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TheBeaverCircle

Our Senior Beavers.

[For Beavers from Senior Third Class to Junior High School Form, inclusive.]

A Bird Garden.

Dear Beavers,—I heard to-day about a garden for birds, so thought you might like to hear about it too. It belongs to Mrs. Elizabeth Grinnell, of Pasadena, California, and in it she spends many a happy hour, watching her dainty little friends and hearing them sing. For the birds have found out that they are safe there, and they like the spot; indeed some of them have grown almost tame, and one actual ly so tame that it delights to come down and light on Mrs. Grinnell's head or shoulder.

This garden is, of course, full of trees, and part of it is covered with long grass. All about, too, have been planted trees and shrubs bearing fruit and seeds that the birds love to eat, with plenty of sunflowers; and here and there among the branches little bird-boxes have been placed. Upon one stand a shallow basin, is kept ful of water, and there the birds love to congregate, drinking and splashing at their own sweet will. During the nesting season Mrs. Grinnell hangs bits of string and threads about on the trees, and often has the satisfaction of seein the birds carry them off to build their

I do not know whether she has ever watched to see which color is the favorite, but I head of another woman who hung out strings of various colors, then watched to see which would be carried off first. In every case the white and light gray were chosen, the red and yellow being left untouched. And now, Beavers, what do you think was the reason for this? Were the birds possessed of a dainty taste which led them to reject the grandy colors? them to reject the gaudy colors? O did they know that the bright yellow and red would make their nests conspicuous, and perhaps attract enemies to

Speaking of bird enemies, I suppos you know that snakes, cats, and red squirrels are about the worst. Even mice will destroy the eggs and young birds in the nest. Julian Burrougha a son of dear old John Burrougha, a son of dear old John Burrougus, of whom perhaps some of you know-invented a sort of bird-box which is quite safe, and tells about it in "Country Life in America," as follows:

"It is a very simple matter. Get a hollow limb or make a box of weather-boaten boards, close both ends. rain-

beaten boards, close both ends, raintight, and make a two-inch opening near the top. The cavity inside should be about three inches across and four or five inches deep. Nail or wire the box to a post set securely in the open where no squirrel or cat can jump down on it from above. Then stop everything from coming up the post by a sheet of tin or an old pan that encircles the post. This result is best accomplished by cutting an "X" in the tin and showing the post of the po ing the post through; then nail down the flaps of the "X" to the post."

I hope our boys and girls are watching the birds this summer, and learning to make friends of them. Usually they are very shy at first, but if you sit perfectly motionless under the trees, o lie quite still in a hammock, some of them will be likely to come quite close to you, so that you can see their coloring and watch their odd little firting ways. They are very curious, and like to come close enough to you to see what kind of a creature you are If you are kind of a creature you are. If you are very gentle in your movements and take care not to frighten them they soon

gain confidence in you.

I wonder if any of you have a good field-glass in your home. If so you will find it just the thing for watching the birds. I do not own one yet, but hope to some day. hope to some day.

Senior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck.—This is my second letter to the Beaver Circle. Our farm is near a lake which is thirty miles long. I go in bathing in the summer time. I can swim with water wings a little. In the winter-time the late is frozen over, and when there is not very much snow on it the boys like

to skate. T which run or time; their na Lake," and have one big me about on about two m home. I gu the Beaver letter does no

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