FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

LETTER BOX.

[Under this heading we will insert letters on any subject from boys and girls. The letters must be brief and written on one side of the paper. The name and address must be given, to appear with the letter. Address: "AUNT PRUDENCE, ADVERTISER Office, London, Ont."]

MYRTLE, SEPT. 9, 1891.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:

I wrote to you last week my opinion of girls, and of my rabbits having to stay out in the cold. Well, one of the poor things has died since and I believe it was just on account of not being in the house. I suppose I will find the other one dead some morning when I go out to feed it. When pa read that note you put at the bottom of my last letter, and came to where you said I wouldn't always have such an opinion of girls, he said "he guessed not" and looked at ma and laughed.

Last spring I had a pet crow that came to a sad end. My aunt, who was visiting us, caught it one day when we were at the cemetery. I kept it for a couple of days all right but one day I asked ma what I would feed it on and she told me to give it onions and salt. I have found out since that onions and salt are very bad for crows, or indeed, any kind of bird. My poor crow died and I buried it with all the style I could get. My chums and I formed a funeral procession at the kitchen door, and marched slowly to the foot of the yard, where we buried it. We put a green sod over its grave. When my rabbit died my sister advised me to give the other one onions and salt to keep it warm, but I know better than that now. I have been real sick since I wrote to you; I was flying my kite and took cold. When ma saw how sick I was she gave me some nasty medicine, sent me to bed and put a mustard plaster on me. I suppose you know what mustard plasters are like. I hollered and kicked but pa and ma wouldn't let me take it off for quite a while. I never want to see a mustard plaster again. Say Aunt Prudence, will you tell me of a pet that won't die very easy? Yours truly,

E. ADAMS.

[It seems to me that you consider yourself a very badly used boy. Well, perhaps you are, of course I don't know anything about it. That was very pathetic about the crow, was it not? From my own experience, I must say that I think a canary bird will live longer than any pet I know of.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

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PARIS, Ont., Sept. 10, 1891.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:

As I am not a little girl there is only one other thing for me to be, a little boy, 12 years old though, so not so very little after all. You really are a lady, arn't you, Aunt Prudence? not some big, grown-up man at the ADVERTISER office, with a mustache. I would be dreadful, and I am sure you are not, at least I hope so. So you think a boy ought to have to go to school if he does not want to. I told father and mother last night that I hated school, and didn't intend to learn anything more; but it seems that I am to have no say in the matter. I argued for a long time, and gave plenty of good reasons, but they wouldn't look at it from my side of the case at all, and father says he won't let me be a cowboy. I don't know what I am to do. I have red flannel shirts. I could wear one if I was a cowboy and spurs on my boots. I thought I would write and ask you about it, for I am sure you were never a Sunday school teacher, and so will not tell me that I am a very ungrateful boy. I wish you could see my pet rabbits; they are beauties. I got them from a boy for a pair of skates. I have got curly hair, and I think but for that I would be a very plain-looking boy. I like curly hair ever so much, don't you? I am your loving nephew, JIM EVANS.

[Why, you dear ridiculous child, of course Aunt Prudence is not a man, and I am as innocent of a mustache as I am sure you are. I really don't think you would enjoy, being a cowboy. Why can't you wear a red flannel shirt, at home if you have a weakness that way. You know a cowboy is a person who can't write or spell or do anything that a 10-year-old Canadian child can, and as you can write a very nice letter, I am afraid you are rather spoilt for one.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

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ST. THOMAS, Ont., Sept. 12, 1891.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:

This is my fourth letter to you. I am in the Fourth book now, and have two more new studies since I last wrote you—composition and French. I told you all about a little pet dog I had last time I wrote. Well, it was run over by a brute of a cabman. The poor little fellow died almost five minutes after I carried him in off the road. It made me cry dreadfully, and papa offered to get me another, but I told him I didn't want it. No other dog could be the same to me as poor little Gup. Last week mother took me to the dentist. I hardly like to think, even now, of how dreadful I felt as we went up the long stairs leading to his office. My tooth had been aching dreadfully for hours, but on the way down to the dentist it stopped completely. The dentist was a funny old man, who said "Open big" all the time. He pulled out my tooth. It hurt awfully, but it was anything but keep perfectly still. Every Saturday afternoon I am allowed to make taffy. I am going to make some now. Did you ever notice, grown-up people don't generally like taffy. They say it sticks in their teeth. I am real glad it does. It doesn't stick in mine or Rob's. Grandma is a very safe person to ask to mind your candy for she has false teeth, and she hates sweets. I will now stop. With love from your niece, AMY HELEN BROWN.

[I think I know your father, Helen, and I believe I saw you once when you were a very wee girlie. What a big girl you must be now. A visit to the dentist's is a good chance to show what mettle one is made of. —AUNT PRUDENCE.]

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THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE.

"It was my duty to have loved the highest,
It surely was my profit had I known,
It would have been my pleasure had I seen."

I find the doing of the will of God leaves no time for disputing about His plans.—[George Macdonald.

But keep up a good heart, we have only to do well what is given us to do, to find heaven.—[Charlotte Cushman.

God gives us always strength enough and sense enough for what He wants us to do; if we either tire ourselves or puzzle ourselves it is our own fault.—[Ruskin.

Lord, shall we grumble when Thy flames do scourge us?
Our sins breathe fire; that fire returns to purge us.
Lord, what an alchemist art Thou, whose skill
Transmutes to perfect good from perfect ill!
—Francis Quarles.

To be nameless in worthy deeds exceeds an infamous history. The Canaanitish woman lives more happily without a name than Herodias with one; and who would not rather have been the good thief than Pilate?—[Sir J. Browne.

Keep your eye steadily fixed on the great reality of death; and all other things will shrink to their true proportions. As in a voyage, when the ship has come to anchor, if you have gone out to find water, you may amuse yourself with picking up a little shell or bulb, but you must keep your attention steadily fixed upon the ship, in case the captain should call, and then you must leave all such things, lest you should be flung on board, bound like sheep. So in life; if, instead of a little shell or bulb, some wifeing or childing be granted you, well and good; but, if the captain call, run to the ship and leave such possessions behind you, not looking back. But if you are an old man take care not to go a long distance from the ship at all, lest you should be called and come too late.—[Epectetus.

WOODS' FAIR.

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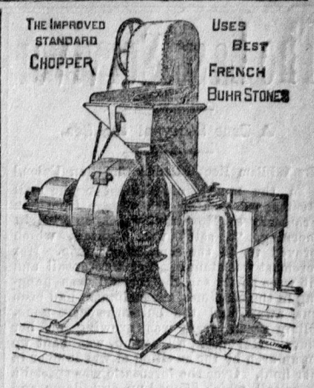

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