

Senior Beaver's Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to the Beaver Circle, and I like the Circle very much. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for over thirty years, and I enjoy reading the Beaver Circle. I am very fond of riddles, and if there are any I am after them.

We usually have many very pretty flowers, but this year has been so very hot and dry that we have had but very few. In the spring we had over three hundred tulips, and they were very pretty.

For pets I have a dog and two black cats. The one I call Blackie, and the other Nigger. I feed the calves every morning and night, and they are good ones, too. We also have nine calves which suck their mothers, and we have sold one. I passed my examination this summer, and now I am in the Sr. Fourth class.

SYBIL LANGMAID.

R. M. D. No. 1, Hampton, Ont.

(Age 12.)

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is the first time I have ever written to your delightful corner. I cannot go to school, as I cannot walk. I had infantile paralysis about three years ago. I like reading and have read a lot of books. Some of them are: "Little Men," "Bessie at the Sea-side," "The Second Chance." Do you know any more good books Puck? For pets I have a dog named Tobbie, a colt, and three calves. When are you going to have another competition? I wish some of the Beavers would write to me.

FLORENCE SCHILL.

Sunnydale Corners, Ont.

(Age 12.)

There are hosts of nice books for girls and boys, Florence. Do you know Kipling's "Jungle Books," Hawthorn's "Tanglewood Tales," "Donald and Dorothy," by Mary Mapes Dodge, "Little People Everywhere," by Etta Blaisdell McDonald (Published by Little, Brown & Co., 94 Beacon St., Boston.) A good way to find out about books is to write to one of the publishers asking for a catalogue. You will find the names of publishers by looking on the frontispiece of any of the books you read.

We are all sorry to hear that you have infantile paralysis, Florence, and I hope many of the Beavers will send you letters. You can answer them all at once by writing to this Circle.

Beaver Circle Notes.

Viola Hillgartner, (Age 13, class VI.), Hanover, Ont., would like some of the Beavers to write to her.

Our Junior Beavers.

[For all pupils from the First Book to Junior Third, inclusive.]

Junior Beaver's Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—Having had the pleasure of seeing my first letter in print I thought I would try again. My number of pets have increased to four, for my sister and I own a young rabbit. A neighbor of ours was mowing the hay, when he saw three young rabbits. Before he could stop the machine had killed two, but he caught the remaining one and gave it to us. We call our rabbit Billy, and our pups Jeff and Joe. Among the flowers in our garden are some "scarlet runners," which bear pods that measure to the length of seven and one-half inches. When my father was sowing the hay he found three nests of young pheasants, and one of pheasant eggs. I think the answer to Jannie's puzzle is: A man walking over a bridge with a pail of water on his head.

I think my letter is long enough, so I will close, wishing the Beavers every success.

ALICE SPICER.

Westwood Farm, Chilliwack, B. C.

(Age 9.)

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for many years. I like reading the letters.

I go to school nearly every day when there is school. Our teacher's name is Miss Moses; we all like her find. We have a little colt; my brother calls it Sunny Jim, because it has a white face and white stocking. We have a cross gobbler who would like to chase me, but the dog won't let him. I will close as my letter is getting long.

LOUISE FRASER.

Bluevale, Ont., R. R. No. 2.

(Age 8.)

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I have been a silent reader of your Circle for quite a few years, and would like to join your Circle. I was sick for two years, and I had to stay out of school. For pets I have two cats, which I call Nip and Scully. I have three sisters and one brother; their names are Mattie, Jessie, Beatrice and Milton. We live on a farm five miles from Simcoe. Last fall I saw where you had a doll's dress competition. If you have one this fall I would like to join.

DOROTHY M. BALDWIN.

R. R. No. 2, Port Dover, Ont.

(Age 13.)

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your charming Circle, so I hope it will escape that hungry w-p. b. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for as long as I can remember. For pets I have one kitten. I live about two miles from school, and go nearly every day. My teacher's name is Miss Mair, and we like her fine. As my letter is getting long I will close, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

HENRY BENT (age 10, Class III).

