These Kids Are Clever

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(Right was: June in 1930 by The Chicago Tribune.)

(Herald is one of those infant musicians who are going to do great things to the keyboard later on. After a short broadcast from the studio, the gathering is wondering “why?”)

(Herman is going to Harvard in six or seven years, and already the girls in his neighborhood are beginning to look at him in awe. His mother is looking after Harvard programs. Herman belongs to a gang which is continually warning an orphans' gang, so that he has very little time for “the women,” as he calls them—yet.)

(Roberta's family is thrilled to the limit by the really remarkable things Roberta is doing in the artistic line. Roberta says this is a picture of a horse running away from a mounted policeman in the park because he wants his dinner. “Why, really?” exclaims Auntie Graysnuff. "At her age I couldn't have drawn a straight line—and I just look at the child she can do!”

(Today and mornin' are bringing up June to the old-fashioned way and are letting her believe in Santa Claus, Mrs. Scrooge, the three bears, the Easter bunny, facsimiles, giants, and the brownies. This is very exciting, for June is young and in danger of becoming a real person at any moment. "I couldn't help it, daddy—no bake brownies made me do it," said June with tears in her eyes. "Aunt Wester has told June that her brother was brought by the baker in a load of bread, but June doesn't believe that.)

"Good lord! That child is beginning to whisper!" Some children are quicker to observe and understand than others. June's health is excellent. Lately, for instance, she has been suffering from earache, which is a very common complaint in the neighborhood epidemic. Little playmates are forever being searched from January's proximity by anxious mothers who suspect a rash or a cough.

"And, Betty, dear, I must tell you what he said to his grandmother the other day when she asked him what he was doing. He said: "More of your—"

"Youth and inexperience!" — "But you're only eight years old!"

"What can eight years old knows better than men truck drivers and street car conductors in the morning's hours. His parents, though they pretend to be horrified, think Eddie is pretty darn cute.)"