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In some parts of Kent the first sheaf is built up into the image of a girl, and clothed with a dress, cap, ruffles, etc., of paper. It is triumphantly escorted home in a wagon, and entitles the harvesters to a supper at the farmer's expense.

The sheaf also assumes animal shapes. In Dumfries and Lincoln it is called "an old sow," or "paiky"; in Ayrshire, "a hare"; in Dumbarton, "the head"; in Skye, the "crippled goat." In parts of Shropshire it is styled "the gander's neck." And elsewhere it is known as "the fox," "the wheat bride," "the grandmother," "the corn baby," "the old man," according to some prehistoric symbolization of the corn god.

### STORY OF DRY LAKE

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to the club, and I hope it escapes the W. P. B. I like the name for the club. I see some of the Wigs live near Indians. I do not, and I have never seen any full-fledged Indians. I have seen any amount of half-breeds. I love reading about Indians; that is all I like in the history. Have any of you seen gypsies? I have, but I ran when I saw their tents.

We live on the bank of Dry Lake. Maybe some of the Wigs will wonder why it is called that. About six years ago it was dry. There is a rock where the postmaster ate his dinner at that time. At that place the water is now about fourteen feet deep. We have a boat, and I can cross the lake whenever I wish.

We are having our holidays now. I am in the fifth grade at school. My teacher's name is Mr. A. C. I.—We have had him for our teacher for a year and a half. I have one sister and two brothers. I have to take care of the horses as papa has gone to the States. He will be back this week. We have two horses. We are raising lots of ducks and chickens. YANKEE GIRL.

Sask. (a).

### MISSSES THE OLD HOME

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—Please may I step inside your Wigwam and chat awhile? I have never written before to the Indians of the Wigwam, so I will try my very best now to make my letter interesting.

I am an American girl. My parents, three brothers, three sisters and myself came here to Alberta two and a half years ago. I like Alberta quite well but not as well as I did the dear old state I left. We lived in the midst of five lakes. We had an eighth of a mile to go to the nearest. I used to be able to row a boat quite well and it was

my greatest delight to be with my brothers fishing. There are no big lakes around this (Viking) part of Alberta. But I like to be around cattle and ride horseback, which I have done a little of this summer. I have a little dog with a white stripe in his face and around his neck. His name is Hero. He already barks when anyone comes around, so I think he'll be a good watch dog. He is one and a half months old.

I do not go to school any more for I think three miles is rather far to walk, and there is always such a lot to do at home that I have my hands full. What is the age limit, cousin Dorothy? I am nearly fifteen now, but I hope I can stay a little while in the shelter of your Wigwam, if I am admitted. I always read both the Ingle Nook and the Western Wigwam.

I hope you will not disappoint me, Cousin Dorothy, by not printing my letter, for then I am afraid I can't take courage to write again.

ALTA (a) COWGIRL ESTELLE

(You can stay in the Wigwam for another year and then you will be old enough to pass on to the Ingle Nook. C. D.)

### A LONG VACATION

Dear Cousin Dorothy—I have wanted to write a long time, but I could not get courage. But I am going to write now, as I would like to receive a button. I went to school every day this summer. I have six sisters. Two of them are going to high school in Yorkton, and two can play on the organ.

Our house is situated in a poplar bluff and in the spring the birds sing so sweetly in the trees. We live six

## THE GOLDEN DOG

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### CHAPTER XXXIX—Cont'd.

"Haste then, and bid her come to-morrow night! Why not to-night?" Caroline was all nervous impatience. "I will wait her coming in the vaulted chamber; I will watch for her as one in the valley of death watches for the angel of deliverance. Bid her come, and at midnight to-morrow she shall find the door of the secret chamber open to admit her."

The eagerness of the ill-fated girl to see La Corriveau outran every calculation of Mere Malheur. It was in vain and useless for her to speak further on

miles from the new town of Melville. Melville started last spring and soon will be a big town. There is a branch road running close to our place and the construction train is expected to be through next week. The country out here is prairie, with little bluffs here and there, which make it look lovely. In the spring there are pretty wild flowers here. I like the roses the best, but I like all the flowers. I like all the little birds too, for they all seem to be so happy and free. There are lots of birds' nests in the trees around our house.

Our school is out for this winter and I will have a long vacation. I am in the third reader. Our teacher's name is A. M.—and we all think he is just fine

Sask. (a) HATTIE NEUSHAUER.

### THE HOME OF THE BUFFALO

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first attempt at writing to the Western Wigwam. I enjoy reading the other letters very much. I go to school nearly every day. There are two rooms in our school, and I am in the higher one. I am nine years old and am in the second class. I have one sister and one brother. This town has a park near it and it is the home of the largest herd of buffalo in the world. We have several nice lakes around here, with plenty of duck shooting.

ALTA.(a) MARGUERITE MAY ALMAS.

### WELCOME ANOTHER ENGLISH MEMBER

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—As I have not written to you before you will want to know who I am. My name is Annie Wildman; I am fifteen years old and I work at the mill. I have a brother and a sister both attending the day school yet. We all go to school and church on Sunday and don't like missing. We also go to night schools in the winter. I can play the piano and sing, so we pass many pleasant evenings when the weather is not fit for us to go out. My friend, a member of your club, tells me many interesting things about you, and has received a button. I would be very pleased if you would send me one as well. My pen name is Goldylocks, which I get by my hair. It is a golden shade and I have curls. From your true friend

Eng. (a) GOLDYLOCKS

### A WELCOME MEMBER

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—My brother has taken the Farmer's Advocate for over four years and we would not be without its valuable information. I will tell you about this district. It is called the Lac La Nonne district. There is a beautiful lake with plenty of white fish, jack fish, pike, etc. The hills surrounding the lake are very high and one can see quite a distance from them. There are also quantities of all kinds of berries, and the wild flowers are something grand in the summer.

The homesteads are all taken around this part and the settlers are a fine class of people. A large school is situated near the lake and over thirty scholars attend. I am sending a stamp, for which I would very much like a button. I would also like to join your merry club, and be one of the many papooses

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Caroline returned her salute, still holding the letter in her hand. She sat down to peruse it again, and observed not Mere Malheur's equivocal glance as she turned her eyes for the last time upon the innocent girl, doomed to receive the midnight visit from La Corriveau.

"There is death in the pot!" the crone muttered as she went out,— "La Corriveau comes not here on her own errand either! That girl is too beautiful to live, and to some one her death is worth gold! It will go hard, but La Corriveau shall share with me the reward of the work of to-morrow night!"

In the long gallery she encountered Dame Tremblay "ready to eat her up," as she told La Corriveau afterwards, in the eagerness of her curiosity to learn the result of her interview with Caroline.

Mere Malheur was wary, and accustomed to fence with words. It was necessary to tell a long tale of circumstances to Dame Tremblay, but not necessary nor desirable to tell the truth. The old crone therefore, as soon as she had seated herself in the easy chair of the housekeeper and refreshed herself by twice accepting the dame's pressing invitation to tea and cognac, related with uplifted hands and shaking head a narrative of bold lies regarding what had really passed during her interview with Caroline.

"But who is she, Mere Malheur? Did

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