

## The Beaver Circle.

[All children in second part and second books, will write for the Junior Beavers' Department. Those in third and fourth books, also those who have left school, or are in High School, between the ages of 11 and 15, inclusive, will write for Senior Beavers'. Kindly state book at school, or age, if you have left school, in each letter sent to the Beaver Circle.]

### Another Competition.

Gordon McNiven, Crumlin, Ont., suggests that we have a competition on flowers, and "Barkis is willin'." Last spring we had one on drawings of spring flowers; so now we will have something different. Write a composition on "Wild Flowers in Bloom in Your Vicinity," and illustrate by three drawings drawn from the plants themselves. I will give you up to July 20th to get this done. Remember, I do not want you to tell about early spring flowers, but about those that you find as you write, any time between now and July 20th. State time of finding flowers, kind of soil, surroundings, etc. This competition for Senior Beavers only.

### Re Nature Study Clubs.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I saw in a recent edition of "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," that an Ontario boy was asking Puck to assist him in forming a Natural History Club.

I agree with him in his proposal, all but the space he asked for in the paper each week. I suppose Puck would allow us three columns each week if required, and if not required it could be used for anything else; any Beaver who is writing about anything to give a clear description of it, and as briefly as possible.

I do not agree with Puck as to clubbing together in different localities and buying books on nature for themselves, because "The Farmer's Advocate" is not (but should be) a weekly visitor at every farmhouse, so the children would be too widespread for that.

Say that each home gives 25c., and have Puck buy the books and do the business for them. I think that the Beavers should give their opinion when a question is asked, and Puck to give his. I suppose there is enthusiasm enough in the children in two thousand homes. Surely a farmer making a whole stack of money out of his farm, growing alfalfa clover and keeping a great dairy herd, could afford to give a quarter of a dollar to the benefit of the knowledge of his children. That is, 2,000 homes, 25c. each, and I think that should start it, and then whatever it costs after that for to run it.

I think I have said enough about it at present, as I don't like to oppose Puck's opinion too strongly.

JOHN CUSICK (age 16).

Walton, Ont.

I think John misunderstood me. It is quite impossible for us to be sure of even three columns a week to devote to nature-study in Beaver Circle, and you know we would not like to have an unsatisfactory club, such as would be inevitable if space were not assured. By my plan, each little club would run itself, and all the children in each neighborhood would have the good of the nature-study books (which would be kept in the section), whether subscribers to "The Farmer's Advocate" or not. All I could promise to do would be to publish the names of good books on nature-study, with prices, and forward such, or have them forwarded to any club that wished me to do the buying. We might procure advertisements from firms that make a specialty of such literature, and then ordering could be done directly, and all business transacted directly between the clubs and the publishers.

Of course, I hope to have nature-study articles in Beaver Circle from time to time, but that would be a different thing, and require much less space than an organized magazine club, with contributions from thousands of members.

You see, Beavers, I should like to see you in this, but I realize, as perhaps you cannot, how much space would be required for so vast a scheme, and how much is actually at our disposal.

However, send us nature letters when you can, and we will do the best we can about finding space for them.

Perhaps someone would like to think out a good plan whereby a good Home Study Nature Club might be set in running order. If so, tell us about it, won't you, please?

### Our Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is the first time I have written to the Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for about two years, and we all like it very much. Every Thursday afternoon I hurry home from school to read the letters.

We had quite a mad-dog scare a few days ago, as there was one went along the road, but fortunately it was shot at Byron.

I live on a farm four miles from London. I go to school every day, and am in the Senior Third Class. There are about sixty pupils in our school. We have a library. It contains twenty-five books. I have read twelve of them. One was Black Beauty and another Bravely Borne. A Brave Baby, Little Indian Children, Alice in Wonderland, and some others that I forget the name of. I will close, wishing the Beavers success.

FLORENCE BAKER  
(Age 10, Book III.).

Tambling's Corners, Ont.

Dear Puck,—Say, Beavers, don't you think it would be nice if we could have a badge with a beaver on it? I do.

I am studying to be an artist.

My brother is a lumberman; he has eight teams hauling now. There is a river not far from here, and we have a good time fishing in it.

I would like correspondents of my own age (14).

JOSEPH A. MacDONALD (Book IV.).

Upper Welsford, N. B., Canada.

You should figure in our drawing competitions, Joseph.

