



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Uncle Dick's Chat
With the Children

My Dear Kiddies:—

I feel a particularly happy Uncle Dick today, and on account of the lovely letters which I have been receiving these last few days. Letters from kiddies over in Nova Scotia, letters from kiddies in the city, letters from kiddies who are full of life and merriment, and letters from some of my kiddies who are not well enough to join in the romping games, and youthful fun, the reason being, that they are invalids, or cripples.

As you write these letters you may not think that I treasure them as great deals, but I do, because they are letters of appreciation for our weekly chat, telling what you are thinking and doing, the pleasure you find in the Corner, and a hundred and one things besides. As I sit down to write this letter to you each week, I am confronted with the fact that we are all here to help each other, to radiate sunshine around us, and that hundreds of kiddies as they turn to this page, need encouragement, and help. Some of you, in fact have written me letters which shall I say, were too sacred to answer through our ordinary columns, and to which I have sent a personal reply. It is a little service that I am able to do, and if any of my kiddies feel at any time that I can be of service to them in this way, please be sure and write to me, and I shall help you in what ever way I can.

You will be pleased to know that the Christmas treat to the soldiers' children is being well prepared, and that the toys are increasing greatly in number. The ladies of the Soldiers' Wives League now being hard at work. I hope there will be an opportunity for those members of the Corner who reside in the city, to see the huge tree when it is completely decorated with the well filled stockings and toys.

This week I am publishing particular some of special rules which I have prepared, and which I want every member of our Corner to try and follow. I would suggest that you cut them out and having mounted them upon a piece of cardboard, hang it in your room, or some convenient place. They are simple little promises, but who knows what a grand power for good they may have in after life, if they are followed whilst you are young and influenced by your good home training.

Next week I hope to have a big surprise in store for you so be sure not to miss the 'Corns' war, more time. I hope you will have great success.

Best Wishes From Your
Uncle Dick

Clippings for the Cook

Hot bread may be cut as easily as cold if the knife is heated before using.

If tea should boil by being put too near the fire while infusing the bitter taste can be removed if a small quantity of cold water is put into the pot.

Eggs used for covering croquettes may be the whole egg or the whites only—never use the yolks alone. Beat the eggs until broken, not until light, add one tablespoonful of water, for each white or two tablespoonful for a whole egg. Mix well and use.

Bread which has been cut in slices and then allowed to become stale may be freshened by folding the slices in a paper bag and placing it in a hot oven for a quarter of an hour.

After cutting oranges in two parts place a lemon reamer over a glass tumbler and with this extract the juice. This serves in glass punch cups besides the plate for a breakfast course. It is more enjoyable than the ordinary way of eating oranges.

When turning out gelatin or relatin puddings from the molds in which they have formed, wet a knife in cold water before attempting to pass it around the mold. By the same token wet your knife in hot water before cutting hot bread.

Take care to cook fish well, for it is not only unpalatable, but unwholesome, when underdone, and it should always be served hot for invalids. Cold salmon, to be used for invalids, should be wrapped in greased paper and very lightly broiled.

A custard cannot be boiled. Boiling at once curdles the eggs. But a custard put in a jar in a saucepan of water may have the water boiling round the jar with good effect. A milk pudding will curdle with an egg beaten up in it if the oven is too hot, but will be creamy and custardlike if cooked slowly in a moderate oven.

Salted pecans are even more delicious than salted almonds. They are closely prepared at home, for the reason that the nuts are difficult to remove from the shell without breaking the meats. This difficulty is entirely overcome by pouring boiling water over the nuts, letting the water cool on them, crack by striking small ends of nuts and salt as you would almonds.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY UNCLE DICK

Muriel Hunter—I am glad you got the prize safely, and like same. I am not offering the prize which you mention, but hope you will be successful soon again. Go on trying, as you do very good work in the contests. Your writings being most neatly done.

Will the following kiddies please let me have their Collecting-Cards and the amount they have collected, as soon as possible, whether they have managed to get the full amount or not: Elizabeth Jamieson, Helen Holmes, Annie Fraser, Beryl Mullin, Estelle Lawford, Douglas Boone, Eldon Tait, Harry Waite, Beatrice Vogel, Alice Monahan, Maud Humphrey, Tess Donovan, Grace Ward, Bessie Sterrett, Anna Durrick, Burtis Gordon Israel, Audrey Etta Waddell, Kathryn Wilson, Marian Phillips, and Albyn Perry.

