

## Children's Corner

### THE BAD MRS. GINGER.

Many years ago there lived a little girl named Anne; she was only six inches high, and lived with a large yellow cat named Mrs. Ginger. Anne was very happy with the mice, birds, rabbits and butterflies. They taught her where to find berries and nuts and good things to eat.

When she was five years old Mrs. Ginger said to her, "I have a large family now, and you are quite old enough to help me catch mice and birds, so that our little kittens shall not starve."

Anne began to cry, because she did not want to kill the birds and mice. But Mrs. Ginger simply said, "Go and catch them at once, and see that they are nice and fat." This made Anne cry all the more, but the cruel Mrs. Ginger was very angry, and she scratched and beat Anne terribly, so the little girl ran away and hid among the flowers, and cried and cried.

Soon the butterflies came flitting round her, and asked why she cried. When they heard her sad story, they offered to take her away from her cruel Aunt. So they lent her a pair of their wings, and took her far, far away, until they came to Fairyland, where she spent the remainder of her days. She saw no more of old Mrs. Ginger, but had one glorious time with her birds, and mice, and other little pets.

### THE DREAM SHIP.

A sweet little ship stole up from the South  
 With a cargo of baby dreams;  
 Of dolls and kittens and warm little mittens,  
 And rose-colored peppermint creams.  
 A wee wind wafted it on its way,  
 And it sailed along, at the end of day,  
 Down the sleepy streets where the lights were lit,  
 To leave each child some wonderful bit.  
 "Oh, hush, little child, if you want a dream,  
 You must close your eyes—ah yes!  
 For the dream-ship carries a gift for you  
 More lovely than you could guess;  
 Perhaps a moon will shine all day,  
 Perhaps a gown of color gay,  
 Or a queer little fish  
 In a silver dish—  
 Sail away, little boat, and away!"  
 —Miriam S. Clark, in July St. Nicholas.

### LANGLEY FORT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Langley Fort Women's Institute held a most successful working bee in the school grounds on Tuesday, June 15. Owing to the very persuasive powers of Mrs. Coulter, the president, close on forty men very kindly promised their services in starting to clear a portion of the school grounds, to be held as a picnic ground. Mr. H. Coghlan was in charge of the work, which commenced about 7.30 a.m. All showed up in good working spirit, fires were soon started and by the end of the day a splendid clearing of brush and logs had been made. The ladies were also out in good numbers to prepare lunch and supper for the workers. Through the kindness of Mr. G. Simpson in lending a kitchen stove for the occasion, a very nice hot luncheon was served, there being a bountiful supply of good things to eat, to which ample justice was done. After the dishes had been washed the usual monthly business meeting was held. The correspondence brought up a good many subjects for discussion, but as the time was limited, much of it had to be left over for another meeting. Supper was served at 5 o'clock, which brought to a close a most useful and enjoyable day's work that will be of benefit to the whole community. The young people of the Institute have charge of the next meeting on July 2. We hope all members will be present, as something special in the way of entertainment is to be expected.

### TYNEHEAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting of the Tynehead Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. R. Inglis on Wednesday, June 9. There were eight members and one visitor present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. McAskill, vice-president, took the chair and opened the meeting in the usual manner. The acting secretary called the roll which was answered by cool desserts and many useful recipes were obtained. The receipts from the concert held on June 4 were very satisfactory and after all expenses were settled, a neat balance of \$12.45 remained. The annual convention at Chilliwack was discussed and delegates elected, viz., Mrs. G. W. Atchison as Government delegate, and Mrs. Wm. Rothwell, as Institute delegate. Mrs. Inglis gave a paper on "Religion in the Home," which was very much appreciated by the members.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting, and Miss Olive Atchison gave a Scotch solo which was heartily encored. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Jas. C. Atchison's home on July 14.

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### CANADIAN FRUIT TRADE.

As showing to some extent how much a good fruit-growing means to Canada, it is worth while noting the amount of trade formerly done by the countries at war that lies open for cultivation by this country. At the Canadian Fruit Growers' Conference held at Grimsby last September, Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, stated that he had taken a period of five years and that he had found the importations of apples from Germany to Britain varied each year from 5,000 to 14,000 bushel boxes, from Belgium from 100,000 to 500,000 boxes, from France from 50,000 to 575,000 boxes, and from Portugal from 175,000 to 350,000 boxes. Of pears, the importations varied from 4,480 to 56,000 bushel boxes from Germany, from 262,800 to 508,480 boxes from Belgium, and from 422,440 to 506,160 boxes from Portugal. Large quantities were also imported from The Netherlands, which may not be available. Mr. Ruddick prognosticated an increased demand for dried and evaporated fruit from Great Britain for use in the army. In 1913 Canada exported of this line to the United Kingdom 121,188 pounds, to Newfoundland 10,899 pounds, and to Germany 247,802 pounds. Of course the trade with Germany will be cut off, but the exportations should expand in other directions.