

Children's Corner.

Original Story Competition.

The rules for this competition, for which two prizes are offered, are as follows:

1. The story must be original, and it must illustrate some familiar proverb.
2. No one who has passed his 17th birthday may compete.
3. Do not write more than 1,000 words.
4. Write on one side of the paper only, in ink, and address, before Dec. 15th, to "Cousin Dorothy," 52 Victor Ave., Toronto.

Picture Post-card Collectors.

Clarence Card, Harrisburg, Ont.
Edna M. Follis, Box 813, Owen Sound, Ont.
Nettie Astle, Little Metis, Que.
Mary Knight, Grosse Isle, Mich.
Kathleen Tarne, Inkerman, Ont.
Edna Robinson, West McGillivray, Ont.
Jennie Spurr, Round Hill, Annapolis Co., N. S.
Mildred Willson, Lefroy P. O., Ont.
Katie Boyd, Churchill P. O., Ont.
Marjorie and Evelyn Ross, 393 Kensington Ave., Westmount, Montreal (views and buildings only).
Lila Carter, Schomberg, Ont.
Delia Burrows, Wilton Grove, Ont.
N. B.—Anna Ross, Stratford, does not wish to exchange any more, nor does Bessie Cole, Coral P. O., nor Ethel Westington, Bewdley, Ont.
Is everybody going to have a fat turkey for Thanksgiving? I wonder if the poor things are trying to stay thin.
C. D.

The Letter Box.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I am a Glengarry girl. I live about three acres from the house in which Ralph Connor lived, and about one mile from the place the school was he went to when he lived in Glengarry. The place is changed now: most of the bush along the river leading to the deep hole is cut down. The school was taken down, and a new one built on the same foundation. I am a farmer's daughter. We milk twenty cows. I have one brother and no sisters. My brother is out in the Western part of Canada, and so there are only three to milk. I milk six cows. We have three horses—Dick, Harry and Bay Harry is a black horse; he is also a good driver. Bay and Dick are better for working than driving. We also keep pigs and hens. For pets, I have three cats. They are all white, excepting for about a dozen black hairs on one's head. I am a post-card collector. I have 55 cards now. I go to High School, about two miles from our house. I must close now, hoping my letter will not take up too much room.

MYRTLE D. McDOUGALL (age 13).

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I am a little boy, eight years old. I live on a farm. We have fourteen head of cattle, five horses, and twenty-three pigs. The horses' names are Fan, Grace, Fly, Rock and Grit. We have six cats; their names are Dick, Dandy, Topsy, Grey, and two little kittens, which belong to Topsy. I have one little sister, Helen. I have one mile and a half to walk to school, and am in the Senior Second Book. My studies are geography, arithmetic, reading and spelling, and I like reading and spelling the best. Father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" from 1886, except 1897-8 when he did not get it. He keeps bees, too; there are twelve hives of them. We have had four swarms this year. There is a large orchard on the farm, which is called Fairmount Farm; about 400 apple trees, besides pears, plums, cherries and grapes. We have two little cousins from Cleveland visiting us now, and they think the country is far nicer than the city.
Paris, Ont. ROBERT DEPEW.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have never written to the Children's Corner before. We have a lot of hens and sheep. I have one cat and a kitten, and also two dogs; their names are Carlo and Bruce. We have thirteen cows and twenty-eight

chickens. We have two horses named Mag and Nell; two colts named Prince and Bess. I will write again, if I see this in print. This is all for this time.
Perth, Ont. MARY G. TOREY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. I live on a farm, about three and a half miles from Elora. I go to school about every day. I am in the Fourth Book. I have not been to school since holidays, because I have had to help with the harvest. We have a hundred acres in our farm. We had about forty-nine acres of oats this year. We have four cows, seven young cattle and four horses; their names are Major, Loo, Billie and Kate. Billie is a pacer. Our dog's name is Kaiser; he is a collie. Now, I hope this will escape the waste-basket.
GEORGE SHORT (age 11).
Salem, Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have been reading the letters in the Children's Corner every week, and I enjoy it very much. We have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" nine years, and could not do without it. I live on a farm of over one hundred acres. We have a big brick house and also a bank barn. We have three black horses, and three bay colts, one of which is only three months old; he is a great pet. We have six cows, and send our milk to the factory. We have an incubator, and raise Orpington chickens. This year we have nearly two hundred and twenty-five chickens. I have a sister two years older than I am; her name is Effie. We both have wheels, which we ride to High School. My pets are three old cats and three little kittens. I don't know which I like best. I guess I will close, as I do not want to take up too much space in your precious Corner.
EDNA I. BATES (age 12).
Waterford P. O., Ont.