Arnold Williams—I was very pleased to get your letter, but as to your certificate this has not gone astray, but I had mislaid your address, and was waiting for you to write so as to get it. I have now sent it to you, and hope you will like it.

Willie Harris—You have made a very good attempt in the last contest, and are one of the few who filled in the line as to as to rhyme with "Ronald." You will be pleased to see your name among the prize winners.

Jean Hatfield—I have received your interesting letter, and as sorry you have not managed to get the prize, although your drawing is well done. Let me see more of your work. The Uncle Wiggly stories may be continued shortly, but at present I am publishing the jokes, etc., which my kiddies are sending in.

Willie Davis—I am very pleased to see that you are enjoying the Corner so much. Yes, I shall let you have a collecting card, as although it is now close on the time for sending in the cards, I am sure you will soon be able to collect the amount. Try hard now Willie.

Albert Buraglia—You have made a very good drawing of the beans which I asked you to copy, and I consider you are a clever little artist. Yes, the Corner is going along fine, and the kiddies appear to be enjoying same very much.

Basil Goucher—Many thanks for your letter Basil. Yes, I shall let you have a collecting card, but you will have to hurry up and get some filled as the treat for the soldiers' kiddies will be held in about eighteen days time. I hope you will have great success.

Eva McLean—I am pleased you are finding the Corner so interesting, and hope you will soon be successful in the contests.

Olivia McKenna—Your interesting letter was received safely. I am glad you enjoy the Corner so much and gladly welcome you among my nieces. The prize which your sister was successful in winning has been sent to her, and I hope she has now received it. Thanks for the good wishes to the Corner.

Harry Waite—Yes, it is a long time since you wrote to me, and I have been wondering what was the matter. Yes, the soldiers' kiddies will very pleased to get all thy toys at Christmas. You made a good attempt in the contest but not too many words into the line. Try this week's competition.

Raymond Ellison—I received the attempt you have made in the contest, but of course the result will not be made known until next week. I am pleased you are enjoying the Corner, which you must watch each week as there are a number of good things in store.

Harold LeClair—I was very pleased to receive the result of your hard work on behalf of the soldiers' kiddies toy fund. I am sure all you kiddies deserve great praise, was also glad to have your interesting letter. Your good wishes for the Corner are much appreciated.

Wilfred Groom—I don't remember having had a letter from you before, and therefore welcome you to our large Corner. You do splendid work, more of which I would like to see. Write me again soon.

Greenville Craft—You have made a very original reply in the poetry contest and well deserve the place given you in the prize list, and I must compliment you upon your work.

Kathleen McKenna—Yes, you did very well in the contest, Kathleen, and will be this have no doubt received the prize awarded.

Wilfred Alexander—I was pleased to find your attempt in the poetry contest, and hope you will go on trying in the contests. Have you written to me before? I don't remember your name.

Violetta Grant—Many thanks for your most interesting letter, and particulars of a game, etc. You need not worry about the completing of your card, as some of you are living in more isolated parts, and therefore have

more difficulty in collecting. You have done well, Violetta, and will help to cheer some little kiddies. The separate letter has not yet arrived.

Willie Brock—Thanks very much for the particulars, as to how to play "The Musical Professor," which you will notice I am publishing this week. I shall be pleased to have other games and jokes, which you may know about.

Myrtle Cox—Although you had already advised me that you were sending a box of toys, etc., I was very much surprised to get such a sensible assortment, the other morning, and must thank you most sincerely for the way in which you have devoted your time towards helping the Fund. Many a little kiddie will be cheered by your good work.

Games, Riddles and Joke
Contributed by Members
Of The Corner.

