

## ARE YOU ENTERING THE COMPOSITION CONTESTS

### SPLENDID PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

There are cameras, watches, bracelets, books, etc., being won every week by boys and girls entering the composition contests. Are you one of the lucky kiddies? If not get busy and see if you can secure a splendid prize. Tell your schoolmates about this series of contests, and then see if you can manage to get your name to top position on the list as shown in another column.

### Uncle Dick's Chat With the Children

My Dear Kiddies,

What do you think of the Corner this week, with so few answers but so many stories and other features? I hope that the great number of boys and girls who have written me during the past week will not be too disappointed as they search the "answers" columns in vain for the replies to their letters, but for this one issue I thought I would let you have a change, then next week the most important of the letters will be answered in the usual way.

Thanks very much indeed for all the nice things you have said about the new series of stories which I have written especially for you. Yes, as you will notice, Bobbie managed to get out of the lake again, but oh, what a mess he was in. I don't think he will be very disconcerted again, do you? However, we will see as his little adventures are told to us.

Did you ever notice how many children, for a short time, take a great interest in some hobby, or play toy, or perhaps a little ditty, which they are asked to do, then as the newness wears off, and the novelty of the things disappears, they lose interest and then look around for something else to do, leaving the other work only half completed? I have, I remember, once calling at a friend's house, and being particularly taken up with the happy task of making out the hull of a boat, and a splendid job he was making of it. Whilst I was in he never ceased from telling me how he was going to make this a dandy boat, with rudders, mast and sails all complete, and as for the colors he was going to paint it, well, let me whisper—the list of all the various colors he was going to use nearly turned me color blind.

However, some time afterwards, I again had reason for calling at the house where this boy lived, and naturally asked to see the boat. "Oh," he said, "I never finished it, as it was such a bother making it, and besides I couldn't get it finished the next day when I wanted it to sail." I am sure some of you kiddies are just like that little fellow. When you start doing something, you get tired and have not the perseverance to continue and complete the job.

As you go through your school life, always make a point, if possible, of finishing whatever task you may set yourselves to do. Like Charlie, he was a very poor little boy, living in a cottage, with his parents who were all very poor. In fact they often had very little in the pantry. One day when the berries were ripe, Charlie was sent to pick them.

So, setting off with a big basket under his arm, he soon arrived at the bushes, where several baskets were already at work. Very soon, however, he had filled his basket half with just the biggest and sweetest of berries, whilst the other kiddies' baskets contained few and less ripe specimens. Then as the afternoon's sun slid away down the beautiful blue sky, and evening was lost behind the hills across the valley, Charlie put the last berry into his already overflowing basket and set off for home, whilst his fellow-pickers did not complete their tasks until it was almost dark.

Now, how do you think Charlie had so quick and clever? It was for this reason. He knew that there was little to eat at home, and that his mother was waiting to make the berries into a nice big pie. So, instead of flitting about from bush to bush, picking first here and then there, he remained at the biggest and best bush he could find, picking out the largest and sweetest berries, until he had filled his basket. In other words, he persevered until his job was not only finished, but well finished.

Just take this simple lesson, kiddies, and whenever you have the chance to do little jobs, or perhaps commence to take an interest in some new hobby, stick at it until you have completed the work. In the same way, when you have commenced to take an interest in the contents of the Corner, work hard, watch as to the reason why you may not be successful, rectify any mistake, then continue until you have managed to carry off a prize. And even then don't stop, but go on steadily trying to capture more of the splendid awards, as not only will you have all the fun of the competitions, but you will add valuable knowledge and training to that already received at school.

With best wishes and heaps of love,  
From your

**Uncle Dick**  
Children's Editor

### ANSWERS TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY UNCLE DICK

Will the hundreds of boys and girls who have written to Uncle Dick during the past week, but who do not find their letters answered below, take notice that if possible the most important of the letters will be attended to in next week's Corner, as several changes have been made in the Corner for this week only, which I trust will make up for the absence of many of the replies.

Charles Charnichael, Oakland.—Thanks for the nice letter, Charles. I am adding your name to the member's list. Yes, get your sister to join. Mildred Tibbets, Oakland.—Glad to have you as a member of the Corner, and to have your nice letter. Hope you are better again. Yes, the one who does the best gets the prize. Lillian Delhanty, Grand Falls.—What a clever little artist, and how glad of you to send the clippings. Hope your cat arrives back safely. "Tabby" might do.

