

a foundation and then have real bark fastened to it.

The stockade is made of sticks about four inches long and stuck upright in the sand and it either completely surrounds the cabin, with a gate in front, or it protects it at the back and two sides and the yard then fronts on a river in imitation of the "ribbon farms" of the French along the St. Lawrence or the River Raisin at Detroit.

I used that idea, because my forefathers were French and my mother has told me such fascinating tales of these old days, and I needed the setting to make plain my stories for my little folk.

Around the stockade is a "dense and beastly forest" peopled by Indians and animals of our American woods, according to the fancy of the youngsters, for these miniature woods are conducive to the most delicious imaginings and consequent thrills for the First Graders, and you little know what adventures overtake the owners of the cabin when they venture forth.

Daily drawing lessons alone show some marvelous feats of strength and wily escapes from savage and secret foes, and triumphal returns laden with spoils, still retaining scalp locks, for these early settlers.

Half way down the hill, a tiny spring rests buried half in the sand and filled with clear water. (Really a glass cup buried in the sand, glass being used to show the sand in the bottom of the spring.) And one day when two bits of baby rabbits were brought to school and let run loose on the sand-table and they had the great kindness to drink from this

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spring, there were absolutely no boundaries to the glee of my lads and lassies. We found unlimited usefulness in this sand-table for the basis of nature and history and good health activities.

