

OUR BOYS and GIRLS

Adventures of a Paper Doll

To begin with, Gentle Gladys was a paper doll. She had no parents to speak of, but was printed and cut out by machinery.

Gentle Gladys was made with underclothing on her. This, as many young people can realize, was a decided advantage for her. It made it impossible for her to take a bath.

Gladys was a person of great refinement and fine disposition. She was exceptionally good-natured, never being known to complain or speak harshly.

Gentle Gladys lived in a little paper box, along with her gowns and her hats. Her picture was painted on the lid of the box, and she never gadded about.

There, it has come out. Gladys got a mamma sometime after she was made. She was tied, while shut up in her box, to a Christmas tree and given to a little girl around the corner from the church.

When Irene would go to school Gladys would lie shut up in her box, that did look like a coffin, and never say a word.

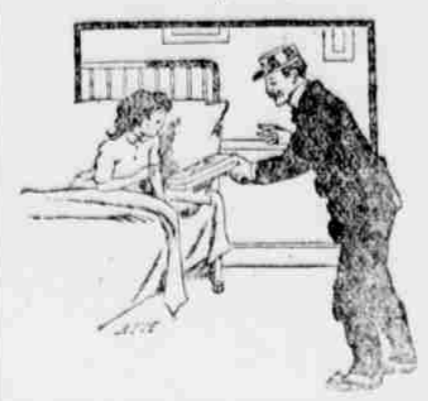
Why, Gladys smiled even after she had laid out in the rain all night and taken that frightful cold. She knew that her mamma didn't mean to forget her, and though she had suffered untold agonies when the lightning and thunder played around her.

Soon after this, Irene and her mamma went to a neighboring village for a visit, and nothing would do but the Gentle Gladys should be taken along.

If Irene felt bad, how do you suppose Gentle Gladys felt, lying there among strangers, unable to cry out, unable to move and being carried

away from those she loved? Who cannot tell her agony. Yet through it all she bravely smiled. Poor, Gentle Gladys.

How long she remained in the nest no one can ever tell. It seemed to her that she must have gone half around the world, for Gladys didn't know much about geography and couldn't be expected to realize how big the world is.



"I Have Brought You Something Nice, Sally."

He laid the box on the bed by her side and watched her as she with trembling hands opened it. It was good to see the little one's face light up with joy.

Through long, feverish nights and dark, dreary days, Gladys lay at the side of the sick child, always cheerily smiling and never leaving her presence for a moment.

If Gentle Gladys was unable to arrest the waste of the disease and save the life of the little one, it is not to be wondered at. Many, many men and women have sat at the bedside of loved ones, longing for the power to stay the hand of death.

Since the little one had passed to the world of shadows with Gentle Gladys lying on her heart, it was deemed appropriate that the paper doll should be buried with her.

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"Why is it that I am like the clock?" Said laughing Jack to me. "Because I have two hands and a face, As anyone can see."

The difference 'twixt the clock and Jack Is quite too plainly seen; I wish they were alike in this: Its hands and face are clean.

A Tragedy.

This is the short, sweet, sorrowful tale Of Jessica Jenkins Jones; She planted a packet of seeds with pride While her dog looked on with his head on the side

When Jessica left, he dug like mad In search of the luscious bones, So Jessica's garden it doesn't grow, And Jessica's dog is cross, and so Is Jessica Jenkins Jones.

MODERN PEARL INDUSTRY

New Methods Have Changed the Work of Gathering.

PEARLER WELL EQUIPPED

With a Suit of India Rubber, Copper Breastplates, and Leadon Weights He Descends to the Bottom of the Sea—Spends From Six to Eight Hours There.

The Servilla pearl given by Julius Caesar to Brutus' mother was said to have been worth \$175,000, says London Tit-Bits.

The era of naked divers exposed to peril from sharks has passed away. Modern progress equips the pearler with a suit of india rubber, copper breastplate, with leadon weights back and front; helmet, glass pannelled and with telephonic attachments; air pipes, life lines and a submarine searchlight.

Although pearls are found in nearly all mollusks and even in univalves like the Australian haliotis, a kind of barnacle, true pearls are produced only by the pearl oyster or mother of pearl shell.

The ancient fisheries were chiefly in the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf but nowadays the best pearls come from Ceylon and from Australian waters, especially Torres Straits.

