

singing about —. He offered Frank a drink from —, but it was declined. We soon reached a steamboat landing at a place called Bay Side, embarked on the boat and were shortly on the way to New York. The ride on the water was not as long as when we went down, but the boats, all illuminated, looked beautifully, and the moon just rising made the water look like —, and one boat reminded me of —. We soon reached our pier and went to the hotel feeling thoroughly tired out, but much pleased with our Trip to Coney Island.

## A WONDERFUL ACCOUNT

OF AN

# Excursion to Coney Island

BY THE

## HAPPY SIX.

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*A FICTITIOUS FABRICATION OF RANCIFUL FOOLISH-  
NESS, FURNISHING A FUND OF FUNNY FABLES  
FORTUITOUSLY FALSIFIED.*

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not bother them afterward. One of those wretched advertising boats had upon its sails "Visit Cheatem & Co. if you wish to buy —." Another sail had upon it "Go to Peter Fraud for —."

It was now getting dark and the bathers in the water holding on to the ropes looked like — in a fog. Soon the electric lights were lighted and the scene was grand. As the darkness increased the light nearest myself looked like —. We took a stroll along the beach. The sand under the beams of the electric light looked like snow, and it was so light you could see — on a bath-house a mile away.

We now held a council of war as to the best route to return to New York. We had several to select from, and finally decided to go by the Manhattan Beach Railway. We pushed our way through the crowd in the hotel. Frank nearly had his eyes put out with —. Jennie stepped on —. We finally reached the cars and were fortunate enough to get seats together. To do it, Joe threw —, which he found in a seat two seats back and struck a man who had been imbibing too much ice-water or something, and he yelled out "I will give — to know who struck me." He looked serious. Charley felt in his pocket and found he had —, so he felt easy. We were soon moving rapidly, but above the noise in the car we could hear another ice-water man

dinner we sauntered along until we came to a booth where a number of natural curiosities were for sale. I purchased — and — for my what-not and — and — to place over the doors in our parlor. Charley did not like them; he preferred — and insisted upon buying —. Joe and Susan bought — and —. Frank gave Jennie — and —. The man agreed to send them to us by mail. We met some children riding on donkeys. One girl had — in her hair and a wreath made of — around her hat. A boy struck his beast with — which caused him to run and knock over — and — belonging to the man selling —. In one of the hotels there was a beautiful fountain; the design was like —, and there was — floating in the basin. The water seemed perfumed with —.

The afternoon boats and trains brought constant additions to the crowd, and there were now hundreds of children on the beach with shovels and little pails. One little boy in digging over the sand found — with — attached. The bathers were out in full force. Their costumes varied. One stout woman had upon her head — and — tied about her waist. A lively young man splashed the water over his friends by means of — which he carried in his hand. They chased him out of the water to the beach, where he stumbled over — and struck his head. This had a quieting-effect, and he did

## PREFACE.

“A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN, ETC.”

Like many moral tales this one is founded on fact, and although it is impossible to read it twice alike yet each time many truths will appear, rendering it equally interesting to those who have never visited Coney Island and to those who are familiar with the beauties and fairy-like attractions of this metropolitan seaside resort. This entertainment is conducted as follows:—The cards are equally distributed, one at a time, among all the players except one. The player having no cards, then takes the book and commences to read aloud. As will be seen, the story is freely interspersed with blanks, which are to be filled by readings from the cards by the company. Thus at the commencement the reader pauses at the first —, and the player next at his left reads from the first card that he takes up, without making any selection. Then the reader continues, and at the second —, the

second player to the left reads from one of his cards, and so on through the story. As the interest of the entertainment depends entirely on the laughable and ridiculous combinations which will accidentally be made, it is very desirable that the cards shall be taken up entirely at random, and therefore they should remain face downwards until taken up one by one to be read.

The combinations of which this entertainment is capable, are almost unlimited, and by re-distributing the cards each time, the readings may be repeated many times with constantly renewed interest.

in on account of competition. You have heard of the Brighton Hotel often. The view in front is just too sweet for anything were it not for — obstructing the view; also — looming up. After we left there we came to the place where a man was cutting out silhouettes, and we decided to have ours made. Frank said my own looked like —. I thought his resembled — placed before —. At the shooting gallery the targets represented different things. One was —, another was —, and the one I fired at —. We then secured seats in a steam car for Manhattan Beach Hotel, where we arrived in about three minutes. Frank thought he would rather be presented with stock in that railroad than —. Jennie preferred —. The hotel and its surroundings are large and charming.

