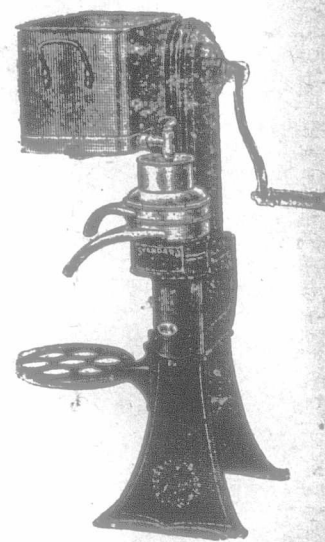
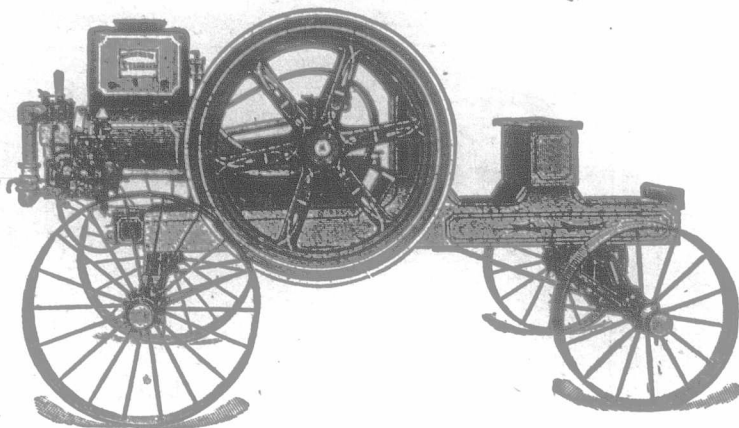
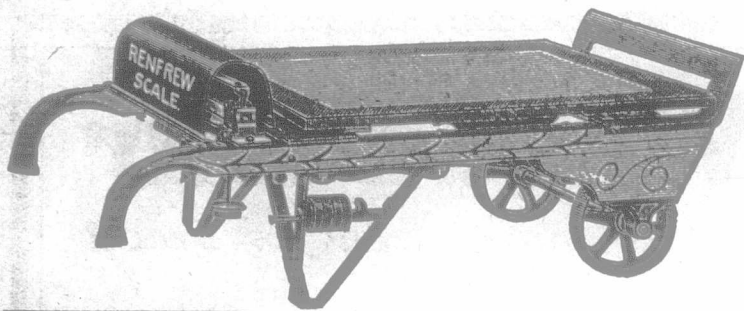




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you will remember, took their subject very seriously. But the boys,—not so! Practically they would have nothing to do with so trivial a subject as "Girls." All but four held up their noses superciliously and passed by on the other side, and the four who did condescend treated the matter, for the most part, jocularly. Evidently girls are a great joke to boys.

But, to become serious, as only four letters were received, these four must take first place. They were written by Roy Pierce, Renfrew Co., Ont.; Howard Jamieson, Northumberland Co., Ont.; Douglas Cleghorn, Wellington Co., Ont.; Russel Day, Simcoe Co., Ont.

GIRLS.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—The true, sympathetic and affectionate girl remembers to do her share in making home a model of happiness, not taking everything as a matter of course, but giving an abundance of love and sympathy in return for all that is done for her. Her heart tells her that she never can do enough for her mother, and that it is a privilege and pleasure to be able to do all in her power for one who is so dear. She values her mother's approval and knows that never in all the world

will she find so true, so unselfish, so loving a friend as her own mother.

Some girls are more like a greyhound around the waist than a human being because they lace so tight. It is generally this kind of a girl that paints her face and frizzles her hair. Then there are some girls that if they had a freckle on their nose would not stop short of taking a knife to cut it off. Other girls are very particular about their hands, and if they get tanned they buy powders and creams that cost a small fortune in themselves. There are some girls that are always trying to reduce their flesh, and will even drink a pint of vinegar every day and such things.

The best kind of a girl for the farm is one that will dress in homespun or dress in something that will wear and not a stylish dress. She does not care what kind of feet she has as long as she can make use of them. A farmer's girl should know as much about the farm implements and horses as the farm boy, and she should be allowed to help her father outdoors as well as her mother indoors.

Eganville, Ont. ROY K. PIERCE,
R R No 1. (Age 13, Bk. V.)

GIRLS.

Girls are violets in the garden of life.

Large numbers of them are to be seen under sunshades in summer. If one takes great caution they can be approached with safety, but there should always be two feet ten inches between you and them. They carry lassoes by which they catch boys, and after they catch you they shut you up in a round dungeon called, "the domestic circle."

Girls are to life what the oases are to the Sahara, the spot on which the eye loves to dwell; I mean girls are always kind to children and fondle them when you are by. When they are spoken to they look away and bend their necks. This often makes strong boys weak in the legs, and so queer in the head that they fall on their knees and repeat queer things they have heard in novels. The voices of girls are like the songs of larks in May; they seem to tell us news that is wonderful. Girls talk and sigh a great deal and like to walk under the moon, which is unwholesome.

Girls eat and drink everything like attar of roses and pots of cold cream; they go to parties and dances until nine o'clock in the morning; they keep albums, and always ask you for your picture. Girls have two tempers; one may be observed when they walk in the public promenades, and the other when they throw knives and forks at the

heads of their brothers and sisters.

Girls are like the sweet cool morning, full of promise. Girls when they wear rings on their first fingers become very quiet. They buy a lot of things at milliners; and their hearts grow so open that they fall to pitying all other girls. At this time they are often studying a kind of catechism in which the words "I do" occur very often. This makes them melancholy. They seldom go out; but occupy themselves in packing up trunks, burning letters, and trying on dresses. They get married and they live happy ever after.

HOWARD JAMIESON,
Camborne, Ont. (Age 15.)

GIRLS.

Having noticed the new competition I thought I would try and write a few lines to give my opinion on the subject. To begin with, girls are the feminine of boys, and are descended from Eve. Some have the same curiosity as she had, and often lead young men into temptation just as she did.

There are two or three distinct classes of girls. First the society class who are doing nothing all day, but dressing for this, and dressing for that, and going to the theatre at night, doing the

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