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# Young Canada Club

BY DIXIE PATTON

## THE PRIZE WINNERS

You have been very patient, little folk, about hearing the result of the last competition, the Cleverest Thing I've Known a Bird, Animal, or Insect to do, and now at last your patience is to be rewarded.

The prize winners are Hendricka W. Vanson, age 16, Lewiswyn, Sask.; William Maser, age 14, Hilda, Alta., and Andrey Williams, age 12, Holmfild, Man.

### Honorable Mention

Special mention is due to the stories sent in by the following writers: Dora M. Anderson, age 10, Blucher, Sask.; Esther Paintin, age 10, Kronau, Sask.; Martin G. Peterson, age 8, Minnedosa, Man.; John Kyle, age 11, Harris, Sask.; Phoebe Bishop, age 12, Unity, Sask.; Annie Girling, age 11, Wawanessa, Man.; Mildred J. Sissons, age 11, Grand Coulee, Sask.

### THE NEW STORY CONTEST

In your excitement over the results of the last story contest, don't forget that there is a new one under way at this very minute.

The subject of this contest is a big one and leaves plenty of room for every one to try for a prize, with a fair chance of winning it.

We want you to tell us which of the wild things you know is best fitted for its life, can get its food the easiest, and has the fewest enemies or the best way of overcoming them.

Write the story as charmingly as possible and send it as soon as it is written to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

Don't forget to give your age and to get your teacher or one of your parents to certify that it is correct and that the story is your own work.

Write on only one side of the paper and in pen and ink.

The competition is open to any boy or girl under seventeen years of age, and three prizes of story or nature books will be given for the three best contributions, while a pretty little Maple Leaf pin of membership in the Young Canada Club will be sent to all new writers.

DIXIE PATTON.

## A TALKING CROW

### A Prize Story

I had a crow three years ago. His name was Harry and whenever I called him he would come. On the 30th of June, I took him home and fed him raw gopher meat all the time. Very soon he would eat alone and started talking and he used to say the funniest words you could think of. One day he was talking about ma and saying some funny words, we could not make out what he was saying, when all of a sudden he yelled out "Papa." One day, after we had had the threshers, who used to say hello! hello! the crow said the same thing.

We kept him until February when, one day when I was at school, he went outside and mamma was afraid to touch him, so he got frozen white before I came home. Staying out too long made him catch a cold and two or three days afterwards he died.

Last June I got two young crows. I had them for about three weeks when there came a three days' rain. One of them took sick and this morning he ran away while we were at breakfast and we have not found him yet. The other one is caged and is fed all the time, so I hope he will not get lonesome and die, so that I may be able to keep him.

My grandfather had a crow for five years, when one day it got poisoned in the drug store and went to grandmother's lap to die.

HENDRIKA W. VANSON.

Age 16 years.

### CHARLEY

Charley was a little yellow chicken. One morning we found him out in the grass after a rain. He was wet thru

and we thought he could not live. However, we took him in and put him by the fire, and after a while he got all right. He used to hop around the house with his head perked up on one side and soon we found that he had to do this because he was blind in one eye. My sister, who was a great girl for hens, used to play with him until he got quite tame and she named him Charley.

I used to be very fond of Charley and so one day she presented me with him. He soon got to know his name and was very fond of me. When I would call out "Charley, Charley," he would hop along towards me with his head perked up.

He was very patient and used to let us dress him up in dolls' pinafores like a baby and then he would sit quiet in the doll's cradle while we played house. We used to wear spotted pinafores and while we were nursing him he would amuse himself by picking out all the spots, until at last our pinafores were full of tiny holes where he had pecked them.

One morning when I was getting up I saw Charley coming, so I called him from the upstairs window and he actually tried to walk up the wall to get to me.

But one day, when it rained, Charley was put in the back kitchen with the pup. Charley got frightened and began to flutter around, but the pup jumped up and killed him. We were all very sorry about poor Charley and tho we have had several tame chickens, we never had another like Charley.

ANNIE GIRLING.

Wawanessa, Man., age 11.

## TWO BEAR STORIES

When I was a little girl about four or five years old and my sister was about three or four years old, a big bear came into our milkhouse and was going to take our butter when my mother saw it. We had two little dogs then and they were fighting it. It was quite hard for the bear. There was one dog on each side of it and when one would jump at him he would try to take it. The two little things were fighting for all their worth and were keeping the old bear's head going from one side to the other. While it was standing there my father ran out to the door of the kitchen and shot at him. He shot it somewhere on the shoulder; when he was struck he fell down dead.

Another time, not long after that, a bear came and got on our pig pen and was going to take a pig when papa shot at it. It fell down and gave a loud roar and ran down the hill as fast as it could. Papa ran after it, but he could not find it. Mamma, my sister and I were on top of the hill and it came up, but when it saw us it went away down again as fast as it could. We have never seen any bears since.

INA WATSON.

## TAMING A WILD GOOSE

One spring some people we knew caught a wild goose. They penned it up and fed it and it soon became tame like the tame geese. They could let him out into the barnyard with them and he stayed. He got as tame as they were and stayed with them all summer.

In the fall they thought he was going to stay with them all winter, but one morning they found he was gone. He was not with the other geese and they knew that he had gone to find a mate and to spend a long winter in a sunny land. They never expected him back again.

To their surprise the next spring their wild gander came back with two others with him. Then they kept the three and the new ones became as tame as he had been.

Whether they went away that fall I cannot say.

DORA M. ANDERSON.

Age 10 years.

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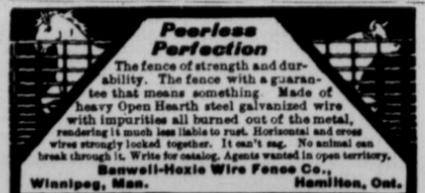
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