

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

It is a matter of regret that although a number of entries were received during the month of March that in no instance was the condition that one new subscriber be enclosed carried out, although several stated that subscription would follow. They did not arrive before the contest closed (March 31st) therefore the splendid camera complete with one film and valued at \$6.00 remains unawarded. I have decided to give you further opportunity of competing for this valuable prize by extending the closing date for one month more. In other words to the boy or girl who sends in the best drawing of his or her own left hand before April 30th, accompanied by one new subscription to the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW for one year, will be awarded the above mentioned camera.

Now, kiddies, let me see what clever artists there are among the schools of Eastern Canada, and remember that your name, address, teacher's name and that of your school must be written clearly at the bottom of the paper.

It has been most interesting to receive so many letters from you telling of the pleasure you are deriving from the special "Children's Page," and I trust that as new features are added more enjoyment and instruction will follow. I know that quite a number of you are able to write short stories, poetry, etc., and these I am always pleased to receive. Another thing you might do is to send pictures of yourselves, then later on I may perhaps surprise you by publishing the same in the "Children's Hour."

This letter is getting quite long, so I will close hoping that you will continue to write to

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P. S.—Just before going to press, several new subscriptions have been received from pupils whose entries were already sent in. These will be taken into consideration during the judging at end of month.

SHOOTING FISH IN GUIANA.

Although the Guiana Indians all use guns for hunting game, they still adhere to bows and arrows for killing fish, and employ blow-guns and *wourali*—poisoned darts—for securing birds and small animals. The bows are usually of letter-wood, about five feet in length, and very powerful. The arrows vary according to the purpose for which they are designed, but all are long—from five to six feet—with shafts of arrow-cane and a shank of hardwood fitted at one end. This piece is tipped by a steel point or head which is fixed immovably if the arrow is for shooting birds or small fish; or, if used for killing turtle and large fish, is equipped with a socketed head, attached to a long, strong, cotton line. When a large fish is struck, the shaft floats free from the socketed head, which acts as a toggle, and turns at right angles when a strain is put on the line. By means of this

harpoon-like arrangement the fish or turtle is hauled in. Neither fish nor turtle arrows are feathered, but those used in hunting birds are provided with two feathers which seem far too small to serve any useful purpose. With these simple weapons the Indians creep along the rocky edges of the streams and eddies and with marvelous dexterity shoot the fish which only their hawklike eyes can discern deep beneath the surface. Naked, save for a *lap*, or loin-cloth, the hunter stands motionless as a statue, with drawn bow and poised arrow, and, if no fish are visible within range, he "calls them" by a peculiar beckoning motion of his hand and a low whistle. Whether or not the fish actually respond to this command I cannot say, but the Indians affirm that they do, and, when this method fails, the savages resort to attracting the fish within range by throwing certain pods and seeds into the water.—A. Hyatt Verrill in *Harper's Magazine*.