

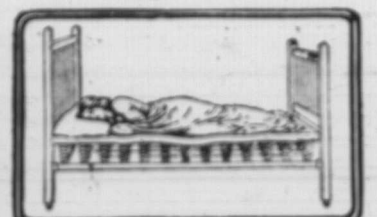


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# Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

## THE FAIRY CASTLE

This is a fairy castle,  
This bubble light as air,  
And if I blow it large enough,  
And use the greatest care.

The silver doors will open,  
So I can step inside;  
And there I'll find a fairy prince,  
And I'll become his bride.

The rooms are all enchanted  
With sunbeams pink and gold;  
And moonbeams, blue and silver,  
Their glittering scepters hold.

They've gauzy wings like fire-flies,  
And dance, and sing, and play  
With me, and with my fairy prince,  
Who'll do whatever I say.

I'll own the Spring of Happiness  
O'er which the castle grew,  
The Fountain of Eternal Youth,  
And Beauty ever new.

But—a dragon guards the entrance,  
And when I draw too near,  
He runs inside the castle,  
And makes it disappear.  
By Margaret A. Dole in St. Nicholas Magazine.

## SNOWBALLS

It has barely been safe on the streets lately, with snowballs coming from the north and the south and the east and the west. Always they are meant for some boy or girl on the other side of one, but there is a feeling that they are sure to fall short of their destination.

You boys and girls out in the Country who have all out-doors to play in have no idea what a hard time the first snow-fall is for little city people. The snow-balling has just got to be done, but there is nowhere to do it except on the street, and the street is full of grouchy grown-ups who forget that they were ever kiddies themselves, and they growl and growl if a badly-aimed ball hits them bang, on the back of the neck.

Yes indeed, you can be very glad that you are living out on a farm where there is room to turn around a dozen times if you like without running into somebody who feels that you have no business to be there and that you ought to be more careful anyway.

DIXIE PATTON.

## WHY I LIKE SCHOOL

I like going to school very much in summer, but in winter I side with Laura Heber, for in winter I usually drive as my sister is only eleven. We drive an old horse. She is eighteen years old. Her name is Maud. She is bay with a white face.

Our school is two and one-half miles away, but it is very pleasant all the same, for the road is very pretty.

At school we play lots of games such as "hide-and-go-seek," "pen-my-sheep," "steal-sticks" and "pom-pom-pull-away." The game I like best is "steal-sticks," it is played like this:—

We have to choose sides first. Then you make one long line in the centre of where you are going to play.

Then each side takes one side of the line and you try to get in and get a stick from the other side. If you are running on the other side of the line and someone touches you, you must go on their stick pile, but if some person on your side runs in and touches you without being caught, you can go free, but if he is caught, he must go on the stick pile too.

We also play many other games, for when all the children come, there are twenty-four. I hope to see my letter in print, or get a pin if I cannot get a prize.

I will now close sending good wishes to all of the members of the Young Canada Club.

I would like some one of my own age to write to.

EVA E. GAUDIN.

Killam, Alta.

Age 13.

## SOME GOOD TEACHERS

I thought I would try and write a story of how I like to go to school. I like to go to school very much, because there are lessons to be learned and I know that the lessons we learn do us a

great amount of good. Even if I didn't like to go to school I would rather go and learn my lessons than to grow up and be a numbskull or something like that. I have never played truant in my life, and never expect to.

One reason why I like to go to school is because I sometimes have such good teachers that I like to be with them. Last year I had a very good teacher. He was the best teacher I have ever had, but he has enlisted now and gone to war, and we are all very sorry.

NELLIE PALMER.

Barnwell, Alta.

Age 10.

## WHY I LIKE SCHOOL

First I go to school because I like to learn how to read and write well. Second I like to go because of the good times we have there. We play all kinds of games such as "drop-the-handkerchief" and "old witch." Third, I want to get a good education. I have to walk a mile and a half, and I like to pick the wild flowers on my way there, to give to my teacher.

BERTHA B. GEIS.

Belvedere, Alta.

Age 12.

## A SUDDEN STORM

I want to be a member of the Young Canada Club, so I will write you a story. I was out in the garden and it was lovely weather. All at once I saw a cloud come from the West. Then it began to rain. I went in and did not think it would rain very much. The rain came down in heavy showers. I could not see anything out of the door. The hail broke one window for us. It spoiled all the crop for one man. I was afraid that there might come a cyclone. The wind nearly blew our house over. Next day when I went to school I found that the school had blown seven feet out of its place. It had fallen down off some blocks that it stood on. The lightning came down and spoiled something of the elevator in Leslie. It also broke something of the hall, and it broke down about thousands of trees in the bush. It came down so swiftly, that it threw something of the elevator about two hundred feet away.

SIGFUS GISLASON.

Leslie, Sask.

Age 13.

## HOW I LIKE SCHOOL

I think going to school is a very good thing. You learn a lot and when you grow up you are very thankful for it. I never ran away from school ever since I started, and I have been going for quite a little while. I am in the seventh grade now. There are a lot of children going to school up here. The name of our school is Wingham. It was named after Wingham in Ontario. My grandfather named it. Our teacher we have teaching up here now is a good one. She is as cross as can be, but that is all the better for us I think. Her name is Miss Ritchie. She came from Ontario. I like going to her when she is cross, for we learn twice as much. I have a mile and a quarter to walk, but sometimes I get a ride. Sometimes it is so hot we don't have school inside, so we take our books and go in the shade and we learn out there.

This year we had no garden because it would be no use. The gardens are always all right until summer-holiday and then they always grow up in weeds.

## MY HOME AND SCHOOL

The town is about one mile from my home. My father has thirty-four head of horses and twenty-eight head of cattle. I like the horses to ride and play with. I have one sister and three brothers. My sister works in the post office and my brothers are at home yet. My eldest brother has a homestead about eighteen miles from home. We have a lovely school in Alaska. There are four rooms. We have a very large playground. There are about seventy children going to school. I have been wanting to write a story to the club for a long time, but I never seemed to get at it. I would like to be a member of your club. I am enclosing stamped and self-addressed envelope, hoping if I don't get a prize I will receive a membership pin.

VENA LOUGHEED.

Age 13.

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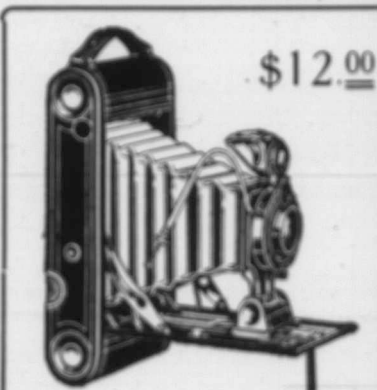
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