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Young Canada Club

BY DIXIE PATTON

THE WILD FOLK

The next contest has to do with out of door things and this is where the members of the Young Canada Club excel. Indeed a lady said to me the other day that ours was the best children's department appearing in any of the papers in Western Canada. I hope that won't make you too vain, but you do really write me delightful stories of animal or bird life. This time I want you to write about both, with insect and plant life thrown in for good measure.

What I want you to do is to tell me the most interesting thing you have ever known a plant, insect, bird or animal to do, especially wild things.

I want these to be very beautiful stories, better than any we have printed in this page before and we have had some beautiful stories.

When you have written your story you must get your teacher or one of your parents to certify that it is your own work and that the age given is correct.

Then your must be careful to address your letter very clearly to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

Finally, any boy or girl under seventeen may send in a story for this competition. Any story which is considered good enough to print will bring the writer, if he or she is not already a member, a dainty little maple leaf pin of membership in the Young Canada Club, while for the three best stories prizes of fascinating story books, written by master story tellers, will be given.

All stories must reach this office not later than August 20.

DIXIE PATTON.

TOM AND SUSIE

I read so many letters in your paper that I thought I would try one. I am a girl past fourteen, staying with my grandma and grandpa on their farm, "Fairview." It is a fine place, a mile from Stavely and I have so many pets on the farm. Out of the fifteen horses, Daniel is my choice. He is a splendid three-year-old, all black, gentle as a lamb and brave as Daniel of old. I have named all the cows and calves, but must not take up your space. But I will tell you of Tom and Susie, our cats. They lie in a box, circled into one another's paws, and when they wake up they wash one another's noses. Susie's mother was a Lulla. Her milk cup was too narrow for her to get her head in, but she knew a way out. She put her paw in the milk and licked the milk from the paw and that is more than I ever saw a human being do.

ISABEL FLEMING.

Fairview Farm, Stavely, Alta.

HOME LIGHT AND COMFY

I thought I would write a story about what kind of a house I would want to live in. I would like to be a musician when I grow up.

I would like to live in a house with hot and cold water supplied by taps and pipes and would want a furnace and a fire-place in the house. I would have a cook-stove, too. I would have pictures on the walls of my house. I wouldn't want a very big house if I was living alone. I would have somebody to live with me. I would have my cook-stove near a window, then when I read there would be lots of light and I would be warm. I would have a table near the stove and when I read at night I would have light and be warm, too. I would have some furniture in the house. Outside I would have trees, a flower garden and a vegetable garden.

ISABELLE.

WOULD LIKE TO BE AN OLD MAID

When I grow up I am going to be an old maid. I would like to be rich and live in British Columbia. I would like to have a very beautiful house with a beautiful garden in front of it.

I would adopt three girls. One would have black curls, another would have

brown curls and the other would have golden hair. Their names would be Lily, Rose and Daisy. They would be very beautiful and clever.

I would give them lots of presents at Christmas and at New Year's and on their birthdays. I would have lots of picnics and parties and all sorts of fun.

I would have a library with lots of books in it so that I could read whenever I wanted to because I am fond of reading. I would have a nice big white cat.

In my spare time I would make candy, then we would have a fine time eating it up.

Sometimes we would go on a trip to the old country and see some of the places I have read of in books. I would go to Scotland and see my great-grandmother. As she is one hundred years old now, I'm afraid she would be dead by that time. I would buy a lot of presents for my friends. When I got home again I would give them to them. Then we would settle down again and live happy ever after.

MARGARET MACKAY.

Rounthwaite, Man., age 10.

TEACH AND TRAVEL

What I consider a perfectly happy life is teaching. I would like to teach in a little village school, not a whole school, but one grade. Then I would like to have a cozy little cottage on the main street. I would plant flowers all around the house and a pretty little garden in the back yard. I would have my little cottage always tidy and flowers in all the windows. I have a little girl friend and I hope we may grow up together and that is who I would like to live with me. Of course if father and mother and sister lived I would have them live with me too. They could sit among the flowers in their old age. Sister would be a dressmaker and she could live with us so our family would be together. In my spare time when school is out I would have little picnics in the woods for my scholars and friends. Then when vacation comes I would like to travel. I would go to China, Italy, Russia, Spain, Japan and Turkey. I do love travelling so much, but I love a home twice as much and I think this way I can have both.

RUTH OLSON,

Age 9.

A STRANGE MONSTER

When my mother was a little girl she and her brother were going out to the maple grove to empty the sap pails as it was maple sugar season.

When they got near the edge of the woods it was just getting dark and they happened to look a little distance ahead of them when they thought they saw a terrible looking animal looking at them. Her brother was going to be brave, he went nearly up to it and he thought he saw it move, so they both got scared and ran back to the house. Then my grandfather went back with them and they found it to be an old stump of a tree.

MARIE BARNETT,

Seven Persons, Alta.

Age 11 years.

LOST IN A BLIZZARD

My father sold his farm in Quebec six years ago and came to Alberta. We settled seventy miles from the station.

The first winter we were here my father and uncle were building a house for a neighbor. One evening just as they left their work to come home a storm came up. It was about six and was getting dark so we were very anxious at home because we knew they would be lost. Grandma tried to hold a lantern, but the wind would blow it out. At last she got a blanket and kept the wind away so that they got a glimpse of the light. They saw it three or four times and at twelve o'clock they reached home.

CATHERINE STRONG,

Rose Tynn, Alta.

Age 11.

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