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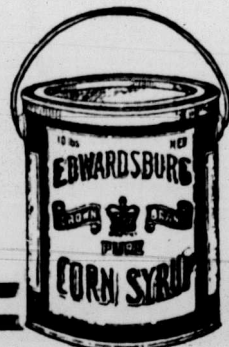
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By DIXIE PATTON

DO YOU WANT A PRIZE?

Hands up every boy and girl reader of this page who would like to win a prize of a bright, breezy story-book? Very good. Then here's what you must do.

Give me the story of your life as you would like to live it. Tell me what you would like to do and be from now until you are middle-aged men and women.

Don't be afraid to tell the whole truth. I solemnly promise not to think them funny or silly, no matter what impossible things you may dream of being and having.

In the past we have always asked the boys and girls who wrote for our contests to get one of their parents or their teacher to certify that the letter was their own work. This time you do not need to do this.

Just write down as simply and brightly as possible your dreams of the future and mail them to me, being careful to observe the following rules:

Write in pen and ink and on one side of the paper.

Remember that you are only eligible to write if you are under seventeen years of age.

Be very, very careful to address the letter to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man., and be sure to mail it so that it will reach me not later than April 10.

And now for the reward. Three delightful story books will be given as prizes for the three best letters, regardless of age, and that reminds me that you must be sure to tell me your age, else your letter won't be considered.

Try very hard to remember all these things and write today to make perfectly sure that your letter will arrive in time.

DIXIE PATTON.

ENGLAND

I think England is a very interesting country. On my visit there I saw many things different from what we see here in Canada. For instance, let us make a visit to Southport. It is a pretty seaport place on the West of England.

The first day we were there we went for a walk on the sea-shore. We gathered lots of pretty shells. We soon got tired of that and went to see the darkies performing. These darkies had little drums and they sang comical songs. The stalls are full of pretty things. We can get lots of nice things for two shillings, or forty-eight cents.

The people dance on the pier, while the bands play. The children greatly enjoy riding on donkeys, for they do not have their own horses, like we do.

I must stop writing about the towns, but they are so interesting. Now I will go on talking about history. Don't you think English history is far more interesting than any other?

One thing that I don't like is the signs, "Keep Off the Grass." but I suppose the land that belongs to the people is their own, and they don't want anyone to spoil it.

BESSIE McLACHLAN,

Age 12.
Toppingham P.O. Sask.

THRU FRANCE TO PARIS

We landed at Calais, but only stayed there a few hours, inspecting the fortifications and watching the French women weave lace. Everything was different, houses, scenery, people and language. We boarded a train and amused ourselves at every station by looking from the window at the people gathered to welcome friends. Two men rushed into each other's arms and kissed each other heartily. The French enjoy society. As we sped past the cottages the women were sitting knitting in groups before one another's houses, chatting busily. Hardly any farm buildings were visible in that part as the farmers live in villages and walk to their work. They raise wheat and vegetables. France is said to be a country of wine, oil and corn. Occasionally we saw the women working in the fields. The French women wash their clothes in any near-by stream

They place the clothes on flat stones in the water and beat them with sticks. The forests of France are carefully preserved, one-sixth of the land is forest. If a switch is cut, one may be fined.

Paris is the most beautiful city in the world and the largest on the continent of Europe. If London is the business capital of the world, Paris is the pleasure capital. To Paris come people from all parts of the globe to enjoy themselves. London suffers greatly when compared with Paris. London is built of brick, Paris of beautiful white stone. London has a dull, murky sky. The sky of Paris is clear, blue, and untainted with smoke. There is in London a general aspect of business, hard work and pre-occupation, while the best known parts of Paris are filled with people who seem to have no other occupation than that of enjoying themselves.

The city is a marvel of architectural beauty and ever-wonderful variety. Magnificent streets of palaces, broad boulevards and avenues and buildings of wonderful beauty strike the newcomer with amazement. Broad boulevards and avenues lined with trees, commanded by lofty houses of white stone run for miles round the city. The shops are the most beautiful, varied and striking in all Europe. There are also gardens gay with beautiful flowers and trees, while a marble fountain sends up a column of glittering water into the bright sunshine, and gives a sense of hush and quietness and coolness by the gentle splash and perpetual fall of water.

Commerce has almost deserted the Seine. The river is crossed by many light and elegant bridges. The museums, including galleries of sculpture and painting form a part of this remarkable city. Museums of antiquity, natural history, of war, of geography, of art, of science—all are open free of expense to the intellectual and inquiring visitor. The national library of Paris has nearly two million books, almost double the number in the British museum. Fine buildings meet the eye everywhere, churches of every age and style, palaces, markets, hospitals, colleges, theatres and barracks. There are industries of every kind—jewelry, clock-making, work in gold, silver and iron, furniture, chemicals and printing. It has long been noted for beautiful china and rich carpets. All these mixtures of work and pleasure are arched over by the sunny skies of France untainted by mist, untouched by cloud and untinted by smoke—all is clear, translucent blue.

MARGARET ARTHUR.

Age 15.

Shoal Lake, Man.

ENGLAND, THE BEST LOVED

The country I like best to hear and read about is England,—not because I am a Canadian so much as that it has had such an interesting history.

I have read a great deal of English history and liked it very much. True, it has once been almost a barbarous country, but then, nearly all countries have been that way.

The first part of English history is one of savage and barbarous life, but still, there is a sort of romance hanging over it. The earliest inhabitants of England were always my favorites because, tho savage and unlearned, they led a peaceful life until the arrival of strange tribes. On thru the history of the later inhabitants of Britain there is much war and bloodshed mingled with the peace of the people; but this also had its advantage, for it taught the people to be stronger as a people and to keep in check such powerful kings as John, who was almost the worst.

All this has helped to build the country admitted to be the most powerful in the world, and which is so prosperous and beautiful.

I have never visited England, but if I do I think I will find it as interesting as the country which has so charmed me when I read about it, with its chivalry, romance and war all together.

LAURA WENDT.