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The Garden Competition.

Dear Beavers,—In our Garden Competition announcement last spring we gave the following directions:

- (1) All work in the garden, with the exception of plowing, harrowing and rolling, must be done by competitors.
- (2) Each competitor must put in five kinds (specified) or more, of flowers, and six kinds of vegetables.
- (3) Each competitor, in the fall, must send an essay telling about the garden, and one or more photos of it.
- (4) Each competitor must give full address; also age.

In judging the essays it was announced that marks would be awarded as follows:

- For photo—25 marks.
 - For interest of essay—25 marks.
 - For methods of working garden—25 marks.
 - For neatness, spelling, etc.—25 marks.
- Those who succeed in taking from 50 to 75 marks on the total to receive from 3 to 6 packages of flower seeds; those taking over 75 marks to be awarded books, with a fine bird or flower book for the winner of the very highest marks.

It is now time that these essays and photos were sent in. Will those Beavers, therefore, who made and kept up gardens during the summer, please send in their essays and photos—each plainly marked with address—not later than the last day of October 2—And will each be very careful to follow rules exactly, as given above?

Address all letters and photos to the "Beaver Circle Garden Competition," "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," London, Ont.

Competitors, be sure to state whether the work was done by yourselves, as requested.

Where is Clara McEwen?

Clara, a prize book addressed to you, to R. R. 3, Glenfield, Ont., has been returned to us as "not called for." Evidently the wrong address was put on this book. Will you kindly let us hear from you?

Senior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I fear it's a long time since I last wrote to the Beaver Circle. We have a farm of fifty acres, of which five acres is bush. We have two hundred chickens; one hundred Leghorns and one hundred Wyandottes. We are one hundred and eighty miles from Montreal, in the Laurentian Mountains. There are not many English people around here they are mostly French. We are not going to school again until October, because they are holding a new school to seat thirty pupils. I have a garden of my own, with cabbage, beans, peas, onions, carrots, parsnips, parsley and lettuce growing in it. I will close now, wishing the Beavers every success, I remain your loving Beaver.

DOROTHY FARLEY.

(Age 13, Class IV.)

St. Jovite, Co. Terrebonne, P. Q.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—As this is my first letter to the Beaver Circle I will not write a very long one. School has started again and our holidays are at an end, and I wish all the Beavers success in the coming year at their school exams. I live on a farm eleven miles from the city of Ottawa. The village I live near is noted for its great range of curative waters, and quite a few people come out to the Sanatoriums in the summer months. I am quite a book-worm, and have read quite a few books. I also read the Dog Compositions, and thought they were all very good. We have a dog, but I don't think he is worth writing about. I go to school and am in the Senior Fourth Class.

Hoping this will escape the w-p. b., I sign myself yours truly.

MELBA CAMERON.

Carlsbad Springs, Ont.

There is no dog that is not interesting, Melba, if one talks to him kindly enough to make him intelligent. Try it.

Riddles.

There was a little man, he wore a red coat,
A cane in his hand, a stone in his throat.

Ans.—A cherry.—Sent by Edna Smith, Queensville, Ont.

Junior Beavers' Letter Box.

[For all pupils from the First Book to Junior Third, inclusive.]

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my second letter to your Circle. When I saw my first letter in print, it gave me courage to write again. I am going to tell you the names of the Library books I read, "The Little Prince," "Little Nell," and other books. After summer holidays we got a new teacher. His name is Mr. MacLeod. I would like some of the Beavers to write to me. Well, I guess I will close.

HELENA E. MACRAE.

R. R. No. 3, Lucknow, Ont.

Dear Puck,—I want to tell you about the squirrels we had. Last spring, one day, my sister found the cat just as she caught the mother squirrel. We all felt sorry for the babies. We hunted a lot that day for the little ones but we could not find them. After a while, one morning my sister was going to the hen-house to feed the chickens. One of the little squirrels ran out of the wood-pile to find something to eat, so we moved the wood-pile two or three times to get them. We saw them in the wood, but could not catch them. We gave up, and were just going to the house when we heard the dog barking and pawing in the wood-shed. We ran back to see what the row was about. We saw that he was after the squirrel, so we called him off and we caught it. In the afternoon my brother caught another, then we went to our farm work, and the next day he ran around to the wood-pile to see if there were any more. He saw another and he caught it, so that made four. We put them in a box and gave them some milk in a saucer. They drank some and started to play, and we happened to have a few hickory nuts left. I cracked some and put them in the box and they ate a few. In a few days we took them out and put them on our arm and they would crawl all over us, inside our shirt and down our pantleg on to the floor. We would take them into the parlor and they would crawl up the curtains and have a great time. One time we left them too long in the parlor and they went up the front stairs and one got out the window, and was away that night. It rained that night and we had a tub under the drip. When we emptied the tub the next day the squirrel was under it. We caught it, so we had them all again. We thought we ought to let them go before fall so they could learn to find their own food. One Sunday we took them to the bush and let them go, but they soon came back. When we were picking the cherries they came into the tree with us. They are staying around yet. I guess I will say good-bye for this time.

TOYNEBEE LAMB (age 11).

R. R. 4, Goderich, Ont.

This is an interesting letter, Toynbee.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your charming Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years, and I enjoy reading the Beavers' letters. I had a little rabbit that we caught in the wheat field, under a sheaf of grain. It lived about ten days and then died. I made a cage for it. As it was the first one I ever had I did not know very well how to take care of it. I have two cats and two kittens. The kittens are afraid of me. I have a dog named Sport. He hunts for woodchucks when he is out in

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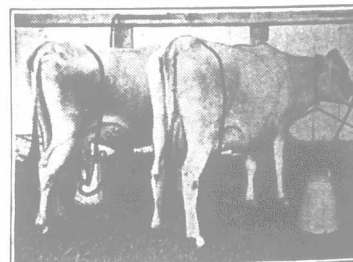
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