

MURRAY YOUNG CONDUCTED BY Cousin Doris. FOLK

Girls' Cozy Corner

Prize Essay.

Laura Secord.

By Mary Murphy, Hanley, Sask.

When the United States declared war on Great Britain in 1812, the war seemed to be in favor of the Americans. There being scarcely five thousand troops in Canada, and Great Britain, who was at war with Napoleon, had use for all her soldiers, could give very little aid.

It was in the battle of Queenston Heights that General Brock was killed. There was a large number of men killed and wounded. Amongst the wounded was Captain Secord of Queenston. His wife, Laura Secord, saw her husband wounded, and went to his aid. Three of the enemies soldiers attempted to kill him, but she called for help and saved him. Captain Secord did not die, but was an invalid for a long time. The Secords, on account of his health, were obliged to stay at Queenston.

Queenston was occupied by an American force, there being only a few Canadian families left. The Secords were quite often obliged to feed the enemy's soldiers. One morning in June of 1813 a number of officers demanded food from Mrs. Secord. While she was preparing the meal they discussed their plans. She made the meal, and at the same time listened to them. She found out that they intended surprising the little handful of men at Beaver Dam. The soldiers should be warned, but who was to do it. Captain Secord was unable, and Laura, it would be rather hard for her to pass the enemies lines. Next day at daybreak she started off. She chased ahead her cow and took with her her pail and stool. Every time she sat down to milk the cow the cow would take a jump and run off. At last the cow ran into the bush, and the cow was left there, and Laura kept on her journey. Laura took the cow in order to deceive the American

soldiers. She pinched the cow to make her run away.

Laura Secord kept on her lonesome path; hearing once in a while the war whoop of the Indians. At last toward midnight she met a party of Red Indians. She couldn't talk to them, but made them understand what she wanted. It happened to be that these Indians were on the Canadian side. If they happened to be fighting on the American side she would have been killed. This was her biggest danger. These Indians soon gave the warning to the officer in charge of Beaver Dam, and soon Laura Secord was safe in the fort. She saved the fort against the enemy. Laura lived until 1868, and died at the age of 93 years.

Madeline De Vercheres.

Madeline De Vercheres was a very brave girl. In the year 1692 she defended the fort with her two brothers. Her mother and father was away in Montreal on a visit.

She was expecting a visitor, Madame Fontaine, fresh from Paris.

One morning Madeline walked down the river, accompanied by a servant. Suddenly, they heard the report of a gun. Madeline said "Run to the top of that hillcock, and see why that gun was fired." She waited anxiously for the return of Lavolet. He came running back saying, "The Iroquois; the Iroquois, run for your life." When turning she saw some fifty Iroquois trying to head her off from the fort, but Madeline was too fleet for them.

The Indians did not attack the fort in the day time, but decided to search in the woods for stragglers. Happily, however, while they were away the boat with the Fontaine family arrived.

At night Madeline said she would watch the fort with two others who never fired a gun, and that the rest should defend the women and children in the blockhouse which was the strongest place.

As the Indians sat around their fires at night to discuss their plans for the next day they heard the shout, "All's well" rang from blockhouse to fort and from fort to blockhouse. They thought the fort must be full of watchful soldiers.

Madeline contented herself with short intervals of sleep, and her brothers imitated her, and never showed the slightest sign of fear.

After seven days the splashing of paddles was heard in the St. Lawrence. Madeline walked down to the river and saluted the officer, "I resign your command, sir," she said. "Which could not have been more bravely held," was the reply.

The Iroquois did not try to attack the fort, but they were pursued and defeated. Once, rifle in hand, she saved the life of a young man from the Iroquois, who afterwards became the husband of his brave preserver.

Florence Stanley,
Kenton, Manitoba.

An Unsung Heroine.

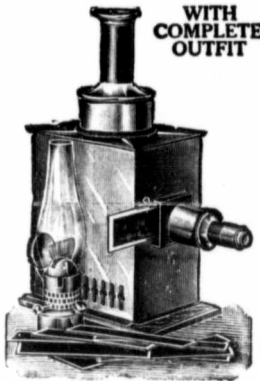
Among the unsung heroines of every day life should be counted "Diphtheria Fannie," a sorrow mare, who, although she never led a charge of light brigade or carried a message to Ghent, has played the modest heroine by saving over 1,000 lives.

Fannie is the veteran of several horses at the Cutter Laboratories, who, through gradual process have been made immune to diphtheria. Every month careful attendants bleed Fannie of from four to six quarts of blood. From this the serum is removed, tested on guinea pigs and made into diphtheria anti-toxin.

BIG MAGIC LANTERN

WITH COMPLETE OUTFIT

FREE



Please remember that this is a large Stereopticon over one foot high. Every part of it is made of exceptional lenses. It is made on the latest improved construction, having extra large lenses in front and the powerful lamp reflector at the back the magic lantern will show a perfectly clear picture in natural colors, five feet in diameter. With each magic lantern we also send free nearly fifty pictures, all different, some of them very funny; in addition to this we send you special instructions telling you how to make hundreds of extra pictures yourself at a cost of only a few cents.

