

A PAGE FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS



Our Boys' and Girls' Column
BY AUNT JUNE

My Dear Boys and Girls: Holidays again! And such lovely days, too. Don't you think Easter is just one of the happiest seasons of the whole year? There is so much to look forward to when the fresh green of the trees and in the country there are baby chicks just like the little fluffy cotton-wool ones that you buy in some of the stores and then we have to think of all the beautiful things that we can have for our Easter "helpers", our gardens. We have gained over 250 new members since the last holidays, Christmas time, and by the rate our club has been growing the membership now is a very large one. I hope for a very big response to the call for gardeners this year. I hope everyone who has any ground at all will have a garden and try hard to make it a success.

Next week our first notice about gardeners will appear. Please watch your corner for announcement.

Note—Will all members please take notice that in competitions where prizes are offered they will be sent out once a month. All prizes are despatched on the same day once a month, so if you have not received yours it is on the way.

During this month prizes have been sent to the following members: Evelyn Daniels, 1851 Dundas street; Beatrice Gilmann, 142 Manning street; Harold Phillips, 110 Margaret street. In two weeks I shall be considering the award of the final drawing prize. That is for the best pupils who have sent in a drawing every week.

I must thank the following members for letters received which will be answered in our corner in due course: Dorothea Kirby, Freda Shearer, Gertrude Smith, Rose Patterson, Helen Hough, Evelyn Heap, Arthur Ferguson, Norine Gills, Grace Jones, and all the new members, to whom I send a big welcome, especially in the garden work. I am especially glad to welcome some new boy members. Do any of you belong to the Scouts?

Toronto—Dorothea Kirby, 302 Howland avenue; Millie Carmichael, 261 Delaware; Mavis Morton, 1029 St. Clare; George Whitford, 8 Church; Clara Carroll, 55 Spencer avenue; George Couder, 64 Woburn avenue; Sinclair Leveck, 42 Abbott avenue; Mildred Clegg, 112 Belmont avenue; Billy Turrell, 5 Westport avenue; Elizabeth Burk, 5 Main street; Lois Higson, 63 Main street; Blanche Rumpert, 7 Nassau street; Sybil White, 128 Avenue road; Ella McLean, 306 St. Clare; Norine Gills, 73 Wines avenue; Aileen Casement, 44 Redwood; Muriel Riggs, 4 Selwyn; Daphne Boyce, Bishop Strachan School, College Heights; Adelaide Harrington, Ont.—Charles Kittle, Hamilton—Edwin Weegan, 4 Tiffany street; Campbellford, Ont.—Joe Townsend, Ont.—Maudie Newton, 23 Birch street; Markham, Ont.—Russell Widener, Bradford, Ont.—Evelyn Heap, 233 Brant avenue.

To John Blow, Whitty:
My Dear John: I think you St. Pat.

The Drawing Lesson.
much to become a member of the boys' and girls' column. I am sending the pledge (signed) back to you, and also 3c in stamps for a badge and scrap-book. I have knitted about 15 pairs of socks for the soldiers. Your loving niece, Elsie Cox.

A Member of the Girl Guides.
Dear Aunt June: I am very interested in your club. I read your column every week. I enclose two pledges, one for my sister and the other for me. I belong to the Girl Guides which is a good big organization. We go out camping every year. I remember once having a pen name. I think it was Waffles. Can I be Rose Bud? In a separate sheet I have drawn this week's drawing lesson and I hope it is satisfactory. Here are some riddles:

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Pledge for Our Boys and Girls

I pledge myself in the service of my King and Country to DO MY BEST IN MY DAILY WORK wherever it may be, and to endeavor in every way to make myself A GOOD CITIZEN.

Date.....
Name.....
Age.....
Address.....

Question—Three-sevenths of a chicken, Two-thirds of a cat and two?

Answer—I got you Steve. Two legs sits on three legs with one leg on his knee. In comes four legs, runs away with one leg, up jumps two legs, throws three legs at four legs and brings back one leg.

Prizes Awarded.
A man sits on a three-legged stool with a leg of mutton on his knee. In comes a dog and runs away with a leg of mutton, up jumps the man and throws the stool at the dog and brings back the leg of mutton.

I remain your loving helper, "Rose Bud."

You are very welcome to our corner, "Rose Bud." I am glad you belong to the Guides. How jolly to camp out in the summer! That will make you well and strong.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS.
Dear Aunt June: I would like to be a member of your club, so please send me a scrap-book and a badge. I did not know children from any place in Canada could join. I always look for the boys' and girls' page. I remain, yours truly, Maudie Newton.

