



NOTICE

I am going to ask the members of the Western Wigwam not to write any more letters until April. If you could just see the stacks of letters that are waiting to go in the paper as soon as we have space, you would not be surprised at my request. If you want a button very much, send in a stamped addressed envelope for it but not a letter to be printed.

Cousin Dorothy.

ABOUT THE DRAWINGS

Several drawings done by Western Wigwam members have come in during the past week, but I'm afraid none of them are going to appear. Cousin Wild Daisy sent a very good drawing, but the subject is not very interesting.



THE PET LAMB

I would like her to try something else and also send the story she spoke about. Chief Akkomi and Cowgirl Estelle chose excellent subjects, but the drawings look as if they had rushed the work too much, and they could both do better if they worked more slowly. Helen Campbell and Alice Cooper made good drawings of good subjects but—they both used pencil. Now, it is impossible to make a cut of any picture that is not done with BLACK INK. Please remember that. Another thing—do not write all round your drawing. Put your name or initials in small neat letters in ink somewhere on it, but any other writing is a disfigurement. I hope you will not think I am "cranky" and too particular. I only want to help you to do things right; and that is the way you want to do them isn't it? I know the plucky artists will try again.

COUSIN DOROTHY.

AN ALBERTA HAIL STORM

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is the first time I have written to the Farmer's Advocate since the corner has been called Western Wigwam. I am sending a two cent stamp; will you please send me a button? It has been pretty cold here; it has been down as low as twenty-four below zero. I like the idea of having pen names. I will give a description of a hail storm that I was in last summer: One Sunday last August when church let out at three o'clock, we saw a storm was floating in our direction. We all got into the buggy as quickly as possible and started for home. When we were about a mile from home, the first stones began to fall. A few of them hit the horse and he thought that we wanted him to go faster. The hail began to fall quite fast, and to hit us on the head so my little sister got down under the slicker. The hail stones were not very large here, but were as large as hen eggs three miles east of

here. The crops were pounded right into the ground. They didn't get any feed at all. In Lacombe there wasn't a window light left on the west side of all the houses.

Alta. (a)

Tonti.

IT SKIPPED

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father has taken the Farmer's Advocate nearly a year and we like the paper very well. I am interested in reading the club letters. We have four hundred and eighty acres of land, six horses, three cows, one dog named Guess, and four cats. We moved out here three years ago. There was no railway here then, but now the railway goes close by the house. I like to see the train when it goes by. We live two and a half miles from town. I am thirteen years old and am in grade five at school. I have taken music lessons on the organ and I can play quite a few songs. I used to ride horse back over to where I took music lessons.

I am sending a two cent stamp for a button, and hope my letter will skip the waste paper basket.

Sask. (a)

Arthur J. Wendt.

COLD AND SNOWY

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I read the letters every week but did not have enough courage to write before. My father has taken the Farmer's Advocate for several years, and thinks it is a fine paper. I live on a farm and walk a mile to school. It is very cold now and there is a lot of snow. I am in grade VIII and my studies are reading, grammar, arithmetic, geography, composition, spelling, music and drawing.

I enclose a two cent stamp and I wish to get a button. Wishing your club every success,

Blue Bird.

ONCE IN THREE YEARS

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Perhaps you will have forgotten me; it is so long since I wrote before. It was The Children's Corner then. We have lots of snow and cold weather here. I am in grade four and like going to school well. We had a good concert and basket social at our school. It was got up for an organ. We had a lovely time. It was a cold night but all the same there was a good crowd and we made about seventy dollars. Some of the baskets went pretty high. The highest went to six dollars. That girl ought to be pretty pleased, seeing it brought so much money. Wouldn't you, Cousin Dorothy? We had a tip out of the sleigh coming home. I would like to have a button, please, and I am sending a two cent stamp for it. The last time I wrote I was six years old and now I am nine.

Sask. (a)

White Heather.

A VERY SHORT LETTER

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father takes the Advocate and likes it real well. We live nine and a half miles from town but we have the telephone. As this is my first letter to the Wigwam I should like to have you send me a button.

Sask. (a)

Arthur Lindberg.