Why Alexander Wept

The teacher was telling the class about the conquests of Alexander the Great. He made the tale a striking one, and at last reached the conquest of India. Wishing to impress the children he said: "When Alexander had conquered India, what do you think he did? Do you think he gave a great feast to celebrate the triumph? No, he sat down and wept!" The children seemed to be a little disappointed at this childish exhibition on the part of the hero, so the teacher continued, "Now why do you think Alexander wept?" he asked. Up went a little hand, but when his owner saw it was the only one in view he hurriedly withdrew it.

"Come on now Tommy," said the teacher in his most winning voice, "why do you think Alexander wept?" "Please sir," said Tommy hesitatingly, "perhaps he did not know the way back!"—Sent in by Dorothy Warren.

Riddles

What day in the week is the strongest?
Ans.—Sunday, because the rest are weak days (week).

What comes after cheese.
Ans.—Mice.

What does a stone become in the water?
Ans.—Wet.

What makes more noise than a pig in a sty?
Ans.—Two pigs.

Jokes

Mother—I hope you are not at the end of your class this week Johnnie?
Johnnie—No, mother, I am at just about the ankle.

Wife—I cook and cook for you and what do I get?
Husband—Nothing, I always get indigestion.

Simon Says

To play "Simon says," there has to be three or more people, one of them sits before you, you may say anything at all for a rule take Simon says look out the window, you are to do just the opposite of what they say, then if they say look out the window you are Simon.—Sent in by Ernestine Friars.

The Magic Mirror

This can be prepared before a party, as it helps to keep the fun going while the game is being arranged. Sharpen a piece of French chalk to a point and with it write on an ordinary mirror. Polish lightly with a silk handkerchief, and the writing will disappear. Hand the mirror to one of the company, and tell him or her to breathe upon it, and the writing will reappear. Polish again and the experiment can be repeated. Great fun can be made by drawing a donkey, etc., on the mirror.

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Recently a public-school teacher wrote the sentence, "Them boys are sliding down hill," and requested someone of the school to "correct and why."

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Still Blind

One player is blindfolded, all the others standing round him. The blindfolded then counts very rapidly, to ten and as he does so all the players run as far as possible from him, but the instant he says ten he calls: "Still blind!" which means no more moving. He then says "You may have three steps of grace," and he begins to grope his way along to find one of the players, all trying to stand perfectly still, as a ruse of a garment would be a welcome guide to the leader. If he comes very near, the one approached may take advantage of the "three steps of grace," by moving that much further away, but after that must

All Members OF THE Children's Corner (St. John Standard.)

MUST ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- 1st. I promise to be more thoughtful of others.
- 2nd. I promise to be cheerful.
- 3rd. I promise to be thrifty.
- 4th. I promise to be trustworthy.
- 5th. I promise to live worthy of my native land and of the Great Empire to which I belong.
- 6th. I promise to be reverent towards God.
- 7th. I promise to take a personal interest in the Children's Corner of The St. John Standard, and to read "Uncle Dick's chat" each week.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE CORNER MUST BE ADDRESSED TO

UNCLE DICK,
The Standard,
St. John, N. B.

UNCLE DICK'S TOY FUND FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the following:

Previously acknowledged \$56.45
Harold Le Clair 2.05
Total amount \$58.50

Will those of my kiddies who wish to have a collecting card please send me in their names and addresses.

If you are not able to help in this way, perhaps you will dress dolls, make little toys, knit children's warm stockings, and in other ways assist.

All toys etc. when completed, cards when filled in collecting, and other communications must be addressed to

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remain still except to sway the body away without stepping. One foot may be moved, but the other must remain unmoved, and it is counted a step, and that player must count himself caught. When the leader finds and names another player, the one caught must then take his or her turn as the blindfolded leader or, as the children say, "He is it."

Ways and Means
"Please Mrs. Brown," said the little boy at the kitchen door, "Ma wants to know if you'd be so kind as to lend her an egg-beater to beat some eggs with."

"Why certainly," replied Mrs. Brown, "Hear it is."

"And if it ain't too much trouble," continued the boy, "would you mind lending her a couple of eggs to beat with it?"—Sent in by Valletta Grant.