P. S.—Here are some riddles that have not been given yet:

1. Link! Link! through the water, never drink. Ans.—A chain.
2. Through the woods and through the woods, and leaves a rag on every bush. Ans.—Snow.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have never written to the Children's Corner before. But when I read the other little girls' and boys' letters it interests me, and I think I will write one too. I live on a farm at Auburn. We have 130 acres of land. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for four years, and he would not do without it. I have two brothers; their names are Earl and Frank. Earl is 9 years old, and Frank is 3 years old. He likes to look at the pictures in "The Farmer's Advocate." We have no fowl except chickens, and we have 50. They are mine. They are White Wyandottes, and they are very tame. They will eat out of my hand. We have only three pigs. We had five horses and a little colt, but we sold one last week; their names are Rock, Roany, Topsy and Queen, and the little colt's name is Nancy. We have 31 cattle, and we milk 4 cows. We have a large harvest this year, and we have a lot of work to do. I am in the Senior Third class at school. We have a windmill, which waters all the stock. We have no pumping to do, which makes it very handy. We have a lot of house flowers, and a few outdoor flowers, which are very nice. We have a large orchard and lots of apples to eat. We have a dog, his name is Nero, and, also, three cats. They are very nice pets.
MARY RAITHEY (age 12).
Auburn P. O., Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is the first letter that I have written to the Corner. I go to school regularly; but before the vacation I stayed at home, for we were building a new barn. I'm in the Senior Third class. I take up composition, arithmetic, mental arithmetic, history, geography, reading, literature, writing, drawing and spelling. I have two miles and a half to go to school. There are about thirty pupils going to our school now. We have 5 horses, 12 cows, 3 calves, about 45 hens, five chickens and seven pigs. I think I must close, with a few riddles, wishing "The Farmer's Advocate" every success.

1. As round as an apple, as busy as a bee, prettiest little thing I ever did see.

2. Big at bottom, small at top, and in the inside goes flippity flop.
3. High in the middle and round at both ends.

Answers.

1. Watch.
 2. Churn.
 3. (O-hi-o) Ohio.
- New Dundee, Ont. ORVAL COLEMAN.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to "The Farmer's Advocate." We have taken this paper for many years, and could not do without it. I am ten years old, and am in the Junior Third class at school. I have three brothers and three sisters. I live on a farm of one hundred and six acres. We milk 6 cows, and have 6 horses and 1 colt, and 19 ducks, and about 100 chickens. For pets, we have a dog named Carlo, and a cat named Buttons, and about 30 pigeons. Wishing you every success.
MAYLINDA HALLMAN (age 10).
New Dundee.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to "The Farmer's Advocate." I greatly enjoy reading the letters that are written in the Children's Corner. My papa has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for two years, and he thinks it is a fine paper. I go to school every day, and am in the Fourth Book. I have about one and a half miles to walk. I have five sisters and three brothers. I wonder how many of the girls are book-worms; I am one. I am twelve years old. I live on a farm of 100 acres. In the spring we make maple syrup. Our sugar bush is miles back from where we live; it is a lovely ride in the summer. We go back nearly every fall for butter-nuts.
IDA BARBER (age 12).
Gatineau Point, Que.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. I am seven years old, and my home is in Jamaica. Father takes "The Farmer's Advocate." I think it is a useful book. My pets are a cat, two dogs, and a goat. The cat belongs to my brother, who is at school in Canada, so I take care of it for him while he is away.
ELSIE VIOLET RUDOLF (age 7).
Hampstead, Jamaica, British West Indies.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—We have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" about six months, and this is the first time I have ever written a note to your paper. I think it a very good paper. Papa is interested in the book, and would not be without it. I enjoy reading the Children's Corner very much. I live on a farm. My birthday was on the 28th day of August. I went to school, and was in the Senior Fourth Book, but stopped at holidays. I take music lessons, and I have taken four quarters. I wish this would be in print, because I would like to exchange post cards with anyone who is interested in the Children's Corner.
PEARL HOLMAN.
Newry, Ont.

