

studied over catalogues and prices, and finally made their selections.

The following Wednesday the two hastened to the letter box in the eager hope of getting some word about their purchases. As soon as they came within sight of the box, each uttered a joyful exclamation. At the foot of the tree were two express packages, one addressed to Robin and the other to June.

To the same sun-flecked spot which had witnessed their first happy surprise the two parcels were carried. "Let's look at one at a time," June suggested. "That will make the fun last longer. Yours first."

"No, yours," returned Robin gallantly, laying aside his own.

With trembling impatience June untied the knots and removed the wrapper; and when the books for which she had longed so fervently lay piled in her lap, her joy was at first too deep for words. Together they looked through them, only taking a quick glance here and there through the pages, as a humming bird dips into one after another of the garden blossoms, for the other package was yet to be opened. The volumes contained hundreds of beautiful coloured plates of birds and flowers and animals, with a great deal of descriptive matter.

"Oh, it will be easy, easy now to tell the names of them all," cried June. "There must be every flower and bird here. I never knew there were so many in the world."

"There's more than we'll find here," Robin affirmed. "Now let's have a look at the camera."

Besides a camera, the bulky package contained a developing tank and everything necessary for the completion of the pictures; for Robin intended to work on the "Hoe your own row" principle. It was an outfit to delight the heart of any boy or girl, and these two, bent on exploring the beauties and wonders of their little world, thrilled with ecstatic happiness as they viewed in prospect the joys this mysterious-looking invention was to seize and hold for them. Neither of them knew the A B C of picture taking, so the queer little black case was as a sealed book to them until the instructions should be carefully studied.

At last everything was carefully packed and tied up again, and they returned to the island. Then came the new delight of exhibiting the treasures. Hilda dismissed the books with a brief scrutiny, but took a little more interest in the photo outfit. It was well, however, that the joy of the young people was built on too firm a foundation to require much support from her.

"You needn't think, Robin," was her sole comment after everything

had been displayed, "You needn't think that you're goin' to fool away all your time fussin' over pictures. There's lots o' work to be done. There's the garden all wants cultivatin', and two cords o' wood to split and pile up in the woodshed, and—"

"O Aunt Hilda, I'll do it all," Robin promised readily, "I'll do everything you want me to do; and there'll be plenty of time for my pictures and things, I guess."

"Yes, Aunt Hilda," added June, "and I'll do all I can to help you, too. I'm as strong as anything now, and I can do such a lot."

"Oh, I guess you don't need to hurt yourself workin'," Hilda replied. "There's lots o' little things you can do, and there's no need for any girl to grow up a dunce about house work, as I see. But I ain't sufferin' from overwork, and you'll have time enough to addle your brains with book-larnin' if you want to."

(To be continued).



### A CANADIAN ST. DUNSTAN'S HOME.

Systematic training for blinded Canadian veterans has been started in Halifax and bids fair to become an important part of the Dominion's work for returned men. Already four men are under instruction at the present School for the Blind, studying massage, and soon a new building, dedicated especially to the soldier, is to be erected nearby. The men now there will soon take the examinations of McGill College, with which the present school is affiliated. Thus they will become self-supporting practitioners and also be able to assist in the care of other disabled men. This new department of work for the returned soldier will be modeled after the famous St. Dunstan's Home in London for blinded soldiers and sailors, conducted by Sir Arthur Pearson. Canada's leader in this field is Sir Frederick Fraser, who, in the face of appalling obstacles has, since 1872, built up the present school to its present high standing. His administrative genius now will be brought to bear on the establishment of the new institution for blinded soldiers. As an essential feature, Sir Frederick is planning to include in the new plant a printing house for publication of literature in raised type for the use of the blind. It is hoped to print not only books but a daily newspaper and perhaps a magazine as well. In order to carry out these plans, Sir Frederick has in view a campaign to establish an endowment fund. In his appeal to the public he will cover the entire Dominion, assisted by his blind secretary, John Weir.

## Boys and Girls

Dear Cousins,—

This is the first day it has really felt like winter, and there is a chilly north wind blowing my curtains about, and making me half inclined to shut my window altogether, though I don't quite like to. When I was out this morning I saw much piles and piles of brown leaves that had blown from the trees, that I began to wonder if there were many left still, and then I remembered that when I came back from the last of my lakes, I had seen a few yellow leaves fluttering down even then—a whole month ago—and I had refused to think about them, because I didn't want autumn to come so quickly. Still, we may yet have some beautiful warm days and directly we do I shall be away to my favourite place—which is where I won't tell you!—and see what the cliffs and the woods have to tell me, for its spring since I was there last, and doubtless there is plenty of news. To begin with, they'll be telling me how the little berries have grown, and perhaps I'll see some and gather them for myself. I already have just a few in a vase brought in by a friend, and last night I thought I heard them whispering that they had many brothers and sisters who were wanting to come and be kept warm in a house through the winter, so I'll be after them soon.

Now comes this competition I've talked about for so long: I wonder if you've been looking forward to it at all? I am going to set you some verses out of the Bible that have one or two words left out, and I want you to fill those words in so as to complete the verse. I'll tell you which book they come out of, but that is all the guide you will get, so there's going to be some careful reading ahead of you. Those of you who want to make your answers specially good may draw an illustration of the missing word also; don't you think you'll have plenty to do?

There will be a fortnight for the competition to run; that means that the last day on which I can receive answers will be Friday, October 19th. Don't forget the date; don't forget to put your name, age and address on your papers, and don't forget to write me letters soon, because now I've begun, really and truly, to write to you regularly; I want to hear from all the old friends again, and many new ones, too.

Best wishes for the Competition,  
Your affectionate Cousin,  
Mike.

### OCTOBER COMPETITION.

Open to Boys and Girls under Sixteen.

Fill in the words which are missing from the following verses, and, if you can, draw an illustration of the missing words:—

1. Thy word is . . . unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalms.)
2. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the . . . be broken: or . . . be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. (Ecclesiastes.)

3. Ye blind guides, which strain at . . . , and swallow . . . (Matthew.)

4. Or what man is there of you, who, if his son ask . . . , will he give him . . . ? (Matthew.)

5. Is . . . brought to be put under a bushel, or under . . . , and not to be set on . . . ? (St. Mark.)

6. Carry neither . . . nor scrip, nor . . . , and salute no man by the way. (St. Luke.)

7. Peter then denied again, and . . . (St. John.)

8. And out of his mouth goeth . . . that with it he should smite the nations and he shall rule them with . . . and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation.)

Closing date, Friday, October 19th. Don't forget to put your age.



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