

tried my entrance this summer at Cumberland. Our school is about one mile and a half from our farm; there are two lady teachers. In the summer the attendance is about one hundred.

I have been taking music lessons for quite a while. I have four sisters and two brothers, but there are only three of us at home most of the time. One of my brothers is out West, and the other is taking a great interest in Holstein cattle.

We take a lot of other papers besides "The Farmer's Advocate," but none of them seem as interesting to me.

Our house is situated on a two-hundred-acre farm, with about three acres of lawn in front of it, and a garden behind it. It is made of brick. The name of our farm is Epworth Farm. I hope this letter will escape the w.-p. b. Will some of the Beavers please write to me?

LYDIA MYRTLE McCULLOUGH
(Age 13, Book V.).

Napan, P. O., Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to the Beaver Circle, and I hope it won't discover the waste-paper basket.

Will some of the Beaver Circle girls write to me?

Will some of the Beavers give me a name for our farm?

We have one hundred acres. We have eighteen acres of wheat and sixteen acres of hay, all kinds of trees but bananas and oranges, all kinds of berries, a lot of flowers. There are two houses. One is vacant, and we would like to rent it, meanwhile our neighbor's boys and my two brothers and I play in it. We have lots of fun in it. I like to read the Beaver Circle letters.

THEODORE GRAY (Book III.).

Coldstream, Ont.

Our requests for farm names are not receiving much attention from our Beavers, so Puck had better make a start. Here are a few names: Fairview, Bonnybrae, The Willows, The Maples, The Beeches, The Pines, Stormfield (the name of dear old Mark Twain's summer home), Burnside, Silver Creek, Stonehenge, Lake View, Maple Lodge, Hillcrest, Hillcroft—Now, for some more from the Beavers.

Dear Puck,—One day my brother and I were playing in an old barn when we noticed two young pigeons roosting on a beam. We crept carefully up, and each caught one by the tail. We took them home, but soon one died. The other one stayed with the chickens. We had it for a while, and then it flew off. I hope this will escape the w.-p. b. I will close now, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

REGGIE PATTERSON

(Age 11, Class III.).

Rodney, Ont.

When the little pigeon died, were you not sorry that you had meddled with it, Reggie? It is better not to try to do anything with birds, except with wounded ones, that would die anyway if left to themselves. One can, however, make bird-houses for them, placed on posts with a sheet of tin below, to keep cats from getting up. In a garden in this city, a boy put up a bit of hollow log for a box, and bored a hole through, hoping wrens would find it out. Before two days had passed, a pair of wrens did come to it, and they made their nest in it, and raised a family. Of course, if one makes bird-boxes, one must not be peeping in very often, or the birds will become frightened and go away. If I made a bird-box, I would place a drinking vessel for birds on another post not far off, and put fresh water in it every day.

It is too late to put up boxes now, expecting to have occupants, as the birds will soon have done with nesting for this year, but what about getting a few ready for next spring?

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to the Beaver Circle. Will you ask some of the children please to correspond with me? Will some of the Beavers please give me a name for our farm? There is a creek running through it, there are a sugar bush, two barns and two houses. We have an orchard, and a small cedar swamp containing about fifty trees. Will you please tell me how many there are that write to the

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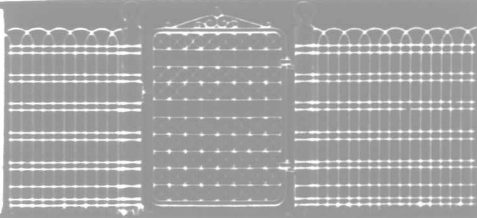
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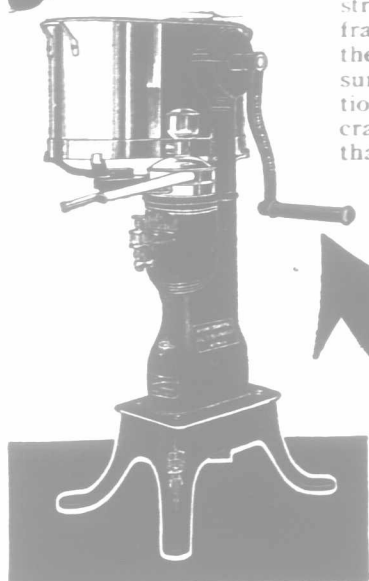
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Circle 1. I have a flower garden and an onion and tomato garden.

JACK GRAY (Book III.).

Poplar Hill, Ont.

The Beavers number so many hundred that I have never counted them. Very often I feel like the old woman who "lived in a shoe, and had so many children she didn't know what to do." By the way, are you and Theodore Gray related?

Our Junior Beavers.

A Laugh in Church.

She sat on the sliding cushion.
The dear, wee woman of four.
Her feet in their shiny slippers
Hung dangling above the floor.
She meant to be good; she had promised.
And so, with her big, brown eyes,
She stared at the meeting-house windows,
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher
But she thought of the honey-bees
Droning away in the blossoms
That whitened the cherry trees.
She thought of the broken basket,
Where, curled, in a dusky heap,
Three sleek round puppies, with fringed ears,
Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle.

Such queer little hearts to beat.

Such swift, red tongues to kiss you.

Such sprawling, cushiony feet!

She could feel in her clasping fingers

The touch of the satiny skin.

And a cold, wet nose exploring

The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter

Ran over her parted lips.

So swift that she could not catch it

With her rosy finger tips.

The people whispered, "Bless the child!"

As each one waked from a nap.

But the dear, wee woman, hid her face

For shame in her mother's lap.

Beaver Circle Notes.

Beattie McTavish sends a riddle. What goes through the water and through the water, and says "chink, chink?"
Ans.—A chain on a vessel.

If your letter does not appear within seven or eight weeks, you may take it for granted that it was not interesting.