

else the mischievous breeze whirl it out from under the point of the stick and carry it away? Ah no, it was yielding to persuasion at last, and was being drawn nearer and nearer, being drawn up gently, gently, until Harry grasped it in triumph and held it out to the bare-headed boy, crying "Here's your hat."

"Thank you," said the boy. Harry's eyes dilated with joy and wonder. "Oh, I didn't know that any Dutch boys could speak English," he cried, "and I am so glad."

"But I'm not a Dutch boy," Mamma and I always speak English," replied the little lad.

"Well, I'm awfully glad," said Harry, "for you see I'm lost, and now maybe you can tell me how to get back to the Blank hotel."

"But that's a long way off. I'll show you the way, though, if you'll show me first with me, so I can take Mamma where I'm going. She's sick, you see, and I've been to get the doctor."

It was not far to the small room where the boy's mother lay wearily with closed eyes, upon her bed. Harry listened to the story of the rescued hat, and then turned her face a little to look at the lost boy.

"You have wandered a long, long way," she said. "Hooray, could your parents let you stray from them so in a strange place?"

"But they don't know," said Harry, with flushing cheeks. "You see they went out together to find my Aunt Edith and my cousin, who are lost, and they told me to be good. But I went to look at a boat, and I turned the wrong way coming back, and—"

The sick woman had started up, and was staring at him now with bright wide open eyes. "They have gone to find your Aunt Edith and your cousin, you say? Quick, what is your name?"

"Harry Harland!"

"Is it possible? My brother Henry's child, Harry, I am your Aunt Edith. Ah, Heaven bless you, my boy, it is surely Heaven that sent you here to me. And this is your cousin, Conrad, Harry. Did you say that your father and mother were trying to find us? Oh, they are good. Conrad, bring me a pen and paper, quick—let me write to my brother. There Harry, that is for your father, with my dear love. Now Conrad, take your cousin back to the hotel, and wait there—wait until your uncle comes, and bring me back word from him."

It was a wonderful walk that the two boys had together. There was so much for each to say, and they were friends long before the hotel was reached.

When Mr. and Mrs. Harland returned, unsuccessful in their search, Harry met them with a radiant face.

"Oh, Mamma, Papa, what do you think? I have found Aunt Edith and Conrad, and here is a letter from Aunt Edith. You see, I didn't mean to, but I went and got lost, myself, the very first thing, and then Conrad's hat blew away and I fished it up out of the canal, and so—and—that was the way we came to find each other."

### Children

Ah, what would the world be to us if the children were no more? We should reach the desert plain and then reach the dark before.

What the leaves are to the forest, With light and air for food, Ere their sweet and tender juices Have been hardened into wood,

That to the world are children; Through them it feels the glow Of a brighter sunnier climate Than reaches the trunks below.

Ye are better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said; For ye are the living poems And all the rest are dead.

—Longfellow



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## Our Girls and Boys

### Eddy's Letter

We are sorry that the little boy who wrote us the letter, and signed his name, "Your Dear Eddy," did not give us his address. We would like to write him, but cannot as we do not know where he lives. We think that we had better not publish his letter, however, as while it was interesting to read, it might hurt the feelings of some one who might read it, and we would not care to do this. We hope that Eddy will write us again some time.

### What One Little Girl Does

The following letter was received among those sent in the Winter Fun Contest, but it did not tell us anything about Winter Fun. Therefore, we could not consider it in the contest. It is a nice letter, and we desire to publish it for our boys and girls to read. The letter reads:

"Dear Editor,—We just started to take The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, so my Papa said I was to write to it. I am a little girl, 10 years old. My little sister's birthday was on March 8. I go to school every day that I can. I live in a village, and I like to go out on the farm to my cousin's and friend's. We have three grey horses; their names are Nelly, Prince and Hazel. I am in the junior third class, and I am going to try for the senior third class. I have two sisters and three brothers. We live right aside of the Alder Creek, and we have a store, and my papa is the operator of the Bell Telephone Company. The post office is right in our house, and the creamery is also. I guess I must close my letter now; good bye. From Essie Thamer, New Dundee, Ont."

### Nicer Than Ever

The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World is a very welcome visitor in our home, and now that it comes every week, it will be nicer than ever.—Mrs. Seth S. Salmon, Carleton, N. B.

It is pretty hard to eliminate envy from gossip, and have anything left.

## Asked and Answered

Readers are asked to send any questions they desire to see this column. The editor will aim to reply as quickly as possible, and as fully as possible. Address: Howard Editor, Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, Peterboro, Ont.

Will you tell me the best way to fry sugar cured ham.—Mrs. W. T. Hollis, Lennox Co., Ont.

Try this way: place the slices of ham in a fry pan with enough cold water to cover. Place over fire and let water come to a boil. If you think ham is very salt, repeat this a second time. Then pour off water and fry as you would any meat, trying as brown as desired.

Can you tell me how to remove sunburn from a white chip hat.—Mrs. B. M. Miller, Middlesex Co., Ont.

Secure salts of lemon from the drugist. It costs already put in little wooden boxes. Dissolve about quarter of package in cupful of hot water, and apply with soft cloth to hat. Dry immediately. If not successful, you might get your drugist to prepare a solution of oxalic acid for you, which is also a good remedy for the purpose enquired about. We can give you the proportions correctly.

Kindly advise the best way to care for the new linoleum I have recently purchased? want to keep it in the best condition possible.—Mrs. Eunice.

To clean and brighten the linoleum first wash it thoroughly in soap suds, and in not too hot water, being careful to get it perfectly clean. Then go over it with sweet milk, and you will be surprised at its brightness.

Please suggest a remedy for removing the musty odor from tomatoes which are only occasionally used.—Mrs. Hacksu, Man. Put a lump of sugar in the teapot, and it will absorb all dampness. It is understood of course that the teapot is thoroughly cleaned. A little soda or scouring soap will remove any discoloration from a pot made of china and these are always the best pots to use.

I would like a good recipe for home made sausages, preferably pork sausages, as I have a hog.—Mrs. Hacksu, Man. Make up, and sell at our home market.—Mrs. G. H. James, York Co., Ont.

Put through the meat chopper, 6 pounds of lean fresh pork, and 3 pounds of fat; mix with 13 teaspoons of powdered sage, 6 each of black pepper and of salt, 2 teaspoons

each of ground cloves and of mace, and 1 nutmeg, grated. When the seasoning is well mixed with the meat, pack it down in stone jars, and pour melted fat or lard on top to exclude the air, or put into long bags of stout muslin, dip these in melted grease and hang in the cellar. They may be made in small quantities and used at once.

Kindly tell me how I can corn beef, and about how long it will take to do it?—Jennie Firth, Haldimand Co., Ont.

Mix salt with salt pepper in the proportion of ten parts of the first to one of the second, and rub the piece of beef to be corned until the salt lies dry upon the surface. Let it stand in a cold place for twenty-four hours and repeat the process, and the next day put it into pickle. This is made by boiling together for ten minutes a gallon of salt, four ounces of saltpeter, and a pound and a half of brown sugar, in five gallons of water. The meat should not be put into the pickle until the latter is perfectly cold. Leave it in the pickle and take it out as needed, looking at it occasionally, to see if it is keeping well. If not, take the meat out, rub it well with dry salt, and prepare a fresh and stronger brine.

Take old cotton blankets that have worn too thin for warmth on the bed, dye them any color desired, and use them for linings when you make your winter quilts.

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