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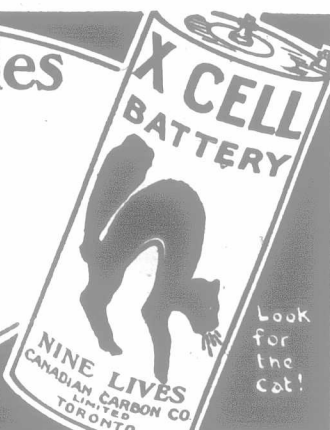
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19th the school had a fair, held at Brinston. I won several prizes. First prize on weed seeds; second prize on candy; second on an apron, and second on an embroidered handkerchief, which amounted to two dollars. I noticed Ruby Breadner and Hazel Yelland's pictures in “The Farmer's Advocate,” which I much admired. I am very much interested in the Beavers' gardens, as well as my own. As my letter is lengthening, I will close, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

G. H. MADELEINE DRISCOLL.
Brinston, Ont., R. R. No. 2.

Dear Puck,—You certainly have made me a very proud and happy girl by presenting me with that copy of “Lives of Great Men.” I cannot express how I feel about it, or how I can express my thanks for your goodness while I was a member of the Beaver Circle. You have encouraged me so much that I feel better prepared to “tackle” the series of long essays just ahead of me in school. I am working at one now called “A Day in Canada,” to be handed in May 1, and, thanks to you, I have that “I'm-going-to-win” feeling, which makes me spend more time on it and take more care of my sentences, but while working at the style, I take good care not to read how the different authors express themselves, for that makes mine seem so meaningless that I soon give up in despair. But you have showed me that I can beat a few, and encouraged me so that I want to beat more. The result is more practice for me, which is perhaps the most essential thing.

Now, though I have been obliged to withdraw from the Beaver Circle on account of my age, I hope that if I could be of any use, you will not hesitate to tell me. I would be only too pleased to do it if I could do so. With the best of wishes for the success of the Beaver Circle and its members.

WINIFRED COLWELL (age 16).

Try to learn for the sake of “knowing,” not of “beating,” Winifred. You mean that, don't you? Good speed, little girl.

Dear Circle,—This is my second letter to the Beavers. Since my last letter, my brother Ernest has been very ill with typhoid fever, and I have been ill for two weeks with tonsillitis. Poor mama is nearly tired out, as she did all the waiting on us. My brother is able to be sitting up now. My other brother that is home is 19 years old; he works the farm. I have a mile and a quarter to go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Harrison, and I like her very much. She is very kind to me. She is going to see my sister next Saturday. I have had so many nice letters from the Beavers.

My little dog comes down the lane to meet me when I come home from school. He likes to get my bits of dinner that I have left. My brother likes to read “The Farmer's Advocate” as well as I do. When he was in bed he loved to get it at nights when I came home from school. Our mail man comes at four o'clock. I have a dear little colt called Bubbie. Our work horses are Clydesdales, and one of them killed our driver by kicking her in the head. I will close my letter, as it is getting rather long. Thanking all the little Beavers for their kind letters to me, I remain your loving friend.

GLADYS DUNN.

St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I will write you a few lines. I live six miles from our post office and three miles from the lake. I am a boy of thirteen, and I go to school every day. For pets, I have a dog; his name is Watch; a kitten; a horse, and one cow.

I live on a farm of one hundred acres. I like the country very much. I am very fond of riding horse-back and driving horses.

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