The Musical Professor
In this game all the persons leave the room except two who know the game. One acts as the Musical Professor and the other as the door-keeper. The door-keeper calls one person in the room at a time and as he brings them into the room he introduces her or she to the Professor and tells them that they can imitate the playing of any instrument they choose by simply moving the hands or fingers or whatever is necessary and that the Professor will tell them what tune they are playing. They are not to hum or make any noise with their mouth. After they have acted a while the professor makes a guess at the tune which he whistles into the player's ear. His guesses of course are generally wrong. After he has made three or four guesses and is still wrong he then quietly whispers in their ear saying "You are playing the fool." If by chance the Professor should guess the right tune, it makes no difference to the game.—Sent in by Willie Brock.

Results of The Standard
Contest.

First Prize—A Beautiful Book
Greenville Craft, St. Stephens, N. B.

Second Prize—Box of Paints
Hazen Hetherington, Cody's P. O.

Third Prize—A Game
Willie Harris, Fairview, P. A. N. B.

Consolation Prize
Muriel Hunter, East Florenceville.

Results of Last Week's "Games":
Susie E. Steeves.

Result of This Week's "Games":
Valletta Grant.

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Canadian B.P. Boy Scouts

Scout News

St. Jude's Troop
This Troop is working very hard under their Scout Master, the Rev. G. F. Scott, and have been making bandages, etc., for the Red Cross.

Boy Scout Ambulance For the Front.
The following circular letter has been received from Ottawa, with reference to the providing of a second motor ambulance for the front line, by the Boy Scouts, the first being almost unable to now perform the services required. Subscriptions may be forwarded to either the Rev. D. McQuinn, McAdam, or Mr. A. C. Skelton, St. John, N. B.

Ottawa, Oct. 29th, 1915.
To Provincial and District Commissioners, Local Association Secretaries and Scoutmasters in Canada.

Dear Sir:—
His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts Association for Canada, has signified his approval of participation by Canadian Boy Scouts in a subscription to provide for the purchase of a new motor ambulance for use in France to replace the ambulance which was furnished by the British Boy Scouts early in the war, and which is no longer in a condition to perform the services required.

Canadian Boy Scouts for months past have given their services freely throughout Canada in aid of the various war causes, and the Chief Scout has felt that they would be equally desirous of contributing towards the present appeal.

On this assumption His Royal Highness has assured Sir Robert Baden-Powell that the Boy Scouts of Canada will contribute a sum of One Thousand Dollars towards the above mentioned fund, and that the same will be raised by ten cent subscriptions from individual members of the organization throughout Canada.

The full text of Sir Robert Baden-Powell's appeal is hereto appended, and I am to ask that this matter will receive the immediate attention which is required to achieve the object in view.

Payment of the ten cent subscriptions should be forwarded to the Hon.orary Treasurer of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association through the Provincial Councils.

By direction,
GERALD H. BROWN,
Hon. Dom. Sec.

FULL PARTICULARS OF INTERESTING CONTESTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE ELEVEN OF THIS ISSUE.

How to Run a Troop.

Outdoor Work
Staff Drill.—Revise last week's work. Shoulder Stances.—Pole upright, forearm horizontal, elbow well into the side.

Present Staves.—Shoot the right arm straight out; keep the pole upright. This, and the preceding movements, are used when saluting an inspecting officer who is on foot. If he is on horseback, the movement should be used. It is likely to frighten the horse.

The Salute.—When the inspecting officer is mounted, give command "Salute." Pass the left hand smartly across the body. Keep the hand flat and the palm downwards. Touch the staff with the forefinger.

Support Staves.—To be used in crowds or when marching in close order. Staff across but close to the body.

Secure Staves.—This is used also in crowds, when marching in close order, or when marching at a funeral. Pole under the right arm; elbow well into the body.

Rest on Staves.—Used only at funerals.

Play the game "Dispatch Running" (S. for B. p. 84).

Lighting a Match in a Wind
You all know how very difficult it is to light a match when a stiff wind is blowing.

The trouble can be easily overcome if you cut this strip of the match towards the prepared end. When you strike the match, the curled shaving immediately catches light, and so makes a stronger flame which has more chance against the wind.

The Missioner Badge
Many Scouts are puzzled by the curious design of this badge and want to know how it first came to be used.

The sign is an old Japanese one, meaning "kindness to others," and as Missioner Scouts are expected to be kind to others, the sign was adopted as their badge.