Dear Puck,—As this is my first letter I do not want to take up too much room. My papa has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years, and I like reading the stories very much. I wish it was a daily paper instead of a weekly paper. I go to school every day and I like our teacher very well. I live on a farm of 200 acres. We have some land in Saskatchewan, and I would like to go out there. Papa has been up twice, and we expect to move out in a year or so. I have for pets one dog and a cat. I and the dog do not have so much fun when he is muzzled. I have two sisters and a brother. I will close now, wishing success to "The Farmer's Advocate."

DEAN CLINTON.  
(Age 10, Book III.).

Feversham, Ont.

### Beaver Circle Notes.

The following would like some Beavers to correspond with them: Mildred Orchard (age 13, Class V.), Sheddon, Ont.; Lillibelle Graham (age 10, Book III.); Middlemiss, Ont.; Gladys McCallum (age 10, Book III.); Iona Station, Ont.; Helen M. Hodgins (age 9, Book III.); Osna-bruck Centre, Ont.

### Riddles.

1. There is a hill and on the hill there is a mill and in the mill there is a table and on the table there is a box and on the box there is a bottle and in the bottle there is a drop. No person can live without that drop. Ans.—A drop of blood.—Sent by Johnnie Gascho.

### The Junior Beavers.

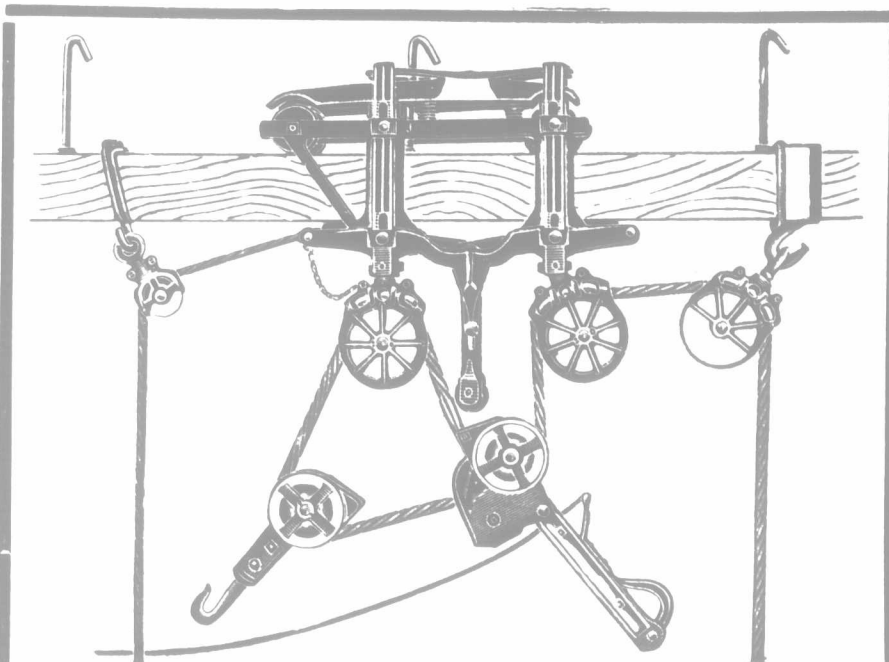
Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my second letter to the Circle, but before it was not printed. My father takes "The Farmer's Advocate," and I enjoy reading it. I go to school, and have about a mile to walk. We have lots of fun at school. I play the organ, and can play quite a few pieces. I have a little brother; his name is Robert. I have read quite a few books. These are the names: "In His Service," "Little Nell," "Merchant of Venice." I will close.

EUNICE MAY MACKAY.

Age 9, Class II., Sr.

North Glaven, Ont.

Dear Puck, It was storming this morning and I did not go to school, as I



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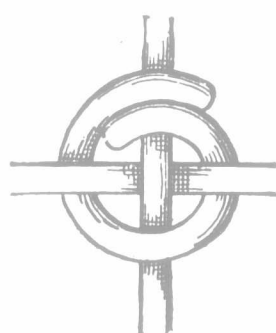
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7-48-0	7	48	22	" 9	5.6.7.9.10.11	25 c
8-48	8	48	16½	" 9	4.5.6.7.8.9.9	30 c
9-48	9	48	16½	" 9	3.4.5.5.6.8.8.9	32½ c
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