

always like to read other girls' letters.

We have had poor luck with our garden this year, for on the 19th of July we had six degrees of frost. It froze everything we had in the garden, so we will have no new potatoes of our own growing. We have about 1,900 acres of land; 1,000 of it is unbroken to grain or hay. We have fifty head of horses, including teams, mares and colts, with two stallions, a heavy and light. We only had eight colts this year.

I am afraid my letter is too long, so I will ask you one question before I close: I am making a collection of wild flowers, of which I do not know the names. What book do you advise me to get?

Alta. (a)

MEXICAN GIRL.

(There is a good book of flowers written by an author named Stack. It is called "Flowers Every Child Should Know." It costs \$1.20, and your nearest bookseller would order it for you if he did not have it in stock. — C. D.)

NOT CONTENTED

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — My father has taken THE ADVOCATE for a long time. I enjoy reading THE Western Wigwam, though this is my first letter to it. I go to school and am in the third book. My two brothers are on the homestead, but are coming in soon. We are all going out in December. I think the new name is nicer than the old one, don't you? We came to Alberta from Ontario, but I would like to go back again. I hope this letter will not find its way to the W. P. B. I am enclosing a two cent stamp and hope to receive a button.

Alta. (a)

TEDDY BEAR.

DID HE GET ANY DUCKS?

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — This is my first letter to THE Western Wigwam. Just before school was out I passed into the fourth book. I have two sisters, Viola and Jean. Viola is six years old and Jean is two. I have one brother, whose name is D. A. Our school is about two and one-half miles from here. We drive a little white pony, which we call Pat. We can ride him barebacked or with the saddle. I will be ten years old on my next birthday. We have 32 little chickens and about 39 hens. We attended the Calgary fair this year. I saw a lot of Indians and squaws. I also saw a lot of little monkeys. They were funny little fellows. My brother shot a weasel not very long ago. He is anxiously waiting for the duck season to come in. He is hoping to shoot some ducks. Papa has three hired men, an Englishman, Irishman and a Scotchman. We live right beside the Rosebud creek. There are lots of berries around. Our last school teacher got married and we have got a new teacher, whose name is Miss D.

Alta. (a) ARDELL McCANNEL.

LETTERS MIGHT BE LONGER

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — This is my first letter to THE Western Wigwam. I have read the letters in THE ADVOCATE with great pleasure. I sometimes think that some might write longer letters. I go to school and am in grade six. We live three miles from town and have a long way to drive, but we have a good horse. I have a little sister. She goes all the time with me. We have two dogs, four cats, about one hundred head of cattle, thirty horses and seven little colts this year. One is mine. I have six horses of my own. My parents came up here seven years ago. I came up with them, but went back to Ontario again. Father has taken THE ADVOCATE for about fifteen years. I wish that you would send me one of the buttons to remember you by. Is it all right to send in my own name for the button and have a nick-name too?

Sask. (b) ARTHUR SMYTH.

(Yes, choose a pen-name.—C. D.)

A FINE LETTER

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — I suppose most all the members enjoyed their summer vacation. I wonder if any of you have a Literary Society in your school. We had one and enjoyed it very much. We elected our officers every two weeks. Our officers are:

Chairman, secretary, indoor and outdoor tidy committee. These are elected at our business meeting. The chairman prepares the programme, which we have on Friday afternoons. The secretary writes down the minutes, the indoor tidy committee sweeps and keeps the school room tidy and the outdoor tidy committee keeps the playground tidy.

When school closed we had a public meeting. We wrote invitations to all the parents and had quite a pleasant afternoon. I would be much obliged if any of the members would send me the words of "Now, Honey, You Stay in Your Own Back Yard." One of the girls sang it at our Literary Society.

Last summer we made little booklets of pressed wild flowers to send to our friends in the East. We gathered the flowers when they first blossomed. We pressed them on quite heavy note paper and fastened the sheets together with a ribbon to make a book.

We have some black Water Spaniel pups and tame ducks.

I don't like to hear our members spoken of as Wigs.

We have a nice flower garden and a bed of strawberries. I am fond of reading. I noticed that one of our members read "The Honor of Grade Two." I did, too. I read "Robinson Crusoe," "Through the Looking Glass," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Alice in Wonderland," "Christie's Old Organ" and "Hungering and Thirsting," and quite a few other books. We have a nice library in our school. I am in standard four. I am sending a two-cent stamp to get a button.

POCAHONTAS.

(I like your letter. Can you tell us something about the character whose name you have chosen? I am sure the members would be interested. Your school literary society is a fine idea. I hope other schools will have one.—C. D.)

THRESHING TIME

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — I have seen so many letters in THE ADVOCATE that I decided to write, too. My sister wrote and got a button and I think they are very nice. My father owns a threshing machine and I guess he will soon be starting threshing. I like threshing time best of all. We haven't got a teacher for our school yet, so I guess we won't have school until after threshing. I must close now, hoping to get a button.

Man. ANOTHER GLENGARRY GIRL.

A GOOD RIDDLE

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — This is my first letter to THE Western Wigwam, so it will not be very long. We are milking about fifty-two cows and feeding about twenty-six calves. I will send a two-cent stamp for a button, and I wind up with a riddle:

If there was a man travelling and he had a goose, a fox, and a bushel of corn, and he came to a river where there was a boat that would only carry the man and one of the other three. If he took the fox over first the goose would eat the corn, and if he took the corn over first the fox would eat the goose. How could he do it?

Ans. — He took the goose over first and then the corn, and when he went for the fox he took the goose back, and when he had taken the fox over he went and got the goose.

Alta. (a) MUGSIE.

A LOT OF COUSINS

Dear Cousin Dorothy: — I have been a constant reader of THE Western Wigwam, and think it nice for so many to write. I go to school. There are thirteen scholars going, and all cousins but three. Our teacher's name is Mrs. D—. I have five sisters and four brothers. I will not tire you with a long letter this time, and if this misses the W. P. B. I may write again. I am sending a two cent stamp for a button. I will close with best wishes to all the wigs.

Sask. (a) LASSIE.

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