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with fourteen eggs, and in three weeks out peeped fifty-one little chicks. Five of the eggs were no good. I put each hen with her chickens into a coop made of slats with an oilcloth cover. The cover was pulled down only at night and when it rained. The chicks did fine, as I fed them chop when they were small and wheat when they got bigger, and watered them three times a day. But one day my little brother came running in saying the kitten had a chicken. And sure enough when I got out it had the chicken killed. I didn't let the kitten have it, though, and when I counted the chickens I found it had already eaten one. I lost no more chickens until the fall, but then a coyote stole four one night, and I only had forty-five left. I sold them for fifty cents a piece, and so I had \$22.50. Dad said I could have some more hens the next spring, so I saved out enough money to buy setting eggs and used the rest to buy Christmas presents. I bought useful ones and I feel very happy when I see they are some good.

Well, Cousin Doris, my name is Doris, too, only I'd rather you'd only print my pen name, although it doesn't matter if it is against the rules. I wish you and the "Young Folks" best wishes and will sign myself,

"Mazel Dundee."

Fiske, Sask., May 6th, 1918.

Dear Cousin Doris:—As I am a reader of Our Young Folks' department, I thought I would write and tell you that I like it very much. As we always have a garden at home I help my mother with it. First, papa plowed the soil and then harrowed it. After that we planted the corn. We have had corn ever since I can remember, but last year as it was dry we did not have a very good crop.

About the middle of April we planted the corn in a box and kept it in the house until about the 19th of May. The corn was kept in a warm place and as I watered it often, it grew very fast. I then helped to transplant the corn outside. First, I dug a hole and then I put water in it. Then we put three plants in the water and then filled the hole up with dirt, so it would not check the growth of the plant. Every week I raked the soil, so as to hold the moisture and not let it dry out. In this way we always have had early corn. I am eleven years old, and in the seventh grade at school. I can also do everything along the cooking line but to make bread.

As my letter is getting long, I think I will close, wishing the Club every success.

Agnes M. Dushabik.

Camrose, Alta., R.R. 1, box 15,

May 23rd, 1918.

Dear Cousin Doris:—Well, I am not a member of your interesting club, but I read in your book that \$2.00 was given for the best letter issued by a boy or girl, so I thought I would try my luck. I love to read the letters in the Children's Corner very much.

I am a farmer's daughter, and I have lived on the same farm in all my life. We live eight miles east of town. We have a 10-20 Mogul tractor and a Ford car. We are pretty near done with all the seeding. My brother has done all the plowing and he is going out breaking this summer.

We have seven horses and about twenty-two head of cattle. We milk eight cows. We have one ram, two ewes and three lambs. The ram always follows the cattle. We have lots of fun riding on him. My school chums like to come over and have a ride on him. We have about thirty hens, two ducks, three geese and three turkeys. We have two incubators setting. We have eighty-four chickens and six small ducks.

My youngest sister and I have a cow and a calf together. We call the cow Dolly and her calf Lilly. My sister has a trotter colt about a year old. She calls her Nancy. She isn't much of a trotter now because she was caught in a wire fence and got one of her front feet and one of her hind feet badly cut. I have a little pig named Patsy. Dad gave all of us children one each. We have twenty-three little pigs.

We planted all our garden this year. I only planted marigolds and zinnias this year. Last year I had quite a big garden. I planted sweet peas, nasturtiums, candytufts, Alyssum and peas, turnips and mangolds. I think it's lots of fun to have a garden. We have also planted a little garden at school. I go to school and I am in grade six. We have about two miles to go to school. I have two sisters and one brother. There are fourteen children going to our school. There are seven girls and seven boys. Our teacher's name is Mr. Hardy.

How many girls like to crochet? I think it is a lot of fun.

Well, my letter is getting too long, so I must quit, hoping the Club every success, from

Edith Nyback.

**BOYS' PRIZE LETTER**

(Send us some pictures, Jack)

McGee, Sask.

May 27th, 1918.

Dear Cousin Doris:—I was very glad to see the Young People's Corner back again in The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer and to see the offer of \$2.00 in it, so I am going to try for it.

I live on a farm and ride a bicycle to school, which is two and one-half miles away.

My father said this spring I could sow all our garden this year, so I selected a lot of seeds early and when the snow melted I tilled the garden until it was soft and level. Then I sowed the seeds as directed on the packets. First, I sowed peas, lettuce, turnips, early beets, carrots and parsnips and radishes. Then, after danger of frost was over, I planted a second sowing of above and corn, beans, cabbage, etc., etc.

I covered onions, lettuce, carrots, radishes, parsley, etc., about a half inch deep and covered beans, peas, corn, etc., about two inches.

Some seeds came up ahead of others and when they came up I hoed them and kept them free from weeds and from gophers, hens and cattle.

I sowed every kind of seeds that grow well in the West and I think if the weather is nice we will have a good garden. I also sowed a big bed of assorted flowers. I sowed sweet peas, carnations, asters, marigold, poppy, mignonette and forget-me-nots.

If I have a good garden I will send some vegetables and flowers to the school fair at Rosetown this year.

Last fall at the school fair at Rosetown, McGee carried away nearly all the prizes in sports, competing against fifty-two other towns.

I have a nice pony but this spring my father was driving him to town and my mother and sister were in the buggy too when the pony got frightened and ran away, and he sure ran fast. My father couldn't pull him up and after two or three narrow escapes from upsetting the buggy, my father pulled the horse into a soft piece of summerfallow where he slowed up and finally stopped and started kicking, but mamma jumped out and held the horse by the head until he got quiet.

I have not driven him since, but I ride him.

We had a poor crop last year, but hope to have a good one this year. I helped in harvesting and threshing last year, and I also made some money hauling grain for other people. I am going to stay home from school this fall and help all I can in harvesting and threshing as I have signed an S.O.S. card. I think every boy should help do something to win the war, and if the war lasts that long to go ourselves to the front.

We came out to Canada from Ireland eight years ago, and after spending a while in Winnipeg, moved West to our farm here. I have two uncles at the front—one had his fingers shot off and the other is OK yet.

Our dog eats eggs and the only cure for it is to take the eggs away from him. I tried heating an egg and leaving it for him but he wouldn't touch it and I beat him, but he would still eat them.

My brother has a camera and has taken quite a lot of pictures but is out of them now. Maybe, he will have some developed when I write again and I will enclose a couple.

I will now make room for someone else, hoping I may be lucky. Your loving friend, Jack Large.

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