My Dear Cousin Dorothy,—For pets, I have six cats and one dog. I have one sister and three brothers. I go to school, and I like my teacher. He is a gentleman. I am in the Third Reader. I read the Children's Corner. I hope to see this letter in next time.
ANNIE L. CORBEY.
Bar River, Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have never written to "The Farmer's Advocate" before. I have taken great pleasure in reading the Children's Corner. We have been taking "The Farmer's Advocate" for over a year, and I like it very well. For pets, I have a dog called Jack. I am the only girl, but I have a brother older. We have eight horses and a little foal called Jack. I tried the Entrance at midsummer.
GERTRUDE L. COCHRAN (age 13).
Almonte, Ont.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have never written to "The Farmer's Advocate" before, but enjoy reading the Children's Corner very much. We have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for about ten years, and could not do without it. We live in the city of Ottawa in the winter, and in the country in the summer. I like the country better. I collect picture post cards, and would be pleased to exchange them. I will close now, as I do not

want to take up too much room in your valuable paper.

JANET A. McNABB (age 12).
Maple Hill, Cummings' Bridge, Ottawa.

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to the Corner. My father owns three farms, and lets two out on shares. He owns over sixty head of cattle, eleven horses and two colts. We have a dog, five cats, about 100 chickens, 25 hens, and 11 geese. We are building a new barn on the place we work; it is 54 feet by 94 feet. My father was taking "The Farmer's Advocate" when it came monthly, and is now. He likes it fine. I am in the Fourth Reader. My brothers' and sisters' names are: Hazel, Marion, Mildred, Ormand and Harold.
Elgin, Ont. ELTON COON (age 10).

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I have never written to the Children's Corner before, but have often thought of it. We have seven horses, fifteen cattle and three calves. We have two farms; one contains 200 acres, the other 100. I go to school, and am in the Junior Third book. I hope this letter will escape the waste-basket.
MAUD HANNIGAN (age 10).
Grimsby, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to "The Farmer's Advocate" before. I am just six years old, and have not started to school yet. I have two miles and one-half to go, so will not go till next summer. My father takes "The Farmer's Advocate." I like to see the pictures, and hear it read to me. I have no sisters, but have one little brother, three months old; his name is Lauchlin. I have a cat and one kitten, and one collie dog; his name is Topsy. We have pigeons, turkeys, chickens, and about 20 cattle. We have two colts; their names are Queen and Prince, and one driver called Maud. ALBA FRASER (age 6).
Bluevale, Ont.

Thank You.

Everybody likes little Carl Rosenbloom. He is so cunning and small and fat. He has lived in America just a little while, and he can speak only two English words. It sounds so funny to hear him say, "Thank you," to whatever is said to him that no one can help smiling.

One day, Carl was trudging along with a basket of clothes. He was a droll little figure, with his chubby legs and round, fat arms.

Some boys playing marbles on the pavement were quite amused at this comical sight, and they began to laugh and shout, "Sausage bags!"

Now, Carl did not understand a word; but he saw they were speaking to him, so he turned his dear little face to them with the sweetest of smiles, and said, "Thank you."

You should have seen how ashamed the naughty boys looked then! One of them smiled and nodded at little Carl, another gave him a nice red apple, while another took his big basket and carried it for him.

Conundrums.

Where are two heads better than one? In a barrel.

What has a branch, but has no leaves? River.

What are the poles that nobody climbs? North and south poles.

What capes are not worn? Cape Cod and Cape Ann.

What has a top that cannot spin? A mountain.

Why does a very smooth floor require skill in music? Because if you don't C sharp you will B flat.

Why is a hansom cab dangerous to ride in? Because the cabman always drives over your head.

What word may be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it? Quick.

What bus has found room for the greatest number of people? Columbus.

Recipes.

Tea Cake.—Beat 2 eggs in a cup, and fill with sweet milk; add 1 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons melted butter, 1½ cups "Five Roses" flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder. Bake in a loaf or in layers.

Soft Cookies.—One cup butter, 1½ cups sugar, 2 eggs, 3 tablespoons sour milk, 1 small teaspoon soda, enough "Five Roses" flour to roll.