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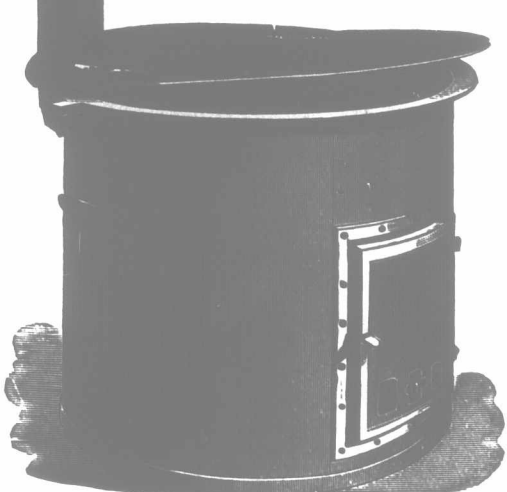
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Children's Corner.

The Letter Box.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—It has been quite a while since I wrote my last letter. My birthday is on the 25th of October. I went to see my great-grandmother; she is ninety-one years old. She can piece lovely quilts. When she was eighty-nine, she made a silk quilt. My brother is waiting eagerly for the snow to come so he can skate and sleigh-ride. We have a large snow bank nearly every year to sleigh-ride on. I wonder how many little children are waiting for Christmas to come. I am sure there are lots disappointed that they do not have any Christmas. Would it not be nice if we would all share alike with them? There would be a lot more happy hearts on Christmas Day. Well, Cousin Dorothy, I often thought I would like to see you. I think it would be nice if you would have your picture in "The Farmer's Advocate," so all the cousins could see you. I close with some riddles:

When is coffee like the earth? Ans.—When it is ground.

What is full of holes, yet holds water? Ans.—A sponge.

I close with best wishes to "The Farmer's Advocate."

MARGARET MERRITT (age 11).
Beamsville, Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to "The Farmer's Advocate." I live on a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. We have two cows to milk; their names are Rosy and Jersey. I attend the Floradale Evangelical Sunday-school. Mr. Joseph Ott is our superintendent, and Mr. Nicholas Hoffer is my teacher. There are three in my class. All the classes are German but one. For pets, I have four cats; one is white, two are black and white spotted, and the other is gray. I have only one sister, and no brothers. My sister's name is Gertrude; she is four years old. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for about five or six years. I like very much to read the Children's Corner. I am in the Fourth Book at school. I love my teacher very much. I am a post-card collector, and I have sixteen post cards now. I hope this letter will not see the waste-basket.

FLORENCE SNYDER (age 11).
Floradale, Ont.

P. S.—I will give you some riddles:

1. What is the quickest way to make a lean man fat? Ans.—Throw him out of the window and he'll come down plump.

2. When is a man said to take his breakfast before he gets up? Ans.—When he takes a roll in bed.

3. What goes through the bush and through the bush, and never touches the bush? Ans.—A watch in a man's pocket.

4. What starts at the root and grows down? Ans.—An icicle and a cow's tail.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—As I have never written in the Children's Corner before, I thought I would write now, as I have taken great interest in it. We have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for I don't know how many years, and like it very much. I have only a little piece to go to school, and am in the Fourth Book. I like study very well. I had a nice flower garden this summer, and liked to take care of it. We live on a farm of one hundred and ten acres. We have eleven cows, and give our milk to the cheese factory, which is built on the farm. I have two brothers and three sisters; their names are Jimmie, Willie, Tessie, Lena and Lizzie. Jimmie, my eldest brother, is a locomotive fireman in Fort William. I was ill with typhoid fever during my vacation. As this is the first time I have written, I hope it will not go to the waste-basket. I will close, wishing "The Farmer's Advocate" every success.

LOUISA DUFFY (age 10).
Fardley, Que.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is the first time I ever wrote to the Children's Corner. I am a little boy, eight years old. I have a little brother, two years old; his name is Walter Dean; and one little sister, five months old; her name is Orian Fern. Our big brick house was burnt down last June. We have lived in

the driving shed since, and for the winter we think we will live in part of our auntie's house. Good-bye. From—
MURRAY PIPHER (age 8).
Lemonville.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I am going to write for the first time. We have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for about nine years, and think it is a fine paper. I enjoy reading the letters in the Children's Corner, but I have not taken the time to write till now. We live in the beautiful district of Muskoka. It is lovely here. It is the nicest country I have ever lived in. There is a river near our place called the Black River. We go along the river to school. We have about one mile to go to school. There are lots of deer, rabbits, porcupines, partridges, etc. There has been an odd wild-cat and bear seen here, but there are not many. I am in the Fourth Reader at school. I am thirteen years old. My birthday was on the nineteenth of October. Our post office and store is about a quarter of a mile from our place, and our town, 25 miles. I will close with some riddles:

Q. Why is a cat on her hind legs like a water-fall? A. She is cat erect (cataract).

Q. What part of the face resembles a schoolmaster? A. The eyelid, because it always has a pupil under the lash.

Q. Why is a good husband like dough? A. Because a woman needs him.

Q. What was it a blind man took at breakfast? A. He took a cup and saw, sir (saucer).

Wishing the editor and Children's Corner success.

CHARLOTTE A. ROBSON
Vankoughnet, Ont.

TRUE WESTERN DESPATCH.

In some parts of the West, no time is lost in the process of "giving in marriage." A couple once came before the Justice of the Peace, when, according to Lippincott's, the following ensued:

"Link," he said. They joined hands.

"Have him?" (to the woman).

"Yep!"

"Have her?" (to the man).

"Yes."

"Married! Two dollars."

KNEW HIM WELL.

"When you go to New Zealand, I wish you would inquire after my great-grandfather, Jeremiah Thompson."

"Certainly," said the traveller, and wherever he went he asked for news of the ancestor, but without avail.

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"Did you ever meet with an Englishman named Jeremiah Thompson?" he asked.

A smile passed over the Maori's face. "Meet him?" he repeated. "Why, I ate him!"

Two shipwrights, one day busy in the yard, came across a piece of timber with a flaw in it. A worm had begun to eat into it, and one of the men said, "Don't use it; it is not sound." "Oh, yes," replied the other, "that does not matter." And so the piece was duly placed in position on the ship's side. Years after, the ship struck on a small reef of rock, and soon sprang a leak. Despite every effort the craft became a wreck. Upon examination it was found that the faulty piece not rejected years ago, was the cause of the rot spreading to other parts of the vessel. How like the little flaw in character that causes the wreck of a life!—[Ram's Horn.

In a certain school district one of the trustees was a crank on the subject of fire, and when he visited a school with examining inspectors he always confined his remarks to a question addressed to the pupils as to what they would do in case the building caught fire. Knowing this little peculiarity, the master had coached his pupils as to the answer which they should give. When the visitor called, however, he simply said to them: "You boys and girls have listened so attentively to your master's remarks that I wonder what you would do if I were to make you a little speech?"

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