On one of the chairs Joe found — and a bundle composed principally of — and —. Being awful hungry by this time, we concluded to secure our seats in the dining hall, and told the waiter we wanted a shore dinner, and Charley added "with all the fixings." The first course was — fried with —, the second was — boiled with potatoes, the third — baked and served with sauce made from —. Then we had — roasted and served with —. Besides these dishes in the regular course I ate — and — and drank —, as I did not like the water, but the rest preferred — iced. After

We then walked up a long plank walk and visited Cable's Hotel at the terminus of the first steam railroad to Coney Island. In front of the hotel was a pretty music stand surrounded by a large platform or plaza with seats for the multitude. Joe, while listening to the music, said he felt like —. Susan said that was characteristic, but he looked like —. We then went to Vanderveer's Hotel, which we learned was the principal stopping place for riders, and from the number of horses and vehicles under large sheds at the side and rear, it would seem as though all of Brooklyn was there. We heard one man offer to bet — his horse could beat —. Another said you are — your horse could not beat —. Another said you are — your horse could not pull — across the road. We then went over to the Aquarium and saw the fishes and other curiosities. Among them were — and a fat woman from Australia and —, but we were more interested in a crowd around the pop-corn man. In my purchase I found a chromo card and —. Jennie had — and Susan —. Charley then chartered a large conveyance to take our party to Brighton Beach Hotel, which was about a mile away. We rode over a smooth road enjoying the sights. The dressing of the ladies was very unique. One wore for a head-dress —, another had for a breast-pin —. Charley said the fare was five cents each and — thrown

## A TRIP TO CONEY ISLAND.

Well, girls, I must tell you about our trip to Coney Island; there were six in our party, and we had a jolly good time. After much discussion we concluded to go by the water route from New York. As some of our party had never seen New York Bay. We went down through the old Battery to the pier where we found a cosmopolitan crowd seated around numerous tables eating ice cream and drinking lemonade and lager beer. Among them was one man with —, his wife carried —, and another couple were eating —. The waiters were running back and forth, and near us one shouted to some one, look out for —. We looked, but saw nothing wonderful except —, making off at double quick with —. The saloon was open on all sides, extending the whole length of the long pier underneath, and afforded a magnificent view of the harbor and bay.

While we were intently watching the various steamers and vessels constantly passing, Charlie heard a whistle which he said was our boat which soon arrived from an up-

town landing with colors flying and band playing Yankee Doodle. Oh such a crowd as was on that boat. Charley said they were packed as close as — in —. After the plank was run out we went aboard. It was hard work you had better believe. I stepped on — and received a good poke in the side from —, which a man carried in his arms; he also had a bundle that looked like —. We managed to get upon the upper deck forward, and as the seats were all taken, Charley offered me for a seat —. Each of the other girls had for a seat —. We consoled ourselves saying the seats were better than —.

The people aboard were a jolly crowd and seemed like the rest of us, intent on having a gay time at the beach. Some carried lunches, and I noticed that — was a favorite article of food, while one stout woman near me had —. A bashful young man, with a still more bashful maiden, had in his basket —, and she had —. Charley said it looked like — and very tempting, but I thought — would be a great deal better.

Leaving the Battery, a park on the lower end of New York city, where Castle Garden is located, passing Governor's Island, a soldier on the shore saluted us with —.

On our left was Brooklyn, called the City of Churches, and judging from the spires there must be a large number. On our right was the New Jersey shore. A young

I would strike him with —. Charley chased him and threw — after him. Jennie proposed we go up in the observatory, and we were soon seated in the elevator car. There were ten of us in the car. One fussy old lady carried —, which seemed in striking contrast to — which her husband carried. The view at the top was simply magnificent; the sea looked like — curling along the beach. The sand glistened like —, each of the large hotels seemed to be —, while the Punch and Judy show at this height looked like —. A ship far away on the water looked like —. Sandy Hook laid along the horizon like — reaching out into the ocean. In descending, a queer sensation came over me. I felt like —, but Charley said it was only dizziness caused by — which I had eaten upon the steamboat. I was glad to be upon the ground once more. We then took a stroll along the beach. I picked up — and soon after a splendid specimen of —. Frank increased his cabinet collection by finding — and —. A boatman also gave him —, and Frank in return gave him —. The innumerable booths and bazars contain a great variety of articles. We could purchase anything from — to —. I purchased a fan with a picture of — painted upon it, and a Japanese umbrella that had an elaborate design of —. These, with my blue glasses, made me look like —.

under the circumstances. We then walked to the beach, which was like a description I read of a Donny Brook Fair.

