

school every day that is fit. My teacher's name is Miss Bonsfield. She got up a concert for Christmas, and it was a dandy. I have about one mile and three-quarters, to go to school. I will close with a few riddles.

What was the largest island before Australia was discovered? Ans.—Australia.

Why was Goliath surprised when struck by the stone of David? Ans.—Such a thing never entered his head before.

GLADYS APPLEBY (age 10, Jr. III.).



Ralph McGregor.

The McGregor homestead, Halton, Co., Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for three years. I live about a mile and a half out of the town of Wallaceburg. Wallaceburg has several large factories—the sugar, brass, glass, and knitting factory. We have one hundred and fifty acres. My father put up two new barns this year. We are going to paint them red. We call our farm "Maple Leaf Dairy." My teacher's name is Miss East. I have no dog, but have a cat and one kitten. My grandpa, who fought in the Crimea, died in November, at the age of eighty-five. Next time I write I will tell you about my trips and the books I like to read.

RICHARD P. COURTIS.
(Age 9, Book III.)

Dear Puck and Beavers,—Papa has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years, and we all like it fine. I have three brothers and no sister. Two of the boys and I go to Maple-grove school. Our teacher's name is Miss Gould, and we all like her fine. For pets, we have one kitten; its name is Flopsy. We had two kittens till last week. One of the cows laid on the other, which we called Mopsy, and killed her. We had three calves; their names are Rosy, Blossom, and Bates' Jack, but papa sold him last week to the butcher. Wishing the Beavers every success.

RUTH ARMSTRONG.
(Age 8, Book II.)

R. R. No. 3, Bowmanville, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I live on a farm in Sarnia township. I have a mile and a half to go to school. I have a goat. I have two brothers and one sister. One of my brothers goes to school. We have five horses. We are keeping twenty-six cattle. I will close with a riddle.

The more you cut off it the longer it grows. Ans.—A ditch.

GEORGE HARDY (age 9, Bk. II.).
Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to the Circle. I go to school every day, and carry my dinner. It is too far for me to walk home and get it. I am in the Third Book. I have a quiet horse that I can harness and drive. I have a pet colt and a black kitten. I guess I will close now, wishing your Circle much success.

CARRIE M. MARTIN (age 10).
Dunfermlie, Ont.

Dear Little Beavers,—As this is my first letter to your Circle I will try to do my best. I am going to tell you how I get along at school. We have about a rod to go to school. We have had great fun on a slide we made in front of the school. We put water on it the night before, and it was as slippery as any ice in the morning. We played on it at dinner-hour, and had great fun.

CLARA CLARK (age 12).
Ingliston, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years, and thinks it a very good paper. I enjoy reading the letters of the Beaver Circle very much. I have one brother and one sister. I am in the Junior Third Class and go to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Mair, and we like her very much.

We have a little Indian pony. His name is Dannie. We also have eight horses besides him.

Our farm contains one hundred and fifty acres. I live about five miles from a small lake, at Lakeside. It is about one mile around it. There is a bathing-house there. In the winter there is a skating rink. There is a pavilion there, too, where you can get refreshments. I was at the fair there in the summer-time. Well, I will close now, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

AGNES MCGEE (age 9).
Kintore, Ont.

This is a very good letter for such a tiny girl, Agnes.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—Ever since I was seven years old I had to carry in the wood, milk the cows, feed the cattle, feed the hens, gather the eggs, and go for the cows in the summer, and so on. Two years ago I undertook to break in my dog. First, I made a harness, then bought a sleigh and shafts. I hitched him up and he went well. I had to run the garden these last two years. I sold about twenty dollars' worth of vegetables last year, besides what we kept for our own use. I tried to get a snap-shot of my garden, but the frost came and froze everything. We live on a large farm, about two hundred acres, and there are no hills on it, but there is a large gravel-pit, and we have a large bush. We are getting the telephone in. We have one dozen horses, and we have a lovely colt. I enjoy reading the Beaver letters. We have a big barn and we have a litter-carrier in it. We built a silo twelve feet four inches inside, and thirty-five feet high, which is a great thing for feeding cattle.

BOULTON MARSHALL.
Hawkestone, Ont.
You are quite a farmer, Boulton, aren't you?

Dear Puck and Beavers,—We live in Temiskaming. We have lived here five years, and there is a great deal of bush around us yet. One day last summer my brother and I went out to see if there were many blueberries in the blueberry patch, and we saw a big black bear. He was running away from us. We never had a school here till last summer. We have had to learn our lessons at home. The school only lasted from May to October, on account of muddy roads, but will open in May again.

NANCY STARKE (age 10, Bk. II.).
Charlton, Ont.

Dear Puck,—As this is my first letter to the Beaver Circle, I will not make it very long. I read your letters very often. I find them so interesting that I thought I would like to join. I go to school; my teacher's name is Miss Sharp. I am in Grade III. I do not have very far to walk to school, so I can go every day.

For pets, I have a kitten, calf, and colt. My little brother has a calf and colt, too. I have a little sister; she is not a year old yet. Donald will soon be three, and I will soon be nine. My papa is a doctor. He has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for several months. As my letter is getting long, I will close with a verse.

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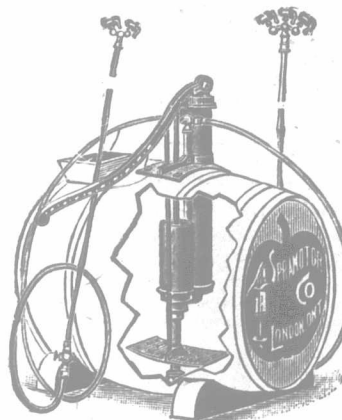
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