A glistening white coast line is this, whose monotony is broken only by mango fringed salt water creeks and scorching deserts of splintex and sand.

Chinese and Malays as well as tribes of native black fellows are there to-day, but the old nude divers, the reign of terror and piracy when a large haul was made—these and similar conditions have passed away, giving place to fleets and luggers carrying modern diving outfits and representatives of the inevitable capitalist in the person of the master pearler.

There are some thousands of Japanese, Manillamen, Malays and men of other races acting chiefly as crews for the vessels. The vessels are schooner rigged and from seven to fourteen tons burden.

The shells are found on ledges about ninety feet down in the sea, but they are far more plentiful at greater depth. Fortune awaits the inventor of a diving apparatus which will enable the pearler to work in comfort one hundred fathoms down.

The lugger has a low foreboard to allow the diver with his heavy dress and gear to be castly hauled on board. He carries a net holding the shells with him, and when this is full he has it hauled up so that he himself may run no risk of entangling life line or air pipe.

When the pearler works at, say, twenty fathoms he moves easily, notwithstanding his forty-pound boots, amid groves of coral trees, interlaced with fluttering, fern-like plants, among whose branches swim gorgeous tropical fish and sinister water snakes, which seem to resent the intrusion of so strange a monster.

A good day's work is anything more than two hundred pairs of shells. The business is absolutely speculative. One diver may gather ten after ton of shells without securing anything of greater value than a few seed pearls, while another may take a fortune out in a day's gathering.

The most famous pearl discovered in Australia of late years is known as the Southern Cross. It consists of a cluster of nine pearls in the shape of a cross. This freak of nature was picked up at low water on the Laclpede Island by a beachcomber named Clark, who, after burying it for some time for superstitious reasons, sold it for \$50; later, it brought \$50,000.

The pearl diver of to-day, protected as he is by every device known to modern submarine engineering, is exposed to many perils. He may lose his life by the tearing of his dress upon the sharp coral rocks.

HEN TRUST FIGURES.

If it Could be Capitalized Its Product Would Pay Bigger Dividends Than Railroads.

It is claimed that the average production of a hen is 200 eggs per annum, but it is safe to assume that the actual is much below this figure, the Wall Street Journal says.

This profit, according to Wall street standards, capitalized on a five per cent. income basis, would place a nominal value of \$30 on each hen. For the 150,000,000 hens this would amount to the enormous total of \$4,500,000,000.

That the American hen can return a yield of five per cent. per annum on a capitalization of \$1,500,000,000 appears nothing short of remarkable, but such is the case. The entire outstanding capital obligations of the railroads of the United States in 1907 were less than four times this amount or \$16,082,146,683, while the total paid out in interest and dividends represented but 4.05 per cent. of this amount.

FIRST AIRSHIP SERVICE.

Dirigible Will Carry Passengers and Make Regular Trips.

The first regular air navigating service in Europe will be inaugurated on May 15. Regular trips will be made from Munich, Bavaria, alternately to Starberg and Oberammergau.

The aerial carriage will accommodate twelve passengers besides the crew. The fare for the round trip to Starberg will be \$55, and for the round trip to Oberammergau \$175.

PRIVATE WHITE HOUSE WIRE.

It Will Cost Charles P. Taft, Brother of President, \$24,000 a Year.

A private telephone wire from the house of Charles P. Taft in Cincinnati to the White House in Washington has been contracted for by him with the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

The 725 miles of wire will be at the service of the Tafts from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m. every day. No outside hands will manipulate the switchboard plugs and no outside ear will hear the personal conversations of the brothers.

The wire will cost Mr. Taft \$24,000 a year.

\$200,000 FOR SUNBURY.

Bill Introduced in Congress for United States Building at That Place.

Sunbury's government building is now almost an assured fact. Recently Senator Penrose introduced in the senate a bill providing for the erection of a suitable building, including fire proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches for the use and accommodation of the United States post office.

Ice Combine.

With a capital stock of \$1,200,000, a new ice consolidation will be announced in the near future at Pitsburg. Options on eight companies are being exercised and the concern will be built around the Union Ice company, of which Charles Geyer, former mayor of Allegheny, is president.

Webster's Birthplace Sold.

The foreclosure of a mortgage on the birthplace of Daniel Webster, a farm in the southern part of Franklin, New Hampshire, may lead to the formation of an association to purchase and maintain the place as a memorial to the famous statesman.

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