BABY IS HARD ON THE ADVOCATE

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—It is a long time since I wrote to you. I would have written sooner only I didn't

have time. My little baby brother is walking pretty good now. He likes to get the Farmer's Advocate and take the back off it. It is very cold to-day. I have two aunts in the old country at Hattfield House, and mamma got a letter from one of them saying that the King and Queen and Princess visited there this summer, and the King spoke to my auntie and the Queen and Princess also spoke to her. The Queen gave her a nice brooch. I am very sorry that one of our members is dead. I was eleven on the 23rd of October and I am four foot four and a half inches tall. I have a pony called Barny. I can ride horse back on him and drive him in the buggy. I like riding horse back and I can ride pretty good. I lost my button, Cousin Dorothy, and I am sending five cents for another one. I would like correspondence with either boy or girl.

Man. (a)

Prairie Flower.

GOOD HORSES

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have never written to your club before, but thought I would like to join as my school mate has a button and I would like to have one too. The snow is lying thick on the ground now. It

is fine sleighing. We have a farm two miles from town. We have a house in town too. We lived on the farm in summer but we have moved back to town for the winter, but as we like farm life better than town life we intend going back in the spring to stay there. I can ride horseback, hitch and unhitch a horse. My father has twenty horses counting the colts. I have one of my own and I have mine in town with me just at present. We showed seven horses at the Killarney fair in 1909 and got six firsts and one second. They are building a new town hall in our town, but it is not quite finished yet. It costs about \$13,000.

Man. (a)

Bleeding Heart.

A DOLLY NAMED LILLY

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to your club. I live on a farm and I like it very much. I go to school in the summer time. I am nine years old and I am in the third grade. I have one sister and two brothers, I have got a little dolly and her name is Lilly. We have seventeen horses and twenty-seven head of cattle. I would like to have a button, too.

Sask. (a)

Jennie Shearer.

THE BOYS' CLUB

This club was formed in the interests of boys from twelve to twenty years. All are welcome. Address the Editor Boys' Club, Farmer's Advocate, Winnipeg, Man.

SOME TRAPPING HINTS

Editor Boys' Club:—I certainly am going to be interested in the new Boys' Club. I will help all I can to make a success of it, which I know we can if we work all together. Just let us work!

As I am born in Canada I will not be able to tell you much about Iceland, but if you like I will tell you what my parents have told me about it.

I enjoy hunting and trapping very much, and I often go out hunting. I have three wolf traps, but I have not set them yet, because the weather is so warm that the wolves are hard to trap, as they do not have to hunt much for their food. I also have seven muskrat traps. I will tell you how I set my traps for skunks, badgers and burrowing animals. First is to get the traps. A No. 2 or 3 should be used for skunks and badgers. The smaller traps miss the animals frequently, which makes them very hard to trap. They have their holes often around vacant houses. I make a bed just to fit the trap, then put some wool or cotton under the pan of trap, or put the trap in a paper bag. This is to keep the dirt from clogging under the pan. Then cover the trap well with dirt.

very necessary for these animals. Attend to your traps every day, and it is best to shoot the catch in the traps. Be sure to hit them always in the head.

I think it would be nice if the boys would send a description of some bird or animal that they know well about.

I could tell you how to make traps and articles, but my letter is getting so long that I can't do it now, or you would soon get tired of this. Wishing the club every success and hoping we can make it a great success, I am your ambitious member.

JOHN H. DAVIDSON.

(Yours is the sort of spirit that is bound to make a success of things. Your letter is so cheerful as well as helpful, that the editor is encouraged and hopes that more of the boys will follow your example. Some of our members will be especially glad to learn more about trapping, as they have already been asking questions on that subject. We would like to hear what you know about Iceland, even if it is second-hand information."—Editor.)

INFORMATION WANTED

Editor Boys' Club:—I am much interested in getting up a "Boys' Club," as there are many things boys would



A BACHELOR'S PARLOR IN TREGARVA, SASK.

I always make my traps for these animals solid, and drive the pole level with the ground and cover it and chain well, to leave everything as natural as possible. Never be in too much of a hurry. "Haste makes waste." Do everything carefully. It is also well to boil your traps in strong leaves or bark to kill the scent of steel; but it is not

like to know, as well as grown up people. I here state a few things I would like to know:

1. Show how farming is an independent life.
2. What animal is the most profitable on a farm?
3. Why is farming looked upon as a low occupation?