Dear Aunt June: I am very interested in "Our Boys' and Girls' column" in The Sunday World, and would like to become a member. I am enclosing three cents, and would like to receive a scrap-book and badge. I have signed the pledge and will try to live up to it. Please answer me what to do. Yours lovingly, Norine Gills, 73 Wines ave.

Dear Aunt June: I have been going to write every day, but I have found body to send him a box for Christmas, but he was killed before he got it. I have a new member, Edna White, 163 Pearson avenue. Your loving friend, Lillian Armstrong.

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Bunnies and Buttontots greatly enjoyed their Easter game.

The Bunny and The Buttontots

BY BERTHA E. GREEN

often came to see their rabbit friends at Bunnymore.

They were all dancing wildly round him on their short fat legs, and this is what he heard:

A button for your squeal and grunt—Get up upon your legs.

And join us in our merry hunt To see if eggs in eggs.

Up popped the bunny, and so glad was he to see his friends, no one of the Buttontots laughed harder than did Snuffles, at the joke they had played on him.

Holding his precious carrot tightly, bunny hopped close by and hid the dainty under an old root, first breaking off the tip to nibble at.

The Buttontots were waiting. They were the funniest little chaps you ever saw, and I'm sure as you never saw as funny clothes in all your life: round roly-polies, with fat little legs, fat little arms, and round, roly faces, and each one, when he wasn't smiling, was laughing every minute.

There were striped coats and dotted vests; this leg would have a stock with green rings around, while on the other would appear little pink jump-tops—no two were dressed alike, but every one of them wore buttons and buttons, where they weren't, in most unexpected places, and in all colors, shapes and sizes.

They went along the wood's edge, all talking as fast as their little tongues could wag, until they reached a spot where a hill rolled sharply downward from the forest.

This was the place for bunnies and for Buttontots—everybody started on a search for something, and when they made a find, don't you know what they did?

Course it was an egg, and then another egg, and then some more. Blue eggs and pink ones, and spotty ones, and striped eggs, and eggs with funny pictures on them they found them all.

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The Adventures of a Little Canadian Boy
BY CAROL COLE

THE DEMON OF THE MARSH
walked quickly along the shore until he came quite near. He was startled at the size of the birds, in his excitement he stepped on a twig, which cracked loudly, and immediately the queer creatures all rushed together in alarm, their beaks up in the air and their heads going round and round in a very ludicrous manner. It was not long before they detected the presence of the little Canadian Boy, and two of them swam in his direction. Now, Eric did not like the look of these creatures at all. Their story red eyes made an unpleasant chill creep down his spine, and when he saw the two approaching him he picked up a stone and hurled it at them. Immediately two pairs of webbed feet twinkled in the air and they were gone. The quickness with which they disappeared under the water was astonishing. In a few moments they reappeared several yards away. And then there broke thro the evening "H-ha-ha-ha" sound, the weirdest sound he had ever heard. "H-ha-ha-ha!" seemed to echo from every corner of the marsh.

And then Eric knew, of course, they were Loons. One could never mistake that queer "H-ha-ha" which marked these queer creatures. He had never before actually seen a live Loon, but once at his home his mother had taken him to the museum in the city, and there he had seen a stuffed and mounted specimen. But in the collection he had thought it a very silly-looking bird. It had been poised on its feet like a barnyard fowl and had lost all of its grace and alertness. And then his mother had told him of the Loons, and how in her old home, a little fishing village up in the Hudson Bay district, the fishermen were able to tell the approach of storm by their loud cries. At his own home, the little Village of Scarborough, Ontario, he had never seen them, although he had been told that sometimes they came that far south in the winter.

As Eric watched the two Loons rejoin the flock, which was now far out on the marsh, he grew uneasy. He noticed that the ducks which had been there a few moments ago had disappeared. So also had the gulls. The only signs of life were the cranes, which were still flapping their wings, and the geese, which were still trumpeting.

Eric wondered what the geese would think of these creatures—whether they were enemies or not. Surely he hoped that the Loons did not intend to stay on the marsh, for certainly he did not like the appearance of the creatures and much less their loud and harsh voices. Even yet there seemed to echo from all sides of the marsh the "H-ha-ha" of their weird, ironical laughter.

THE FLY.
How large unto the tiny fly! Must little things appear! A roach-like feather bed, Its prickle like a spear.

A dewdrop like a looking-glass. A hair-like golden wire. The smallest grain of mud, As large as coal of fire.

A loaf of bread, a lofty hill; A wasp, a cruel leopard; And specks of salt, as bright to see As lambskins to a shepherd.

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