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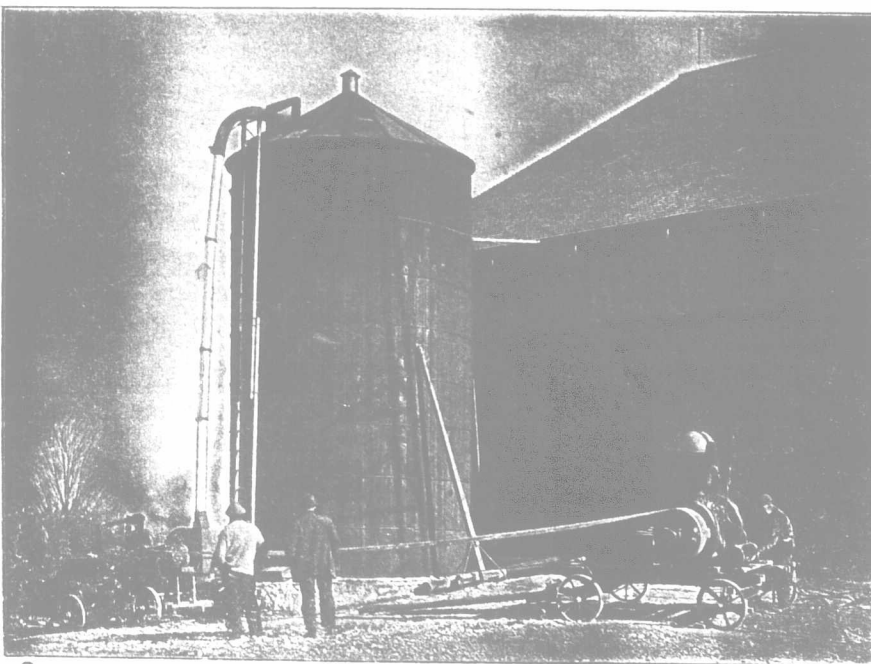
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had no eyes for the lost child. Her whole gaze was rivetted on the trembling form in Junior's hand.

In a moment more she had it on a little cushion beside her and bent over it with loving words and caresses. The little creature acknowledged her love as best he could. Apparently he liked it.

Junior was thunderstruck. Can you believe it? The small animal was the missing "Tom!"

The child whom Junior had thought to be "Tom" began to cry loudly. Mrs. Cochrane left her pet to comfort.

Then the whole story came out, rather jerkily on Junior's part.

"What's your name, dear?" Mrs. Cochrane asked the child.

"Nellie," was the reply.

Junior started. "might knowed he was a girl," he muttered, "a boy woulda had more spunk."

The maid was dispatched to the police station, and soon returned with Nellie's anxious mamma. She heard the whole story, and admitted that she was the lady who had discharged Junior's mother.

Next morning mother was sent for to work as usual. Junior never quite realized why she considered he had anything to do with it. He didn't mind anyway as long as everything was all right again. The landlord was paid, and Junior was not deprived of his home after all.

## Our Junior Beavers.

[For Beavers up to Junior Third Class, inclusive.]

### The Baby.

I use' to be the baby  
'Fore the other baby came,  
I didn't know that maybe  
I'd have to change my name;  
But now I'm only "Brother,"  
He's "Mother's precious pet"  
(I guess she's stayed my mother,  
But I haven't ast her yet).

I thought, though he was tiny,  
And he looked so very queer,  
He'd get over being whiny,  
When he found that I was here.  
I thought before we knew it  
We'd be chummy as could be;  
But I ain't a-goin' to do it,  
'Cause he isn't nice to me.

I mustn't even hold him,  
Less he drops on to the floor,  
An' it doesn't do to scold him;  
It just starts him in to roar.  
I am goin' on to seven.  
And I go to bed alone;  
But I wished he'd stayed in heaven  
Till he'd got a little grown.

P'raps some day there'll come another,  
It would be a funny joke;  
Then he'd have to be the brother,  
An' be told his "nose was broke."  
It would start him yellin' maybe,  
But I'd tell him just the same,  
That he couldn't be the baby  
When the other baby came!

ETHEL M. KELLY.

### Junior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—This is my first letter to your charming Circle. My brother takes "The Farmer's Advocate" and I enjoy reading the little letters very much.

We live on a farm in the district of Temiskaming. We have two horses, one Jersey cow, one Durham cow, and one Jersey yearling, also we have one cat, eighteen hens and one old pigeon. We live one-half mile from the T. & N. O. railway station. The "National" train going direct from Toronto to Winnipeg passes by here three times a week, both ways. My parents settled here over thirteen years ago. At that time there was not a rod of road cut in the township. Now we have quite a little village, two stores, one church, one post office, and one school within a mile of us. The automobile road running from Toronto to Hudson's Bay passes by one side of our farm. As my letter is getting long I will close, wishing the Circle every success.

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