

# Young Canada Club

BY DIXIE PATTON

## STARLAND

As the days shorten and the nights lengthen out will come the ideal time for studying the star world up above. When you are driving home from town on a crisp autumn night, look up and see what is going on in the heavens. Perhaps you have never even thought that the stars, like the moon and sun, have their names and their own times for rising and setting.

It is a world worth looking into. If you have no book on the stars in your home, see if there is not one in your school or ask your teacher to tell you about them.

The people who live in the country thru the crisp winter weather have such a splendid opportunity for getting acquainted with the planets that it seems a great pity for them to go about with their heads down and overlook the glories of the upper world.

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## THE CLEVER PIGGY

A Prize Story

We had penned up our young pigs to be weaned, they were put in the cow stable. One of our cows, which was tame, never gave any milk the following night nor the next morning. We began to think who the thieves might be, but could not find them out. The following evening when I brought the cows home I heard a pig grunt in a coaxing tone. At once I went into the barn to see what he was doing. When I came in he was leaning with his forefeet against the cow's hind leg and was sucking her milk. It looked so peculiar that I had to laugh.

Doesn't it seem funny how animals can understand each other? If they could not how would the cow have stood still and let the pig suck the milk from her?

WILLIAM MORER,

Age 14,

Hilda, Alta. c/o Wm. Fredrick.

## AN ADOPTED FAMILY

I am a beginner and would be very much pleased to get one of your Maple Leaf pins.

I love all animals, especially horses. I have a buckskin pony.

Now for my story. When my mother was a little girl some of her friends had a cat that had some kittens. These kittens didn't have their eyes open yet, but they all died. The next day one of the boys found a nest of baby rabbits. He put them in the nest with the mother cat and they all lived. She took care of them just as she did her kittens.

MILDRED J. SISSONS,

Grand Coulee, Sask. Age 11.

## THE SPARROW AS NURSE

This spring a little bird built its nest near my papa's house and I used to go out and feed it every day until it was quite tame.

It is so tame that any time I see it I can walk close to it and feed it without it flying away. I think it was a horned lark.

Another thing I saw was a little tree sparrow feeding a big blackbird. I think the blackbird was sick and the little sparrow was mothering it till it got well.

I often wish I were a little bird so I could go with the birds and find out their ways.

JOHN KYLE,

Harris, Sask. Age 11.

## THE ROBINS IN THE BINDER

This year some robins built in our binder. They built the nest beside the big wheel, under the place where the sheaves roll down. I think they built it there so that the rain could not get at it.

They first made a round cake of mud, then patted it down in the middle. Next they put twigs and hair and straw around the outside of the cake of mud. They lined it with soft grass.

When it was finished Mrs. Robin laid five pretty blue eggs in the nest. Two robins were hatched first, then in about two more days the other three were

hatched. When they were first born they were covered with soft down. They grew very fast.

We would see the mother robin get worms for them. The little robins would lie in their nest with their mouths wide open to be fed.

When we would go near Mrs. Robin would get angry, because she thought we would hurt her children. Two of my brothers got a lot of worms and put them on a board near the nest. In the morning all the worms were gone, for the mother robin had given them to her little ones.

About two weeks after they were born one of the little robins flew down in the grass. They looked very cute now. My brother put it back in the nest to see what it would do. In a day or two they would fly away in the daytime and come back at night. At last they flew away off to the woods and did not come back to their nest again.

Last year the same robins, or some different robins built in the tool box of the binder.

MARGARET C. C. FAREWELL,  
Blackfalds, Alta. Age 10 years.

## CIRCUS BIRDS

I have read the stories of the Young Canada Club for about three years and thought I would write a story of five little birds. The man that trained them for the circus taught them to climb up a ladder, step by step, then to set a toy house on fire and ring the fire bell, then they carried little buckets of water in their beaks and put the fire out.

PHOEBE BISHOP,

Unity, Sask. Age 12 years.

## TWO QUEER HAPPENINGS

One day our baby was sitting outside looking at the birds and the chickens. A pig came up to the baby, and the dog was lying near the baby and he jumped up and drove the pig away.

Once there was a little boy killed a snake, and the snake had just swallowed a toad and the boy opened the snake's stomach very much alive. The boy was much surprised.

MARTIN G. PETERSON,

Minnedosa, Man. Age 8 years.

A very good little story for such a wee man.

## THE RABBITS

It was in the summer two years ago I went with my mother to feed our pigs. I went up on the pigs' fence and I saw five rabbits. One of the rabbits hid himself under a bush while the other rabbits ran in a round ring. When the rabbits had come right beside the hidden rabbit, the hidden rabbit ran out from the bush and took a jump right over the other rabbits. Then all of them ran away. Then when I was going to the house I saw a rabbit coming in the grass. When the rabbit saw me he stood up on two feet and looked at me. But when the rabbit saw our cat he got afraid and ran away. Our cat ran after the rabbit and took just as big jumps as the rabbit, but then the rabbit hid himself under a bush. The cat did not see the rabbit and went to the house.

IRMA STROMBERG,

Eriksdale, Man. Age 9.

## A CHICKADEE'S NEST

I built a small house for a bird's nest. A chickadee started building a nest on the twenty-sixth of April and finished on May the third and laid an egg on May the fourth. She laid nine eggs and the young birds came out on May the thirtieth. They started getting feathers on June the fourth and flew away on June the twelfth.

The birds were grey on back and breast, and black on the top of the head, and grey on the throat.

The nest was made of moss and hair off cattle and a hollow at one corner to lay the eggs.

The eggs were kind of pink with a few red spots.

HARRY CHAPPLE,

Shoal Lake, Man. Age 9.

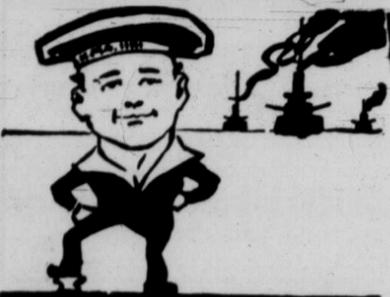
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