

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### TWO YEARS OUT FROM ENGLAND.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I like to read the letters in the Children's Corner of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE which my father has taken for two years. I came from England two years ago and am eight years old. I have four brothers and two sisters. My youngest sister is nearly five months old. I go to school, and am in the third book. My eldest sister is also going to school. She is ten years old. At Christmas I had two dolls, some money, a pen and writing book, a bag of candy and a cup and saucer. We miss the fruit very much since we came from England. Father has planted a few trees. I hope they will grow. The wild flowers in Canada are very pretty, but the violets do not smell sweet.

Alta. (a) ETHEL MARY HEMUS.

### CLEVER BOYS AND GIRLS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have one brother and two sisters younger than myself. We did not go to school last winter, as we had so far to go, and it was so cold and stormy. Papa bought a pony for us to ride and drive with. We can all ride. I ride sideways and enjoy it very much. We live on a farm, and like every farmer's child, we do the milking, which I don't think anybody likes very much. Last summer we milked seventeen cows, and this summer about twenty. Papa keeps a hired man and he helps to milk.

This summer I intend having a flower garden. Flowers are so grand, especially sweet peas. Mother has some bulbs called Iris blooming in the house. Some have purple flowers and some a waxen white flower. It is a very showy plant.

My brother and I are taking lessons on the piano and like it very much. My sisters are going to start when my brother stops. He is going to learn on the violin and he likes it better. We are also going to take painting and drawing lessons. I noticed a lot of girls say they are going to be teachers. Well I am not going to be a teacher, but am going to be a stenographer. I don't think I should like to be a teacher, and as I have my choice I will take what I like best. I am a bookworm, but have no favorite author particularly. If I were to have my choice I would take L. M. Alcott's books.

Your Country Cousin,  
Manitoba. (a) GYPSY. (12)

### BUILT A POULTRY HOUSE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I hope you are well. My father is a farmer and he has got four horses, four cows and three calves, a pig and some hens. He has had your paper every week for twenty-five years. I have a little lame lamb and I do love him so much. I went to Vancouver and stayed with my uncle. I made a fine chicken house for him all by myself and he kept a lot of chickens in it. My two little brothers and my sister call the FARMER'S ADVOCATE the "Cow Paper." I did once, but now I can say its right name. I have a garden and have some strawberries in it and they are almost ripe. I am nine years old. We have school every day, I must stop now. I will write again some day.

B. C. (a) ROLAND BARLEE. (9)

### A GOOD SADDLE HORSE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As I saw lots of other boys of my own age writing to this Corner, I thought I would like to write a letter too. I am eight years old, and I have a little pony four years old. We call her Nell, and I go for the cows every night on her back. She is a pretty good saddle horse, too. I guess all the boys and girls will be glad that summer is here at last. There are lots of violets and strawberry blossoms out already.

I have five sisters and one brother. My youngest sister, Mabel, cut her thumb nearly in two the other day, but it is healing up now. Wishing the Children's Corner success I will close.

Man. (a) PERCIVAL MUNROE (8)

### HELPS MOTHER ON SATURDAY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I enjoy reading the Children's Corner and I thought I would write to you, too. My father has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a number of years. I help mother on Saturday. Papa has twenty head of cattle, thirteen head of horses, thirty-five pigs, and half a section of land. I am in the third book at school and in part three in the spelling book.

Man. (c) NANNIE GRIFFITH.

### SISTER'S LETTER WAS PRINTED.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Papa has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and I like to read the Children's Corner very much. I have three brothers and four sisters. Papa has twenty head of cattle and mamma has ninety-three chickens. I am in the part one speller, and in the first year. I am in the second reader. My sister wrote in the winter time and her letter did not come out in print.

Man. (b) WILLIAM R. GRIFFITH. (7)

### AN INTERESTING SCHOOL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have never written any letters to the ADVOCATE before. Papa has an incubator and he put a hundred and eighty-eight eggs in and only two eggs had germs in.

Our teacher's name is Miss McA— and we all like her very well. There are seven children going to school. We have an organ at school and our teacher can play on it. We have two cows, one horse and one calf. We have two dogs whose names are Jip and Sandy. We live in Malakwa and the nearest town is Revelstoke and that is thirty-three miles from here. We have a flower calendar, a bird calendar and a bird nest calendar at school.

SARAH GERTRUDE BAYNES. (10)  
British Columbia. (a)

### WEAK EYES.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Corner. Papa has taken the ADVOCATE four years. I live on a farm. We have seventeen horses, thirty-two cattle, lots of pigs and fowl. I have a pair of bantams and a pony whose name is Mag. I have only gone to school for about four months. I cannot go any more for a year on account of my eyes.

Man. (b) HILDA C. TALLIS. (8)

### A VALUABLE PAPER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As I have seen a few boys I knew writing, I thought I would write too. We have taken the ADVOCATE for a long time and we think it is a very valuable paper. We have eight working horses, and I have a pony called Queenie. We have about twenty head of cattle. I guess I will give some others some room. I hope this letter will not find its way to the waste paper basket.

Man. (c) WESLEY SCALES. (13)

### FUNNY LITTLE KITTENS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We moved into Canada this spring. We have two little kittens and when they are running on the floor it sounds as if they have boots on. I have one brother and one little sister. We have one dog, fourteen little pigs and five big pigs.

Sask. (c) VIOLA WILSON. (8)

### A BUSY DAUGHTER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This winter my father had no help, so I had to do a lot of outside work. I had to take the cattle down to the creek for water, and had to help cut wood. I learned to skate last winter and can skate a little. We milk three cows. Our school was closed for a long time last winter. I go to school when the roads are not too bad, but we have to go three miles to school. Our teacher's name is Miss A. Y—and I like her very well. I started to take music lessons this winter. My sister is writing to you as well as I. She doesn't want me to get ahead of her. My last letter was so short that I was ashamed of it, so I am going to try to make this one longer.

Man. (b) MARJORY STEWART.

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