By the way, Scouts who have this badge should keep in practice in order to be useful if called upon.

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Given free for selling only 15 tubes Sterling Dental Cream (Tooth Paste) at 25 cts. a tube. We are also giving the Boy Watch shown above, stem wind and set. 20th Century Talk Down Days Air Rifle, or Electric Flash Light for selling only 12 tubes Sterling Dental Cream at 25 cts. a tube. Something new, sells well, everybody buys.

With sold return to us the money on receipt of which we will send you premium selected. Don't delay. We trust you. Write today.

G. C. A. MUNRO, Box 628, Amherst, N. S.

MARYVILLE NEWS.
Maryville, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Abraham Hawkins, of Keswick, is the guest of Mrs. Jas. I. Inch.

Mr. Joseph Hawkins was in town yesterday, the guest of Postmaster Inch.

Mrs. John McRae is confined to her home, suffering from an injured limb.

Mr. Duncan Buchanan is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. R. Hodge is confined to his home with a severe cold.

Mrs. Jas. S. Inch is confined to her home, being slightly indisposed.

Pte. George Markey, of the Halifax garrison police is home on a few days furlough.

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SHOULD A CHILD'S HAIR BE KEPT SHORT?

Valuable Suggestions As To
The Care and Treatment.

Every mother wants her child to possess an attractive head of hair, but is often ignorant as to the means of obtaining it. If one can start the cultivation in infancy so much the better. Until the hair has grown an inch long the daily washing of the head will be sufficient. After that a brush is needed, a brush having long, fine, soft bristles, in order not to irritate the scalp. The friction caused by the brushing will force the oil secretion from the roots and this will be all that is necessary for the purpose of growing hair.

In caring for young children's hair the question often arises as to whether cutting promotes its growth. Specialists seem to disagree on this subject. One says that those mothers who make it a habit to keep the hair of their children cut close when young, on the supposition that the hair is improved thereby, are mistaken. It is rather calculated to injure its beauty and retard its maximum growth. It is quite enough to have the ends clipped or shortened occasionally, as the original hair is always the finest and most beautiful.

Another equally distinguished specialist claims that the hair of children, whether they are boys or girls, should be kept short until the seventh or eighth year of age, as the long hair is a drain upon the nutrition of the body, and at this time of life all the nutritive forces are needed in the growth of muscle and bone. A girl's hair after she has reached the eighth year should be allowed to grow to the length the hair is cut the finer it is.

Considering the difference of opinion among experts the safe course would be to keep the hair of quite young children rather short to avoid any drain upon their vitality, and more especially should this be observed in the case of a delicate child or one of nervous temperament.

If a child has scanty hair manipulation of the scalp with the fingers, plenty of outdoor exercise with head covering and exposure to sunshine are recommended.

Children's hair should never be put into curl papers or braided tight. To do so inflicts discomfort on the child and tends to strain and destroy the hair. When a child's hair is allowed to grow long a slight clipping once in three or four months will be beneficial.

To prevent the ends splitting, as they often do; take the hair, a strand at a time, about two inches from the ends, holding firmly with the finger and thumb of the left hand, and brush with a soft hair brush. This will keep the ends glossy as well as prevent splitting. A shampoo once a week, using a soap jelly or liquid, is sufficient to keep the scalp clean and healthy.

Fashion Hints
Braids and Ribbons
Braids and ribbons do not at first sound very important, but when one finds them among the most shining things in fashion, and certainly among the most conspicuous, braids and ribbons are far from being unimportant. These new braids and ribbons are sometimes of metal and silk, the latter usually being in brocade weaves. They are, as a consequence of their novelty, being used for various new purposes, and especially for the trimming of evening frocks and millinery.

New Kind of Hat
The new kind of hat is the most delightfully accommodating thing imaginable, for if it is not becoming one way it will surely be so another, and that in the space of a few minutes and fewer stitches. The crown is puffy and full and draped. It can be dented here, twisted there, pulled another place, and altogether have a different aspect nearly every time it is worn. If the wearer so desires, it is called the hat with the adjustable crown. It can be very high, very flat, very lopsided—in short, very anything-you-please.

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