Joseph Leonard Delhanty, Grand Falls.—Whatever you may think of the coloring you may have done, always send it in, as you never know who may get the prize. Ella Brooks, California.—What a pity you were so slow in sending in the drawing, together with the letter. You must hustle a bit next time, Ella.

Doris Everett, Burnt Land.—That is right, glad to have you as a member. You must have had a nice time on your trip. Thanks for the wishes. Agatha De Grace, St. Ann's.—You are quite a clever little artist, Agatha. Dorothy Everett, City.—You tried hard to get the prize, Dorothy. Leva Matchett, Sunny Corner.—What a good writer you are, Leva. Yes, I am delighted to have you as a member. There is not much space for printing the letters now.

Marion Pearson, Cyrene.—Thanks very much for the picture, Marion. Only I wish it had been a little more clear, as I cannot print the one you sent in the paper. You seem to be enjoying the Corner. Beverly Macaulay, Grand Manan.—That must be a splendid fort, which you have made in the snow. You send me a picture of yourself, and also the snow fort.

Evelyn Goggin, Centre Millstream.—Yes, it must be very difficult to get to school, when a big snow storm is on. The picture was nicely colored.

Lewis Bussell, Mechanic Settlement.—What a clever little chap to be able to write me such a nice letter, and as for the colored picture, well, that was also splendid, considering your age. Chester Hall, L'Etang.—Yes, the letter and picture arrived in time. I am glad to hear that you liked the camera so much.

Carle A. Rigby, Hartland.—You need not bother as to your writing, as I get all kinds. That story was well done, and I expect to use same in the near future.

Ella May Knox, Sussex.—What a neat writer you are, Ella, and how well you have written the composition. Gladys Mae Lewis, Centreville.—I always look out for your letters, Gladys, and am pleased to have same. What kind of meetings are you having?

Ada R. V. Walton (no address given).—Remember to let me have this next time, Ada. You wrote a good composition, and sent in a nice picture.

Bert Anderson, Markhamville.—All right, only too pleased to have you as a member, and shall look for more of your contest entries and letters.

Francis Owen, Markhamville.—You also have a welcome to the Corner, and I hope you will soon be able to win one of the prizes.

Olive Greeman, Lord's Cove.—The picture was well colored, but I am not surprised that you ask the question as to the background. They were trees.

Muriel Murray Evans, 168 St. James Street.—Very pleased to have you as a member, and to hear that you will be writing me again soon, Muriel. Harold Brewster, Glasville.—I may be wrong, but I am almost certain that I answered your last letters, Harold. Just you look back and see. It all depends what your work is like as to whether you may win the prize or not. Besides even if you are not lucky, just look at the fun you have trying, eh?

Mildred Fiolotte, Durham Centre.—You should have joined before, when you have been reading the Corner for so long. Glad to have your nice letter.

Lois Alward, Havelock.—Yes, it certainly is, but now there is only one possible end. That was a good answer which you gave. Your papa must be quite clever, eh?

Myrna Viola Smith, Sussex.—No doubt you have been wondering where your prize was, but I have sent it off this week, and I expect you will have same as this, and that you like it.

Harry McMackin, Rothesay.—You wrote a very good story as to Lloyds, and much improved on your last composition. Eileen Dickinson, Charlottetown.—All right, Eileen. Only too pleased to have you as a member. I have entered your name on the membership roll. Douglas Code, 252 St. James Street.—What a neat writer you are Douglas. Very glad indeed to have you as a member of the Corner, and I trust you will continue to enjoy same, and write me often.

Helen Foshey, 45 Marsh Street.—You have been quite a clever nurse,

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Andover.....	4
Rolling Dam.....	3
Long Reach School.....	3
Wickham Public School.....	3
Lake School, Hatfield.....	2
Perth.....	2
Welchpool.....	2
Victoria School, City.....	1
Hammond Vale.....	1
Upper E'Etang.....	1
Fisher Mem., Woodstock.....	1

It goes always around While it's still in one place.

No corner or sides, But plenty of middle— What answer is yours For this curious riddle?

Take five away from half a leave an exclamation, Take fifty from a tool and leave the same;

Add fifty to a garden tool and find an excavation; Take fifty from a rod—a man of fame;

Add fifty more than once to us and have a place for water, Ten from a tool—an article you name;

Add fifty to a donkey small and get a little daughter, One hundred from some pupils leaves the same;

One hundred from some butter fat will leave a lot of paper, One thousand put to "sick" will grind your grains;

Add fifty when you clear your debt and then you cut a caper; Take one from me and naught of all remains!

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