiesced with nod of head,
And took the verse and read it o'er.

"You've failed to give a title to
This—work—of yours," the reader said.
"I meant to do it, but to you,
Kind sir, I leave the task instead."

"Now, please, what would you call it, sir?"
Beseeched the poet, pleadingly.
"I'd call it," said the editor,
"Well—anything but poetry."

Laughter to Match.

Dumpsey—"What called out that hearse laugh from Bilobsey? I should like to know!"

Pojunjay—"Oh, I suppose it was a horse-chestnut that Ponsonby was getting off to him."

THE BANK OF TORONTO.

The thirty-fourth annual general meeting of this institution was held at its Banking House in Toronto on Wednesday, 18th June, 1890.

The report briefly referred to the unfavorable condition of trade and agriculture during the last year, and the Banking legislation of the past session of the Dominion Parliament.

The net profits of the year, amounting to $281,845.68, have enabled the directors to pay dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and to add $100,000 to the Rest

The Rest Account now amounts to $1,500,000, a sum equal to 75 per cent. of the capital.

The figures of the Report give the results of the year's operations, and also show the position of the Bank as on 31st May last.

Statement of Profit and Loss Account

The net profits of the year, after deducting interest due depositors, allowing rebate on current notes discounted, and providing for all bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to the sum of	$281,845 68
Add balance from last year	41,562 99
	$323,808 67
This sum has been appropriated as follows:	
Dividend No. 67, 5	$100,000 00
Dividend No. 68, 5	100,000 00
	$200,000 00
Added to Rest Account	$100,000 00
Carried forward to next year	23,808 67
	123,808 67
	$323,808 67

General Statement, 31st May, 1890.

LIABILITIES.

Notes in circulation	$1,261,339 00
Deposits	6,376,960 94
Dividend payable 1st June	100,000 00
Balance due to other banks	38,007 20
Total liabilities to the public	$7,776,614 24
Capital paid up $2,000,000 00	
Rest account 1,500,000 00	
Rebate and int., reserd 121,64 00	
Profits carried forward 23,808 67	
Total Surplus	$3,648,272 67
	$11,424,886 91

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin and Dominion Notes	$839,969 85
Notes and Cheques on other Banks, balances due from other banks and other assets immediately available	995,133 87
Total Assets immediately available	$1,806,103 72
Loans and Bills discounted	9,491,72 56
Real estate and mortgages	7,953 63
Bank premises	120,000 00
	$11,424,886 91

The report was adopted, and general satisfaction was expressed with the progress of the Bank. The former Board of Directors was re-elected, and at their subsequent meeting, George Gooderham, Esq., was elected President, and W. H. Beatty, Esq., Vice-President.

All Men

young, old, or middle-aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face or body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eye lids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLE, oily looking skin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity and death unless cured. The spring or vital force having lost its tension every function wanes in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance may be permanently cured. Send you, address for book on all diseases peculiar to man. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front St. E., Toronto, Ont. Books sent free sealed. Consultation free, personally or by letter. Medicines sent to all parts of the world. Correspondence strictly confidential. Call or address, DR. LUBON, 50 Front St. E., Toronto, Ont.

Arabs and Their Children.

The Arabs are, as a race, very ignorant and childish. None of them know how old they are, nor can they tell how long ago it may have been since any event in their history occurred, unless they chance to remember the number of harvests between then and now. As we rode slowly on I enjoyed some stories about them, gathered from the wide experience of my friend. A Bedouin, who lived with him in Gaza for a time, came one morning, radiant of countenance. "What has happened?" "Oh, my wife has a son!" By night, however, his happiness had turned into sadness. "What has happened?" "Ah, the boy has turned out to be a girl!" His wife's mother had been so frightened lest he should divorce her daughter for having a girl that she had pretended it was a son. In another case a husband anxious to be the father of a son, solemnly vowed that he would divorce his wife if she had a girl. Unfortunately she had twin daughters. The poor fellow, however, really loved his wife, and racked his brains to get out of his oath. At last he solved the difficulty. "I said I would divorce her if she had a daughter, but not if she had two!" and so he kept her. How forcibly such incidents remind one of the words of Jeremiah—"Cursed be the man who brought tidings to thy father, saying—A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad!" Those of our Lord—"A woman hath sorrow, but as soon as she is delivered of the child she remembereth the sorrow no more, for joy that a man is born into the world." Indeed, so proud is a husband of a son, that he is henceforth as "the father of Mahomet," or whatever be the name given to the child. We may from this imagine the eagerness with which Abraham and Sarah longed for an heir to their great possessions, and how great the trial to the Patriarch's faith must have been when he was asked to offer as a sacrifice, with his own hand, the child at last given to him.

A correspondent wants to know "how long girls should be courted" On stilts, of course.

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