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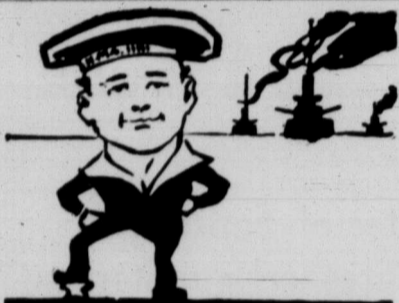
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BY DIXIE PATTON

## THE WEATHER MAN'S WAYS

You have often heard the oldtimers talk, no doubt, about the wonderful knowledge the Indians possess of the weather man's moods and intentions. You see it is this way: The Indian has always lived out of doors and his work or play has always been affected by the weather's behavior, so he has learned to watch every cloud, and to put a meaning into every shift of the wind. He cannot tell for very certain what is going to happen, of course, for the weather man has an untold number of surprise packets which he sends us from time to time, but he knows more about the weather than most folk.

Now I do not expect you to know as much about these things as the Indian, but I do assure you that if you take to studying the clouds and the sunsets and the winds you will be surprised to find out how often Nature repeats herself. Anyway clouds are such queer and beautiful things to watch that you will never find this game tiresome.

DIXIE PATTON.

## TO BE A SOLDIER IN INDIA

I want to join the Young Canada Club, and as I have to write a story to do so, I would write about my life. I would like to be a British soldier. I would take a course of training at the Sandhurst Military college and leave there a lieutenant. Then I would like to be drafted out to a station in Northern India among the hillmen tribes. We would start on a transport at Southampton, and come down by the Bay of Biscay, then around by Portugal. We would stay at Gibraltar for about two days and have quite a few drills on the ship while we stayed there. We would stop at Malta for a while. While we were stopped the people would come out and sell us Turkish delight and we would throw coins into the water and they would dive and bring them up in their mouths. When we got enough coal at Malta we would go to Aden. Aden is a small coaling station at the entrance of the Red Sea. We would not stay at Aden very long. We would steam across the Arabian Sea to Bombay. Then enroute at Bombay to a station at the foot of the hills.

MURRAY McLELLAN, Age 11.  
Bradwardine P.O., Man.

## MY IDEA OF A HAPPY LIFE

When I am a man I would like to own and run a farm. I would prefer this because I consider it the most healthful way of living, and also because a person is happier when employed than when idle.

I would go in for mixed farming, and employ two or three men all the time. To get the best results, I would have only pure-bred stock, down to the hens. My land would be kept clear of weeds, and the farm would be situated near some flourishing town in the golden west, because I would wish to have every advantage for my family.

I would like to have a concrete walk to the barn, which every up-to-date farmer should have.

The house would be a large, comfortable one, fitted with all modern improvements, telephone, water system and electric lights. I would like it to be surrounded by trees, with a beautiful green lawn in front. On the east and south sides of the house it would have a verandah, and above the veranda on the south side a balcony.

The cellar would be of concrete and fitted with a furnace. At the back of the house I would like a conservatory, wherein would be grown flowers common to our land and also those which grow in warmer climates. I would like to have a jovial, good-looking and obedient family living in the house, also

a neat, intelligent and cheerful wife. I would also keep a room just on purpose for my parents, as I would like them to visit me often.

My spare time would be spent in travelling, hunting, fishing, motoring, and bathing, when possible.

In my travels I would wish to see Europe, Africa, Asia and South America, besides our own continent.

I would, if possible, live near a river, and some days when I wanted to be perfectly idle, I would go out in a motor launch (which I would, of course, own) and sit comfortably back on the cushions while I read newspapers and magazines, among them The Grain Growers' Guide, the farmers' best friend, which I hope, even at that time, will have our interesting page.

So few dreams of the future come true that I do not expect all of this one to be realized.

SYDNEY R. HICKS, Age 13.  
Rossetti, Sask.

## A PERFECTLY HAPPY LIFE

I would like to go to school as long as possible, and then go to live with grandmother in the fruit district in Ontario, as I think I would enjoy picking and eating strawberries and other fruit. I would like to go to picnics, and to the stores to make purchases for mother and grandmother.

After a few years I would like to go to the Scilly Isles, Cornwall, England, with my mother, father, my brother and sisters. We would keep large flower gardens, from which we would supply the flower markets of London and other cities. It would be so nice to live near the sea and watch the boats passing.

We would enjoy the flowers so much. I would always stay at home and help mother and father.

GRACE MOTT, Age 12.  
Glenada, Sask.

## A GIRL'S WISH

When I am a woman I would like to be a teacher and I would like to have a big school with a lot of children to teach. I like little children best.

The house I would like to board in when I am teaching would be a cottage painted a cream color, trimmed with green, having beautiful grounds with lovely flowers such as pansies and sweet peas. I would also like it to have lovely oak and maple trees.

I would like them to have a little baby at their house, for I love babies. In the inside I would like there to be nice curtains with red roses on them, and nicely draped over the windows, and would like there to be linoleum on the floor.

I would like my bedroom to be nice and to have a wash-stand and a bureau with a big long looking-glass, so that I could see all myself at once.

When I am a teacher I would like to have a first class or a second class certificate so as to teach a lifetime and earn lots of money. I would not keep it all myself, but share it with my mother and father and relations if they are living.

Of course, I would not sit down all the time. I would be making things for the Ladies' Aid if there is anything to do and if they have a Ladies' Aid. I would also teach my children games and help to make them happy. I would also take a sun-bath every day if there is any sun.

I would like to live in the country about a mile from the town, and have a house painted white and trimmed with red, with a veranda and a bay-window on it. Downstairs I would like to have a kitchen, diningroom, parlor and bedroom. Upstairs I would like to have three or four bedrooms and a hall.

WILHELMINA MARTIN, Age 11.  
Shoal Lake, Man.

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