

The Lay of the Sunnyside Ducks

humbly dedicated

to

Miss Florence Jaffray.

By Sunnyside tower runs a little Indian brook,

as wild as wild can be;

It flows down from hills where Indians lived of old  
To the mighty Tappan Sea.

and this little brook supplies a goodly little pond  
where the Sunnyside ducks do play

Snowy white little ducks, with topknots on their heads,  
and merry little ducks are they.

and high up the hill stands fair Jaffray Hall  
where a mighty chief doth dwell  
and this little Indian brook flows through his  
lands.

In its own little rugged dell.

But the laird of Jaffray, rose in his might,

and he said to his wife one day,

This little Andean brook is an idle little brook,

and shall no longer have its way.

No longer shall it run down to sunny side pond

nor eke to the Tappan sea

I'll stop it with a dam and pump it up hill with  
a ram,

and make it work for a living, said he.

It shall run in pipes about our garden and lawn

making jets and fountains clear

It shall run up stairs and down stairs of Jaffray Hall

and into your bath room, my dear.

Then the sunny side ducks they quacked with fear

and dolefully they did cry.

Oh laird of Jaffray spare our little brook,

or we shall be left high and dry!

But soon it appeared that this brave little brook

defied the laird of Jaffray's skill;

~~He~~<sup>For</sup> though he dammed the little brook and rammed  
the little brook

The little brook still ran down hill.

Then the sunnyside ducks again plucked up heart,

and got over their quandary,

and the little brook still runs down to sunnyside pond

and the mighty Tappan sea!

Washington Irving

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\* See? Quacked.



The first part of the book is very interesting and  
 contains a great deal of information about the  
 early history of the country. The author has  
 done his best to give a full and accurate  
 account of the events which have taken place  
 from the first settlement to the present time.

The second part of the book is devoted to  
 a description of the various parts of the  
 country. It contains a great deal of  
 interesting information about the  
 different tribes of Indians who inhabit  
 the country, and their customs and  
 manners. It also contains a great deal  
 of information about the different  
 rivers and lakes of the country.