

The Editor has special pleasure in announcing a series of papers, specially prepared for The Young Canadian, by Lieut. W. G. Stairs, R.E., on "Life in the great Forests of Central Africa," and "With the Rear Guard of the Emin Relief Expedition Across Africa."

Young Canadians will welcome with a peculiar pride the recital of these narratives, adventures and hardships of their distinguished fellow-countryman while with Mr. Stanley.

GOOD-NIGHT.

(From Theodor Körner.)

Good-night !

Rest ye weary from your pain.  
Silently the day is dying,  
Ended now your care and sighing  
Till the morning break again.

Good-night !

Rest awhile !

Let the weary eyelids close !  
Over all a stillness falleth—  
Hearken, 'tis the watchman calleth !  
Night hath solace for our woes.

Rest awhile !

Slumber now !

Dream a dream of happy meeting !  
Thou who art by love forsaken,  
Shalt in fancy re-awaken  
To the dearly loved one's greeting.

Slumber now !

Good-night !

Slumber till the break of dawn ;  
Slumber till you hear the warning  
Whispered by the breath of morning.  
God is watching ; slumber on !

Good-night !

GOWAN LEA.

YOUNG CANADIAN WILD FLOWER CLUB.

AMONG OUR WILD-FLOWERS.

And Nature, the old nurse, took  
The child upon her knee,  
Saying, " Here is a story-book  
Thy Father has written for thee."

" Come, wander with me," she said,  
" Into regions yet untrod,  
And read what is still unread  
In the manuscripts of God." —Longfellow.



THE TIN CASE.

PAPER II.

PRESSING.



OUR first paper described briefly how Wild Flowers were to be collected, the best kind of botanizing tin, and how to press them until they are dry. Just one word of caution now to the boys and girls starting.

Use plenty of paper, and change into dry papers every day for three or four days, then after every three days for a while, until you find the plants are dry.

We could only get time on Saturdays for a Wild Flower scamper, when, with a good breakfast before sunrise and a great big lunch, we would clear out into the woods for the whole day. O what jolly fun ! what a huge time we would have ! The boys who loaf around home on Saturdays don't half enjoy life, or the girls either.

MOUNTING.

Now, when your plants are dry, they must be neatly mounted and arranged in their proper places. A label must be bought like this one—

Ex Herb: Macoun's List, No. ....

Name .....

Eng: Name .....

Habitat .....

Coll: ..... Date .....