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A Regular Saturday Page for the Kiddies

This Week's Contest

This week's contest is most interesting. What you have to do, is to carefully read the story, which has "Wanted a little" in place of the usual heading to the story, and then make up your mind what heading would be best for same. Write the name of the title which you choose, on a sheet of paper, attach the usual coupon bill in, and mail them to Uncle Dick, The Standard, St. John, N. B., so as to arrive not later than Sept. 4.

The Raven

Mrs. Van Loon was a widow. She had four little children. The oldest was Dirk, a boy of eight years. One evening the poor mother had no bread, and her children were hungry. She folded her hands, and prayed to God; for she believed that He loved and would help her.

When she had finished her prayer, Dirk said to her, "Mother, doesn't the Bible say that God told the ravens to take some bread to a good man when he was hungry?"

"Yes," answered the mother, "but that was long, long ago, my dear."

"Well," said Dirk, "then the Lord may send ravens now. I'll go and open the door, and make the ravens fly in."

In a trice Dirk jumped to the door, which he had just opened, so that the light of the lamp fell on the pavement of the street.

Shortly after the burgomaster passed by. The burgomaster is the chief magistrate of a Dutch or German town or city. Seeing the door open, he stopped.

Looking into the room, he was pleased with its clean, tidy appearance, and with the nice little children who were grouped around their mother. He could not help stepping in. "Eh, my good woman, why is your door open so late as this?"

Mrs. Van Loon was a little confused when she saw so well-dressed a gentleman enter her room. She quickly rose and dropped a courtesy to him; then, taking Dirk's cap from his head, she answered with a smile, "My little Dirk has done it, sir, that the ravens may fly in to bring us bread."

Now the burgomaster was dressed in a black coat and black trousers, and he wore a black hat. He was looking at him over, except his collar and shirt front.

"Ah! indeed!" he exclaimed cheerfully. "Dirk, where is the raven, and where is a large one, too. Come along, Dirk, and I'll show you where the bread is."

The burgomaster took Dirk to his house, and ordered his servant to put two loaves and a pot of butter into a basket. This he gave to Dirk, who carried it home as quickly as he could. When the other little children saw the bread, they began to dance and clap their hands. The mother gave each of them a thick slice of bread and butter, which they ate with the greatest relish.

When they had finished their meal, little Dirk opened the door, and taking his cap from his head, looked up to the sky and said, "Many thanks, good Lord!" and shut the door.

The Geometry Mistress at the blackboard—"Now, boys, you must first take a dot or point, so that you may place your compass point on it." Turning round to see if the children were attending, she happened to let the compass slip off the point. Instantly the bottom boy shot up his hand.

"Well!" she cried, "the boy who is off your dot!"

Tommy: "Did you say the German did not know how to draw the line?"

Answers to Questions Received by Uncle Dick

A few of the many letters received are answered in this column.

Julia Bernard, Sunnyside—Yes, certainly send in the story, that if it is at all interesting, I shall publish same. I am surprised that you did not receive an answer to the last letter, and story, as I try to answer the most interesting letters received.

George Manning, Sussex—Very pleased to have your letter, George. You tried hard in the contest, and I am watching your work.

Wilmet Caldwell, Florenceville—I am sorry that the prize was never received, and am taking the matter up with those concerned. In the meanwhile, I have forwarded another and shall be pleased to hear of its safe arrival. There was no need to express the doubt in the letter received.

Blenda Macaulay, Baysville—Point—I am interested in the reply to the contest, and shall consider it with the rest. Blenda.

Maude L. Hemphill, Knowlsville—Delighted to see that you are enjoying the page, and contests so much. Maude, and shall watch for further letters. Write again soon.

Jessie Tili, Andover—I have your welcome letter, and am attending to the matter. Very glad to hear that you think the Corner is getting better than ever which I trust is true.

Edith W. Mavor, River De Chute—Yes, you are partly correct, but as you are the only one who guessed right, so far as not publishing the answer until later. Don't tell the other members whom you may know, or you will be giving away the contest.

Elia Rae Kenne, Corn Hill—You appear to have a good record for attendance at school, which I trust that you will keep up. I am pleased to have you as a member of the Corner.

Lizzie Keith, Corn Hill—It must be some mouse's head which you have. I should like to see it. How is your brother who was wounded getting on? The description as to what you have in your house was very interesting. Write again soon.

Miss Carrie Dixon, Point Wolfe—I am pleased to see that you are enjoying the stories so much, and hope to hear from you again. I was pleased to get your letter, and the matter is receiving my personal attention. Write again soon.

Carle Rigby, Hartland—Although you have not yet been able to win a prize, I am pleased to see that you are trying continually that success will come. Your answer was not correct, but later, I shall give the right solution.

Gertrude Hemphill, Debec—The story of your vacation was most interesting, and perhaps if I can find room, I shall publish it. Write again soon.

Jimmy Newell—I was quite pleased to get your short, but welcome letter, and shall look for the longer one to which you refer, later. You tried hard to draw the tree didn't you.

Bessie MacKinnon, Havelock—The more you write, the more I like you. I should like to see you, but I am not able to do so at present. I consider it is very well done indeed.

Irene Alward, Petticoat—Although you did not get the map here in time, I was most interested in your work. Write again soon.

Pearl Yeoman, St. Martins—The different birds which you mention is very interesting. You seem to have a very good knowledge of birds.

Dora L. Wilson—That was a splendid picture which you sent in, and at a later date, I expect to publish it with others. I shall continue to watch for other letters from you.

Margery Smith, Home Farms—What a great time you appear to have had during your holidays. That is a good idea to form a Greater Efficiency Club. You will learn much.

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