

Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

ANOTHER PRIZE CONTEST

Do you think you can pucker your young brows and think out a first class adventure, or fairy story? You may make it as funny or sad or terrible as you please, but let it be your very own story and quite different from anything you have read in books. For the three best stories we will give as usual three good story books as prizes and we will see to it that they are the kind of books you like to read.

Any boy or girl under seventeen years may enter the contest and there are only a few rules to be complied with. All stories must be written in pen and ink and on one side of the paper only. You must get one of your parents or your teacher to certify that the story is your own work and that the age given is correct.

All stories must be in my office not later than October 15. It is important that you should remember this, for in other contests we have sometimes had as many as twenty stories come in after the competition had closed and some of them were stories that might have taken a prize if they had been sent in time. Don't let your slowness cheat you out of a prize.

Address all stories to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

A Gift of Flowers

I want to thank Laura Patterson, of Newdale, for sending me in the box of posies. It was very kind of her to think of me and remember that I dearly love flowers.

DIXIE PATTON.

STORY OF THE QUACK QUACKS

I was sitting in a very dark house. It was warm, but I was tired of sitting in the closed house. I don't know when I awoke from my nap. I began to chip the end of the egg with my bill and broke it in two parts. Then I opened my mouth and said, "Quack," then I said it two or three times just for fun.

It was warm around me and I got dry. Soon I felt that many other things were moving around me and crying "Quack, Quack." My mother came with us in the water and I began to swim and to dive. I was very glad that I was in the world.

Nothing very interesting happened in my life. In spring I laid one egg. The next most wonderful thing happened when I had my nest full of eggs and I kept them warm until they came out yellow ducks.

So now I must attend to them.
JOHN SOLOR.

Age 14.

HOW I BECAME KING OF THE FOREST

Once upon a time I was a little acorn. I lived in a little green cradle in the highest branches of my Father Oak. I had a lot of other acorn playmates like myself. One day my father told me I should be king of the forest some day. This made me very proud and I hoped the time would soon come.

As the days went by my cradle turned brown. Some children came into the forest and pulled some of my playmates, but I was so high they could not reach me.

After a few days a wind came and blew me from my little brown cradle. I fell into a nice warm earth bed, beside a maple tree. I fell asleep and slept all winter. In spring I woke up, feeling the warm sunshine and rain-drops.

Now I knew I should soon grow into an oak tree. I began to swell and all of a sudden I burst my brown coat open right down the back and sent a green shoot up which began to grow into an oak tree. I grew for a few years and then grew some acorns. Now I am king of the forest.

GLADYS MCGREGOR.

Arden, Man., Age 11.

GARDEN DIDN'T COME UP

Dear Dixie:—I made a little flower garden and planted pansies, marigolds, verbena, and morning glories. I planted the morning glories in two little cans inside. They are big and nice, but only the pansies came up of those I planted outside.

ALBERTA JOHNSON, Age 11.
Bruce, Alta.

MY SCHOOL GARDEN

Dear Dixie:—I am going to write about my garden at school. I have carrots about 8 inches high, and onions about 6 inches high, and my lettuce and radishes are ready to eat. My potatoes and cabbages are fine. I have pumpkins in blossom. I have peas and beans in pod. Success to the club.

DORIS M. MOULD.

THE PUSSY CAT

I am a favorite pet and do not like to be handled roughly. Sometimes the small children catch me and pull my tail, ears and hair, which is not very pleasant.

When I was born I could not see where I was for about two weeks. There was a thin skin over my eyes, so you see that would prevent me from seeing.

I was born in the horse's manger. Whenever there was any danger my mother would take me by the back of my neck and remove me to a safe place.

After a short time I felt something come on me which I did not think was my mother. And after I could see I found out it was the same kind of warm stuff my mother wore to keep herself warm as well as my brothers and sisters.

One day something else came by us and that was warm too. And what do you think? A hen laid something white and round which I am quite sure was an egg. And I was right, too, for soon there came some little children to gather the things that were just like the one by us. Soon they came over to where we were and when they saw the egg they laughed and giggled at the thought of a hen laying an egg by two fur balls, as sometimes we were called.

All this time we were fed on milk, and that is our daily food even when grown up.

When we were about three weeks old my mother moved us to the upstairs in the stable and put us in a corner in the oats bin and we were very comfortable.

Soon we began to grow very fast and by and by we were full grown and we had very good times if the farmer's children did not hinder us.

INA E. HILSTROM, Age 11.
Estevan, Sask.



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