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By DIXIE PATTON

WEE BOLOGNA MAN

Here is a funny little game which teaches the players to think and move quickly. The name of the game is taken from that of the Bologna sausage and is sounded exactly as if there were no g in it. It can be played equally well indoors or out.

A leader who can be very brisk and quick stands up in front of the other children and repeats this verse rapidly: "I'm the wee Bologna man."

Always do the best you can

To follow the wee Bologna man

As he does so he imitates the playing of the different musical instruments of a band or orchestra, such as the violin, drum, trombone, banjo, changing rapidly from one to the other, the children following him as closely as they can.

Instead of imitating musicians the children may go thru some exercise such as hopping or twirling about on the toes or dancing. It needs to be played briskly and with spirit to be effective.

DIXIE PATTON.

MY LIFE

My story is going to be what I love to do and to have and my sort of happiest life. The first thing I would like to have is horses because I am very fond of them. I haven't driven any of them. We always use oxen. What I love to do best is farming. When spring comes I like to hitch up the team and work in the field. And another is a sort of happiest life is this on the farm. When I awake I can hear thousands of birds singing around the house. And that is all, so I guess I had better close this letter.

A. DOWYCHENKO, Age 14.
Stenen, Sask.

A PAINTER OF PICTURES

I prefer to be an artist. I will arrange a home of my own with six rooms in it, a bedroom, kitchen, drawingroom, parlor, bathroom and a room to paint and dry pictures in. I will try my best to paint the loveliest pictures of nature, streams and flowers, animals, houses and people. My favorite painting will be of landscapes and ponds with water-lilies growing in them and spreading their large white leaves on the surface.

I would also sell as many as I would be able to each day and keep a dozen or so of my own to decorate my parlor. I will send a picture each to all the readers I know and the editor of the Y.C.C. I think I have dreamt enough and hope to see many interesting and better stories than mine.

EDITH JOHNSON.
Bruce, Alta.

PREPARING TO TEACH

I am now endeavoring to obtain an education to fit myself for teaching school, as I prefer that as an occupation. I should like to obtain a permanent first class diploma, as that salary would support me and perhaps enable me to give an occasional sum for charity purposes. During vacations I could visit the most interesting and picturesque places in our Dominion. I have always taken an interest in books and school and I would enjoy teaching.

For a good home I think I would choose a country home near Kamloops, British Columbia, as the beautiful situation, scenery and healthy climate would add to the charms of a home. I prefer a frame house on a nice lawn, pleasantly surrounded by trees, shrubs and flowers. I would like it painted white and trimmed with green on the outside and the interior kalsomined and varnished.

On the ground floor I would have a large kitchen, pantry, diningroom and livingroom, built for convenience and with the most modern and up-to-date furniture, also readingroom containing a library of the latest books and a good selection of agricultural papers for advice on matters pertaining to my garden and orchard.

In the livingroom I would have a bow window in the south side for my favorite house plants. The sleeping rooms and bathroom would be on the second floor, having all the rooms nicely furnished.

I would like a wide verandah running the length of at least one side of the house, and if the plan of the house allowed and the outlook was favorable, extend to the second side, using both verandahs in different kinds of weather. Here I would have comfortable chairs. Around the supports of the verandah I would twine climbing plants, Virginia creeper, ivy and clematis. Two great essentials of health are fresh air and sunlight, therefore I would have plenty of windows and keep the trees far enough away and pruned so they will not shade the house. Altho this is my ideal of a house, I would not be contented unless mamma, papa and my dear grandmother, who have been so kind and loving to me, were living here to make it a "Home Sweet Home."

I would spend my spare time from school in attending household duties, flowers or needle-work. During vacations I would take excursions to the most interesting towns and resorts in Canada. In the winter months I would skate, ride and go to parties and lectures, and during the summer, row, ride and go to picnics. When the autumn comes it would be a pleasure to pick and can fruits.

LUCY J. DECKER, Age 15.
Sovereign, Sask.

QUEER WAYS OF DOING THINGS

China has been called "topsy turvy land" because many of their ways are the very opposite to ours. If a Chinaman meets his friend he shakes his own hand and not the hand of his friend. If he wants anyone to stay away from him he makes the same sign that we use when we want him to come to us. When he is told a relation is dead he laughs. A Chinese bride always cries at her wedding. You take your hat off when you go into a house. If you go into a Chinaman's house he will at once put on his hat. At a Chinese dinner the chief is placed on the left of the host and not on the right as we do. Dinner always begins with dessert and ends with soup and rice. We tie up the dogs, but they tie up the cats. We blacken our shoes all over, but they whiten the soles of theirs. We do not like to be looked at when we are doing anything, but the Chinese always like their doings to be seen. We wear black clothes when we are in mourning. The Chinese wear white. If a British boy is puzzled he scratches his head; a Chinese boy scratches his foot. Chinese babies are carried not in the arms of their mothers, but on their backs. In a Chinese school the pupils turn their backs to the teacher when they repeat a lesson. The Chinese do not say "north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west," but "east-north, west-north, east-south and west-south." They say that the compass points to the south and not to the north. Chinamen row their boats facing the way in which they are going and do not turn their backs to the bow as we do. A Chinaman mounts a horse from the off-side and not from the near side. He puts his right foot in the stirrup first and holds the reins in his right hand. They knit stockings from the toe upwards and do not begin at the top of the stocking. A Chinese book begins where a Western book ends. They read from right to left and from bottom to top. The Chinese arrange their dates with the year first, the month next and the day last. In Chinese pictures things in the front are smaller than those at a distance. The Chinese put the family name before what we call a Christian name; they say Smith John and not John Smith. In Chinese towns the drains are on the surface and not underground as with us. The Chinese never drink cold water. Pawnbrokers' shops are a sign of poor neighborhood here; in China they show a well to do part of the town, they use them for storing their summer clothes in winter and winter clothes in summer. In our country the lady goes into a room before a man and in all things she is put first. In China the man goes first and the lady is considered of no account whatever and no respect is shown to her.

MARJORIE PATMORE, Age 9.
Pipestone, Man.
I would advise our readers to look up facts about China and see if all these things are true.

D. P.