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Then there was the Indian, "Light-foot," who told of his happy hunting ground. Then there was Pansey, otherwise the little boy, Carl Hoffman, of Oakland, "who talked philosophically and with wonderful logic for a child."

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