We were accosted by a man who offered — for sale. He also had — over his shoulder; in a basket he carried — and other articles. Charley purchased me —. Frank gave Jennie — and Joe gave Susan —. There were many sights to attract us, lifting machines, weighing apparatus, phrenological expounders, fortune tellers, etc., etc. One party sold prize packages, which consisted of — and — with — all put in one box with a chromo or a piece of jewelry.

A Punch and Judy show attracted many. The proprietor passed through the crowd with his hat saying those that could not contribute money might give —. One man gave —, another —. Frank threw in — as a contribution for our party. We walked along leisurely until we reached the West Brighton Beach Hotel, apparently the favorite of our Teutonic friends, who were quaffing foaming mugs of Teutonic wine, commonly called lager bier, and chattering like magpies. Jennie stumbled over — and fell into —. While we were laughing at her Joe tripped on — and mashed —. We did not patronize the carousal, as the sight of it made my head feel like —. A wicked boy with a small looking-glass in his hand threw a beam of light in my face. This made me provoked, and I told him if I could catch him

fledgeling (with a little down upon his upper lip that he imagined was a moustache, but Jennie said reminded her of —) remarked it was a foreign shore, but he was the only one that laughed so the joke fell flat. Farther down the Bay, Staten Island loomed up and looked very inviting, but Susan said it looked like —. The Bay was alive with yachts, steamers, row-boats and all kinds of craft, and a tug with a tow of canal boats loaded with — crossed our path. A woman came out of a cabin on one of the canal boats and waved —, the man at the tiller shouted if we would come aboard we could have — for dinner. We next came very near running down a schooner which had for a cargo —, and a little later a Charleston propeller passed us with a few passengers and a large deck load of freight, among which we noticed —, and — and something that looked like —, while under an awning, protected from the sun, was —. The band on our boat had for instruments —, and — with — and a diminutive specimen of — struck up "Walking out with Nell." One man said he would rather walk off with — than to walk out with Nell. A sentimental young lady said it reminded her of — and of the freshness of the country where — is sure to be appreciated. She also quoted from the poets:

"Over the hills and not a great way off,  
Where the Jay bird died with the whooping cough."

The band played other tunes, and we were all feeling quite jolly, excepting one young lady seated near us, who was quite ill, and her father told me she had eaten a hasty breakfast of — fried in — and had been overcome in the hurry to reach the steamboat. I offered her a bottle of essence extracted from —; she nibbled a piece of — and soon felt revived. Charley gave her — and she seemed much pleased. When nearly between Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth and alongside Fort Lafayette, a gentleman who carried — remarked that the openings in the fort reminded him of a Zoetrope. Frank told him he would see stranger things than he did in a Zoetrope if a cannon were to fire — at us. Fort Lafayette looked rather old to me and seemed more like — than a fort. Jennie said the other forts looked like — and —.

The steamship Gallia just arrived in from Liverpool, passed us and we cheered. Frank waved — and Charley held up —. The people on the Gallia seemed pleased, waved — to us and tossed — to the news boat that had just arrived alongside. I told the girls if ever I attempted a sea voyage I should certainly take — and —. Charley said put down to him — and —. We now passed Norton's Point and came into a good view of Coney Island Beach, extending for miles, the sea beating on the sands. The Iron Pier stretching out into the sea

looked like — lying in the sunshine. The observatory loomed up into the air suggestive of —. From the sea the place had a quiet look like —. As we landed at the Iron Pier the policeman in charge tried to keep us in line, but they crowded like —. Jennie said — would know better than to crowd so. The man at the turn-stile, who took the tickets, had for a charm on his watch chain — cut out from —. Charley said he admired the design and would make me one out of — that came from Florida. The pier is immense, and we noticed our boat load did not materially add to the crowd already there, people of both sexes, all ages, sizes, shapes, colors and nations; some seated, others moving with perfect freedom. In the crowd we noticed one young lady with — and — suspended from her belt. Jollity and good nature reigned supreme, and the only apparently thoughtful ones were the policemen and those connected with the pier. One soda-water man looked like —. We sat down for a few minutes to enjoy the exhilarating breeze and look down upon the bathers. At my side were two lovers apparently oblivious of all but each other. I heard him say "Darling you are as sweet as —." She cooed softly and said you flatter me; I feel like —. I was amused. Joe asked for my thoughts. I glanced at the two and said I was thinking of —. Jennie said she thought — would be more appropriate