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Children's Corner

TIP AND FLOSSY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to your Corner. My uncle has been taking the ADVOCATE for two years. I like reading the letters very much. We have six horses, two cows, one pig and fourteen hens, and for pets a dog and a cat, whose names are Tip and Flossy. We live seven miles from Waldeck.

Sask. (b) DORIS DUNCAN. (9)
(Some one had chosen that name before you. Think of another when you write again. C.D.)

A NEW ONTARIO MEMBER

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I live in Ontario along the Rainy River and I go to school at Sleeman's Siding. Next week I will try for the fourth grade. There are thirty children going to our school. Our teacher's name is Miss M—. I have two sisters and two brothers. I am the eldest. The mosquitoes are very bad just now. I would like to correspond with some of the cousins. I will send my post card first. I am in favor of pen names very much. My chums are going to write to the Corner too.

Ont. (a). Canadian Black-Bird.

NEARLY HOLIDAY TIME

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Will you please send the enclosed letter to "Fizzle Top" whose letter appeared not long ago. I hope her "mist of freckles" will not keep her from answering it soon. Well, it will soon be holiday time. I had such fun last holidays. I went to a lot of picnics, and to a show or fair. I went to many parties, too.

Sask. (a). Mayflower.

A QUEER NESTING PLACE

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Here I am again. I think I will use a pen-name this time, and I think "Duck Pond" would be a very nice name for the Corner, as Gladiolus suggests. We have five young ducks, fifteen all together and thirty-six chicks. There has been a lot of rain and it is very muddy. We have a hand-bag hanging outside the house, and a little bird is building its nest in it. Last year it built in a water can. Another has built and has seven eggs. What country do you come from, Cousin Dorothy? I have made a doll's dress and am making a hat. I have made four. We get seven duck eggs every day.

Sask. (a) Heather (14).
(I came from Ontario, and my old home is still there. C.D.)

CATCHING GOPHERS

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As this is my first letter to the C. C. I hope it will miss the waste paper basket. I live on a ranch in the Cypress Hills, and our nearest station is twenty miles away; but as we are higher up we can see the cars quite plainly, and when my brother and I have nothing else to do we like to watch them.

We have caught ninety-six gophers this year, and have sold quite a lot of grain by it. We rode three miles to school last summer, and at noon we either caught gophers or ate thorn berries which are very good, but as there is no school this summer as yet, we can not have so much fun. The reason we have not a school is because Saskatchewan and Alberta cannot agree to have a union school, but we have to pay taxes all the time.

W. E. Reesor.
Alta. (a). A New Friend from Alta.

A PROFITABLE GARDEN

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and I hope to see it in print. I take up teaching, writing, spelling, arithmetic, drawing and physiology. We drive five miles to school, I and my one brother and two sisters. I have been

here for three years, and like the country fine. I came up here from Butte, Montana. We have a nice garden. The year before last we sold 175 dollars of garden stuff. We hatched 16 chickens out this year. I am not in favor of pen names. I am going to try and get some subscribers for a watch. I will close for fear my letter will be too long.

Alta. (a). Cora Barker.

A JAYHAWKER

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—It has been raining to-day, and I have been reading the Children's Corner, so thought I would write too. I am what they call, in Alberta, a little "Yankee Boy," but in the U. S. only the people who live in the Eastern or New England States are called Yankees. I am from Kansas, and the people from Kansas are called Jayhawkers, and Kansas is known as the Sunflower State. I wish THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE came every day instead of once a week, and I wish we could have three or four copies instead of just one, so that I wouldn't have to wait until papa and mamma are through with it.

Alta. (b). George A. Coverdale.

A KINDLY EXCUSE FOR THE BOYS

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As papa has taken the Advocate over twenty-five years, I thought I would join your Corner, with the other cousins. We came to Alberta three years ago from Ontario. I like it better in this province than in Ontario, although we miss the fruit and trees. I think if I went back I would like to go as far as Winnipeg by train and the rest of the way by boat. I do not like coming on the train around the Lakes. We were in a wreck coming up, but I did not get a scratch.

I think you were quite right in asking us not to pick more flowers than we wanted. We have pansies in blossom, and I have sweet peas, mignonette and petunias coming up in my flower beds.

I think the girls are getting ahead of the boys in the Corner, but perhaps most of the boys are hard at work in the fields and do not feel as much like writing as the girls.

The post office is just a mile south of us, at the south end of our section, and we get mail twice a week—Tuesdays and Fridays. The school which I attend is also a mile south, so I do not have far to go, but always walk.

I have five sisters and two brothers; two of my sisters are younger than myself, and my brothers are older than I am.

I will stop now, hoping my letter will be marked (a) and have a nice title. Your cousin

Alta. (a) ROSE BUD (14).

CATCHING GOPHERS AND PICKING STONES

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—No one having written from Craik, I thought I would write. We live six miles from town in the Little Arm Valley.

I have a little garden of my own in which grow peas, carrots, onions and cabbage. I am trapping gophers around the garden for five cents apiece and have been picking stones for fifty cents a day and made \$.50; but it's easier to catch gophers. I had seven little ducks and the old cat ate them up. I had two rabbits and the dogs got at them and ate them up.

Well if I see this in the paper, I will write again and tell you about my garden and the gophers.

Sask. (a) JOHNNIE EPPARD (12).

MILKS A COW TWICE A DAY

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My brother takes the Farmer's Advocate and I like to read the Children's Corner. We had a holiday on the 26th of June, and I had lots of fun playing and fishing. I am ten years old and attend Sunday school every Sunday. My father has twelve horses and eleven head of cattle. I milk a cow every night and morning, and enjoy doing so. We live out on the prairie where the grass is nice and green now. We pick flowers nearly every day. We have eleven little chickens that came out last Monday.

Alta. (a) JENNIE FINLAY (10).

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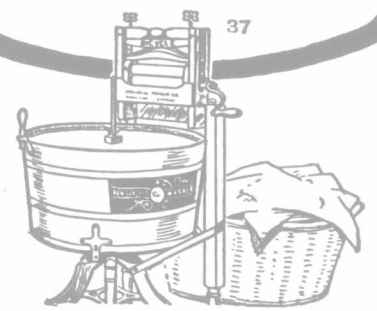


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