Thamesford, Ont., R. R. No. 2.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for as long as I can remember, and we all like it fine. I enjoy reading the Beavers' letters very much. For pets, I have two kittens; their names are Floss and Tom. I also have a dog; his name is Rover. I go to school every day that I can, and have a little over two miles to walk. I was seven when I started to school, and I was eleven years old on the second of June. Wishing the Beaver Circle every success, good-bye.

RUTH ROUSE (age 11, Jr. III).

Hawkestone, Ont.

So your dog's name is "Rover." Do you know the song about "Who put the rove in Rover?"

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I live on a farm. I have a kitten; I call him Jack. I have a dog called Barney. I hope you will not put this in the waste-paper basket. I go to school every day. I like my teacher.

GARNET CLARKSON (age 9).

Dear Puck,—I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the Part Second Class at school. I like to go to school. Every morning and night I help my brother to feed the calves. I was glad when school opened. Well, good-bye. From a little Beaver.

ARTHUR HARRETT.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your Circle. My papa has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for quite a long time. I have a little sister six years old; her name is Helen Jean. She started to school after the holidays. I have gone to school for one year; I am in the Part Second Book. We have a new teacher; her name is Miss Stewart. I like going to school fine. For pets, I have two cats and a collie dog; his name is Captain. He will fetch the cows up himself when he is sent for them. I like to read the letters in the Circle, and hope to see mine in print before long. I will close now, with best wishes to the Beaver Circle.

BESSIE LANE (age 7).

Kenlough, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your Circle. I have been a long and silent reader of the letters, but never had the courage to write. I have one sister and two brothers. For pets, I have a dog called Bonnie. He is a pure-bred Scotch collie. I have a colt called Tommy; he is two years old now, and is all spotted with white spots. I raised him by hand myself, because his

mother wouldn't own him. I am ten years old, and in Junior III class at school. I think my letter is getting long.

WILLIE ARMSTRONG.

Clarksburg, Ont.

News of the Week

A plan is afoot to establish Belgians, who are among the finest agriculturists in the world, on small 20- to 50-acre farms in Ontario.

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The town of Galt, Ont., has decided to contribute \$400 per month to the Canadian Patriotic Fund as long as the war lasts.

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Over 100,000 refugee Belgians are now in England.

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The whole English Channel is ablaze with searchlights on the lookout for airships.

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The number of wounded in French hospitals on October 20 was estimated at half a million.

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Mobilization of the Italian army still continues.

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Three German battalions were annihilated by the explosion of a great French land mine on October 20.

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It is persistently reported that the Kaiser is very ill.

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Upwards of 70 British, Australian, Japanese, French and Russian cruisers, are searching for the 9 German cruisers still at large on the high seas. Among the nine are the Emden, which, up to time of writing, has sunk 20 British vessels, and the Karlsruhe, which has sunk thirteen.

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Several German women have been shot as spies in Northern France.

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At time of going to press, the hardest engagement of the war, the crisis of an engagement which has lasted two weeks, is going on between the coast and Arras, centering about Lille. The Germans have crossed the Yser, and, it is expected, will push on to Dunkirk, in which direction the Allies will again concentrate. From the Eastern war zone the news has come that the Russian victory along the Vistula is decisive. Heavy fighting is again going on in the vicinity of Przemyśl.

Since above writing, the enemy has been driven back across the Yser, and, in the east are in full retreat before the Russians, having fallen back thirty miles from Warsaw.

The Ingle Nook.

Will those who are interested in pattern cuts kindly turn to inside of back cover?

Jane Addams.

(Continued.)

It has been said that geniuses nearly always exhibit signs of "freakishness" even early in life. Unquestionably they are more daring, more ready to try experiments, more given to piling up visions than the rank and file, yet the word "freakishness" may be questioned. Why should we look upon every difference from the ordinary as abnormal? Is it not possible that a time may come when to be over-timid, over-practical, too contented with non-progress, may be the abnormality? For the day of the Superman—a higher and better Superman than ever Nietzsche dreamed—may be one of the supreme achievements in the developments of the future.

In a peculiar way of her own, Jane Addams is a genius, and so one is not surprised to find her early life marked by traits of distinctive individuality—little touches that reveal a personality unusual from the beginning. At school, notwithstanding indifferent health and a crooked spine, she was always a leader among the girls, and one smiles to read



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