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Today

Young Canada Club

EMPTY TROUBLES

Out of some sixty-three contributions in this contest only seven were correct, and the prize winner was chosen from these for the neatest work, according to age, the prize going to Edna Bond, age 9, Truax, Sask.

You would hardly believe, if I told you, how many of the mistakes were glaring ones, like leaving out a whole line, or changing a word, or mistakes in spelling, or starting a line without a capital letter. Mistakes in punctuation were common, and a-great many started capital letter. Mistakes in punctuation were common, and a great many started the lines all one under the other. Now I think you will see what I meant by saying that very few people, either children or grown ups, can do exactly as they are told.

Those besides Edna who copied the stanza correctly were: Vivian E. Bond, Dolly Oherlin; Gertrude Moffat, Annie Girling and Keith Longeway.

Remember the Envelope

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Where are your "Bememberers," as my little friend says. I thought I had said most firmly that no membership buttons would be sent out to new contributors to the last contest unless they enclosed a stamped and self-addressed envelope. It was really necessary to make this rule, and having made it it is really necessary to enforce it, so that some little people who sent quite good stories about a "Good Citizen" are going to be disappointed about getting a membership pin.

A good many also sent in stories on other subjects which were good enough to admit them to The Young Canada. Club if they had but remembered to send the self-addressed and stamped envelope.

DIXIE PATTON.

MY RABBITS

One day when I was at the home of y friend, she gave me a pair of rab-

bits.

For some time I had them shut in a hox, but after a while I let them out. They went to the granary every night. I shut them up. I was afraid they would run away or get killed. After a while I let them stay out. When winter came I fed them stay out. When winter came I fed them carrots, potatoes and cabbage, and gave them milk to drinn.

One day when I went out to feed them I could only see one. The other had always come so I didn't bother looking for it, and the cats and dogs would not burt them, but for a week it did not come, so I went to look for it, but all I could find was its front foot. In the spring I bought another just

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In the spring I bought another just like it. I had a hard time to catch the one I always had because it would not come out from under the granary. I made a pen for them and every month they had young ones. I gave some away and kept two myself, but some died. When they are small, just getting fur, they look like a little round hall of fur when they hunch up and lay down their ears.

I kept the young ones and gave away the old ones. Now I have fitteen young ones. They are black and white, like their mother, the fore part white and the rest black. This year I have not any vegetables for them. I guess I will have to give some away or they will eat papa's fruit trees.

IRENTHA GRAHAM,

BERTHA GRAHAM. Rienfait, Sask.

LOST IN THE BUSH

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Two years ago last August my mother went to visit a friend three miles away. She intended to stay all night, but for some reason changed her mind. Just as she was coming away a thunder storm came up and she had to wait till it was over. As it made her late in starting it was getting dusk, and she took the wrong road within a mile of the house. She went quite a piece before she found that she was wrong. She went back and tried to pick up the right road, but could not do so. She thought she would camp under a tree till day light. Finding a nice big spruce tree she, and the two dogs that were with

her, laid down and tried to get warm, for by this time mother was wet thru and very cold. They had not been lying there long when the dogs bounded out and barked furiously. It was coyotes and they barked back at the dogs. Mother was so frightened and she climbed half way up the tree and stayed there till daylight came. Then she got down and made her way home as quickly as possible. You can be sure we were all very much surprised to hear of her experience.

LOUISE KEEN, Age 11 years.

THE FOXES

Once some people lived in a large painted house about half a mile from town. There were four people living in this house, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, theff. son John and his uncle, Jack. They had une hundred chickens, forty

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They had one hundred chickens, forty geese, twenty five ducks and seven guinea fowl. Each night they, would miss a chicken. It was not the owls, for they were taken from the lowest pole that they roosted on. One morning John looked out of the window and he saw a fox carrying a nice fat chicken, so he at onse went out with his gun and the dogs followed him. They tramped all day, but could not find her, so he went home.

The next day he went again to hunt the fox. At last he found her, sitting near her den watching the little ones tearing a nice fat hen to pieces. He thought it was so interesting that he would not shoot her.

Jack went the next day to hunt for her. He came to the den and the old fox was gone. The four little ones were sitting near the den watching for their mother to come back. He shot three of them, got the other one, tied it up with a chain, and then went to find the old fox.

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The dogs chased her. She ran thru a herd of sheep, jumped on one's back and rode away so that the dogs could not find her scent. Jack could not find her, so he went home and never hunted for her are more. Every night the fox her, so he went home and never hunted for her any more. Every night the fox came and tried to get her young one free, but she could not, so she gave him some poison for she thought she would rather have him dead as he could not be with her.

They never found out what became of the fox, and they have never seen her since. Some people say she took poison and died.

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THE SWALLOWS' NEST

The story I am going to tell you is about a birds' nest. There was a swallows' nest in the beam of our is about a birds' nest. There was a swallows' nest in the beam of our stable. The mother bird laid four eggs in it. I looked in the nest one day and the little birds had come out of the shell. One day my brother took one little bird out. He put it on the ground and it flew away so we could not catch it, but I think the mother found it. The birds have now gone away south. The birds have now gone away south.
IRENE E. LEES,

Mather, Man.

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Last spring our hired man was sow ing oats and our dog was with him. He saw a wee little rabbit out on the land and he told the dog to go for it, but he just ran after it and played with it and wouldn't hurt it nor kill it. I saw him and wouldn't hurt it nor kill it. I saw him and wouldn't hurt it soon grew into a hig rabbit and was so fat and plump. I would bring it out of the pen and put it on a chair in the house and give it candy and apples. It liked sweet things as well as greens, and then I would put it back in the pen. This fall, when it was changing its color and getting white it seemed to get sick all at once, and one morning I found it dead. I was sorry, for it was a nice pet and so tame.

RUBY L. CAMERON.



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