Boys and Girls here is your chance to entertain your friends and even make a little pocket money if you wish by giving Magic Lantern Shows.

You can get one of these complete outfits absolutely free by simply selling 24 of our Multi-Color Olograph Pictures. They are 16 inches by 20 inches in size and sell on sight. They include reproductions of Famous Paintings, originals of which cost hundreds of Dollars. They are all suitable for framing, and are well worthy of a place on the walls of any home. These pictures will sell in Art Stores at 50 cents, you can sell the whole lot in an hour. Especially as we will send you a Prize coupon which you can give with every picture you sell, and will entitle your customers to receive an extra present from us absolutely free. Order today, right now. We will send the pictures by return mail postpaid. When sold return our money \$3.60 and this Big Magic Lantern with complete outfit as above described will be sent to you at once.

"NOTE"—If you prefer you may have your choice of any of the following premiums for selling the same amount of pictures as above—Brownie Camera; Football; Colorscope and 100 Lines; School Bag and Brass Pencil Sharpener; Canteen's Mat. These and many others. Complete Catalog will be sent with your order. Address

COLONIAL ART CO., Desk M 5 TORONTO, ONT.

It is estimated that in the five years of Fannie's service, she has saved 1,250 children from what used to be almost certain death.

Fannie lives like a queen. Fed with delicacies, her temperature taken twice a day and not permitted to go out into the open air until noon, Fannie has but one kick coming. She is extremely likely to catch cold and contract pneumonia because of her lack of blood, and the greatest care has to be taken to prevent her from breaking down.

Bumble Bee Points Way.

Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, says the ordinary bumble bee holds the secret of aviation. Mr. Edison holds that a bee beats the air 200 times a second with its wings, and that a heavier-than-air machine must do the same. The inventor is now working out the derivation of electricity direct from coal.

The Heroine of Vercheres.

The time of my story is in the fall of the year 1692.

Madeline, a girl of fourteen, was left with a few soldiers, two younger brothers and some women and children in charge of a fort at Vercheres, her father being at Quebec and her mother at Montreal. Vercheres is about twenty miles below Montreal, on the St. Lawrence River.

One morning Madeline was down by the river, to see if some friends she expected were coming, when she heard shots, and a man called to her to run as the Iroquois were coming.

She ran back to fort, bullets whistling around her ears, and getting the people inside shut the gate. With the help of the men she hastily repaired the fort, and got guns for herself and her brother with which they and the soldiers fired through the loopholes at the enemy, she also had a cannon fired.

After awhile she saw two people whom she expected along the river, and finding name of the soldiers brave enough, went herself to meet them, and by putting on

a brave front brought them safely to the fort.

As evening approached a violent storm came on. They carefully guarded the fort for fear the Iroquois would try to get in under cover of darkness, keeping up cries of "All's well" from the fort to the blockhouse, making the Iroquois think there was a large garrison.

Madeline and all in the fort were kept in alarm day and night for a week, as the Iroquois were still lurking around.

At last, a lieutenant, with a company of soldiers came. Madeline went to the river to meet them, saluted and said "Sir, I surrender my arms to you." He answered gallantly, "They are already in good hands."

The people in the fort would doubtless have been butchered by the Iroquois if she had not been there to inspire them.

Moving Picture Machine

FREE

To the girl or boy selling 40 sets of our Birthday, Floral, Scenic, Comic, Christmas, Valentine, Easter, Thanksgiving (in season), Postal Cards (6 in set for 10c). Machine is complete with films and slides, shows great pictures, can be earned in a few hours after school.

Send in your name and address plainly written. We will send cards free. Return us money when sold, and we send premium post paid. Get our big premium list for boys and girls.

TORONTO NOVELTIES CO.

Dept. C. C. Toronto, Ont.

Name this magazine when writing advertisers



FREE HANDSOME MUFF



GIRLS—This beautiful stylish muff will keep you lovely and warm this winter and it is so handsome and dainty that you will be the envy of all your friends. It is the very newest pattern—low shape—and saves time, measuring more than 15 inches wide by 10 inches deep. It is lined throughout with fine quality black satin with the fur muffs edge and finished with a silk worsted cord. This lovely muff is warm and dainty, will give you years of wear and satisfaction and is surely just what you most want.

We are prepared to give away, absolutely free 1,000 of these handsome muffs to quickly introduce our delightful new Royal Japanese Perfume. Simply send your name and address to-day and we will send you 25 handsome lotions in different delicious odors: Lily of the Valley, Carnation, Wood Violet, White Rose, etc. Help us advertise this delightful perfume by selling these among your friends at our special introduction price of only 15c each. It is very easy as many ladies buy 5 and 6 bottles of the fine perfume on sight. Return our \$3.50 when the perfume is sold and we promptly forward the muff just as represented, all charges paid right to your door. We guarantee satisfaction. Write today to

THE REGAL MANUFACTURING CO., 59
Dept. M. 79 Toronto, Canada
Name this magazine when writing advertisers