

Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

WHAT OUR YOUNG FOLK HAVE BEEN DOING

I am sorry to say that we did not get many good pictures of "The Oldest Inhabitant." I think most of the young people who wrote me that they had cameras and wanted a competition to start must have been busy. To give them another chance I am going to extend the time until the first of January and allow them to send me a picture either of "The Oldest Inhabitant" or "A Winter Picture."

Now, will all who have cameras please get to work like little beavers and be very, very careful to follow directions so that your pictures will be as clear as possible.

Next week I am going to announce the results of the last story competition so be sure to watch for your name. I am glad to be able to tell you that nearly all of the stories are good enough to print. They are splendid stories, and I am as proud of them as I can be. See if you don't think they are great.

Our club is growing all the time, and I think getting better with every competition, but I would like to have more boys and girls join us during the next few months. Tell your school friends and your teacher about our competitions so that our roll will grow in length.

DIXIE PATTON.

MY UNLUCKY DAY

The moment I opened my eyes one morning I began to be unlucky. I had no sooner begun to get dressed than I found that I couldn't find my clothes. After a short struggle I found them and got dressed.

Then I went to get a cup of tea before breakfast. When I had got the tea made and was just going to pour it out I caught my apron on the handle of the teapot and upset the whole thing, and then I had to make another lot of tea.

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Then I went to wash myself, and had just begun when I upset the water all over and had to wipe it up.

After breakfast I went out to harness the horse up and go to the raking. I had no sooner hitched the horse up than I went down a hill. The rake ran against the horse's heels and he began to run so over I fell off the rake and had just picked myself up again when I got the rake stuck in a husk and had to unhitch the horse and pull it out myself. Then I went singing down to the raking. I had no sooner got to the place than it began to rain and I could not rake.

I had to go home again. The horse was not broken to ride, and I had to walk all the way home again.

I began to eat my dinner, and upset my plateful of soup all into my lap. Things went alright all afternoon, until I went to the store and forgot half I went for and had to go back again. I think things went alright for the rest of that day.

ANNIE PIERCE, Age 14.

MY UNLUCKY DAY

It was about eight o'clock when my first misfortune happened. I was walking along a path on my way to a small lake to fish. I had a knapsack on my back filled with a lunch and fishing tackle and some bait in a can.

It was about three miles from home to the lake, and it was still early in the morning. When I reached the lake I started to put down my knapsack, but slipped and sprained my ankle. It was some time before I could put any weight on my foot.

After a while I got my fishing rod together and threw in my line. I sat there for nearly an hour, but did not get a fish, so I went to a place where a small creek emptied into the lake. I sat there for some time when I caught a fish, but it got into the moss and I broke my line.

It was not long until I thought I would eat my lunch. It had been cloudy all morning and soon afterwards it began to rain, so I started home. By the time I got home I was wet through and I had a cold next day.

GLEN MOORE, Age 14.

MY UNLUCKY DAY

Last year the fair in Saskatoon was in July. It was a very poor fair, and the weather was very wet. We went on the third day. It looked very much like rain, but we arrived at the grounds without any rain and the clouds which had been threatening for rain had disappeared.

We entered the grounds and went to look at the stock. There were very few animals in the stables and not many fowls. The dairy and agricultural halls were very poor.

There were no shows and there were very few engines and machinery. When we were going home it began to rain, and it took a longer time to get home because the roads were wet and muddy.

JOHN SMITH MARSH.
Age 13.

MY UNLUCKY DAY

I had been staying with a neighbor, helping to fetch the cows and milk them. I rode a white pony to fetch them. I stayed there a month and at the end of this time I received five dollars. I was pleased to earn a little money and intended to buy a dress with it. The next day I chose a pretty blue dress. I got the letter ready and walked to a neighbor, who was going into town, who would post it for me. To my dismay, when I got there, I found that it was gone. So I walked back and searched diligently, but could not find it. Then I asked my brothers to help me, but with no success. All hope of getting my pretty blue dress was gone. Then as a last effort, I went again, and walked to and fro and to my delight I saw a brown envelope lying on the ground not far away. The wind had blown it away from the path. So my unlucky day ended right after all.

MARGARET EGGLESTON.
Age 13.

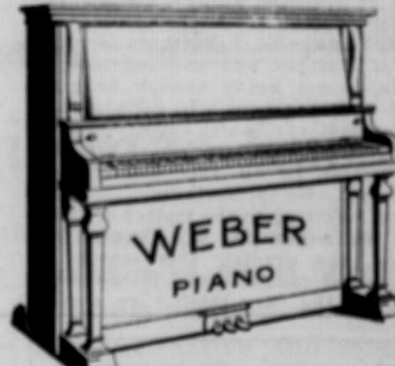
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