

had our dinner and got ready for the fair. We left home at half past eleven.

On the way we noticed how the leaves on the trees were turning to autumn's beautiful colors. On arriving at the fair ground we got our tickets and passed through the gate to the fair grounds.

The first thing we did was to go and see the fowl. There were some fine Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, and Wyandotters, and a number of other species of chickens. But I am sure that the boys and girls who write such fine letters might raise some chickens just as good as these to take to the fair. If they would raise one kind of chickens to exhibit it would help the fair along. It also makes the fair more interesting to you when you take part. I know a little boy near here who is ten years old, and he had some fine Plymouth Rock chickens at the fair, which got a prize. This boy took pride during the summer to have these chickens ready to take to the fair. So I think that other boys and girls might, too. There was also a splendid variety of geese, ducks and turkeys.

After having a good look at the chickens, we went into the drill-shed where the fancy work, pictures, maps, baking and flowers were kept. On the north side were the drawings and paintings. These paintings and drawings were beautiful. One scene that I thought was very beautiful, and which got first prize, was an evening scene in the winter; the ground was covered with snow; the sun was just setting; in the distance was a house and a number of trees.

The next thing we set our eyes on was the baking. It would make your mouth water to look at the pies and cakes, for they looked so delicious. Passing by these, we took a glimpse at the fancy-work, such as quilts, mats, cushions, and center-pieces. Flowers were arranged on shelves; one bouquet of beautiful dahlias we noticed in particular. Their colors were pink, red, yellow, and many other shades. There were also pretty bouquets of gladioli, roses, asters, and sweet peas. Besides, there were many plants in pots. In the root-house, there was a good show of vegetables, fine apples, melons, and a fine collection of roots, cabbage, tomatoes, beets, carrots, and so forth.

Then we saw the horse-races. They were spoiled somewhat by the rain the night before. The rain spoiled the track. After watching the races for some time, we got some candy and had a ride on the merry-go-round. Then we went home very much pleased with the fair.

Boys and girls may take part in a fair by taking things to it, such as chickens, vegetables, flowers, drawings, paintings, sewing, and many other things. If each boy or girl would make up his or her mind now as to something to take to the fair, and pay special attention to it throughout the year, then, when the fair comes, have courage enough to take it to the fair, I am sure they would get a prize as well as the grown-up people do. If once you start entering something small, you will some day be able to enter something bigger. Only start, and you will find it so interesting that you will be showing something every year. So let us start now by planning what we are going to take to the fair next year.

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Cowal, Ont.

Renton Fair.

Summer days were fast disappearing, skies looked cold and gray, birds flew to the Sunny South, crops were gathered in, and everything looked very much like winter. Even the air began to feel chilly, and the boys and girls of Renton, in fact, the grown-ups, too, began to look for winter and old Jack Frost's painting on the windows; but—the weather changed, the sun shone again, the days were fair and warm, and we had what is known as Indian Summer. It was in this such weather that Renton had her first fall fair.

In the spring, a young man scarcely out of knickerbockers (whose late father had left him a large mass of wealth), passing through this village, and pleased to see so many industrious people in it, immediately sought out the village school-master and had a long talk about—well! we'll see later.

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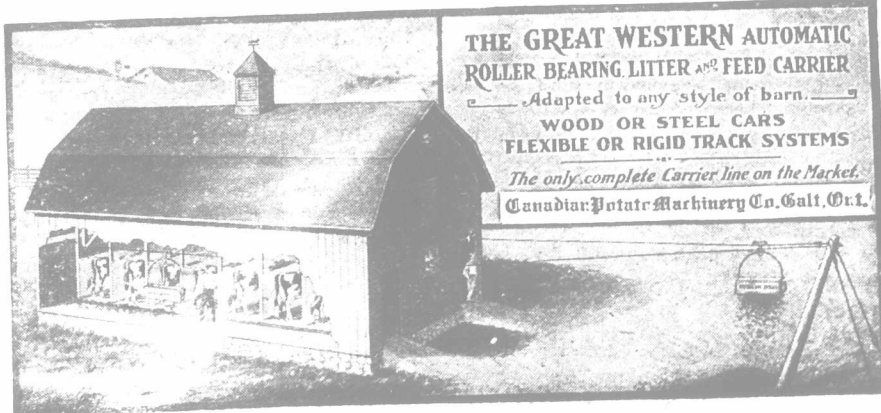
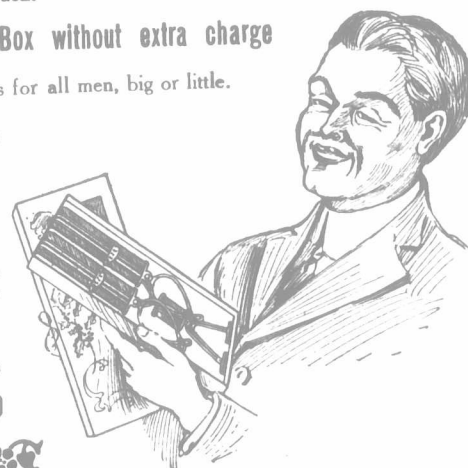
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