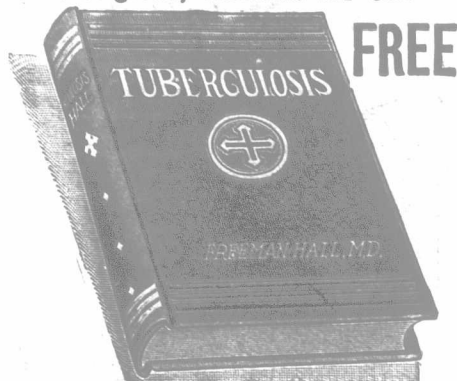


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The Renton school children did not think that anything was brewing when they hoed, spaded and planted that spring, nor did anyone in the village except the school-master.

When autumn came round again, the gardens were a mass of flowers and fruit, well-grown and plenteous, and on the 20th of October the children were requested by their teacher to bring their best returns from their gardens to be judged. Little did the children guess as they toiled up to school the next day, each carrying something from his or her garden, that a beaming-faced young man and four rather stern-looking men (so the children thought) had come to view their work. Immediately the school-master was "tackled," and the story was told. How pleased the children were! Everybody felt sure that he or she, as the case may have been, would receive a prize, and they all declared this in one voice while the examination was going on in the next room.

At last the judges appeared, and the prizes were distributed. Each one received something, even to five-year-old Katie Carr, who brought a bunch of rather queer-looking onions and declared that "my waisted dem all mineself."

To answer your question, "How might boys and girls take part in the fair?" I would say that a boy or girl, especially a farmer's son or daughter, is, in nine cases out of ten, brought up to look after the farm as soon as the father dies, or grows too feeble to take care of it himself, and the boy or girl must (before they allow their father to shift the burden on their shoulders) know how to take care of the farm, and in childhood are usually given a small plot of ground to experiment on. The fall fairs are for encouragement, and to try and see which one has done the best work. Every boy and girl on this orb might take part in a fall fair by trying in some way or other to have his or her work the best, and to be congratulated and paid well for his work afterward is almost the best of all.

I. WINNIFRED COLWELL (Book IV.),
Brookville, St. John Co., N. B.

Scarboro Fair.

On September 20th of this year was held Scarboro's annual fall fair. It is sometimes called Donnybrook, but more often Scarboro Fair. It was organized in the year 1845, and has been held annually ever since.

The fair was held a week earlier than usual this year. It is only a small country fair, but it was largely attended this year, as there were nearly eight hundred people there. The grounds are nearly four miles east of Toronto. Big tents are used instead of buildings.

The tents are put up the day before. There are three of them; the first one is for fancy-work, the second for baking and preserves, the third for fruit and vegetables. The people who were showing things brought them in the forenoon and put them up for exhibition. The judging began at 11 a. m., and the people commenced to come about 2 p. m. It is interesting to stand still and watch the people pouring in at the gate. As the street cars run past the fair grounds, you will notice large crowds on them, whether coming from the east or west.

The ladies spend most of their time looking at the fancy-work and culinary art, some bemoaning themselves because they cannot make a dress like this, or a cushion like that, or some other dainty piece of handiwork.

The many dainty pieces are handed from one person to another, and they examine them all closely. The owners do not complain if their work is somewhat neglected, for it could not help being trampled over by so many people.

The wool varies in kind as well as color. There are dresses for little girls and aprons for tea and kitchen use. There are towels, pin-cushions, and other odds and ends, center-pieces, and quilts, and rugs, in great variety.

There are also bread, butter, and all kinds of preserves, and a quantity of fruit.

In the evening, when the moon is up, there are apples, pears, and all kinds of fruit, and a quantity of food.

ons, pumpkins, and other vegetables, and also different kinds of grain.

Along one fence you will see boxes upon boxes filled with all kinds of poultry, including chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and pigeons; also a few rabbits.

Along another fence are tied a lot of cattle, in a variety of breeds, including Jersey, Ayrshire, Holstein, Durham, and grade cattle. Next to these will be seen pens with black and white faced sheep in them; other pens also with all sorts and sizes of pigs in them.

The most interesting feature is found in the ring where all the lovely horses are, from the heavy draft horses down to the tiny Shetland pony. There are the fine, big, heavy teams, with newly-painted wagons and brass-mounted harness stepping around the grounds, gentlemen and lady drivers circling the ring with the best style and grace they can afford.

Here and there among the crowds of people you will see a gentleman or lady rider; at least that is what you will see at Scarboro Fair if you ever go, Puck, as I hope you will some time.

You asked us to answer the question, "How might boys and girls take part in the fair?" Both boys and girls could grow flowers and vegetables, raise chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys; also rabbits, collie dogs, sheep, and ponies, or even large horses if they wished. All Canadian boys and girls ought to be able to ride and drive.

Besides the many things that I have mentioned, are the fine arts of sewing, baking, making butter, drawing, writing, and making scrap-books. Some of the boys and girls might give prizes for one thing and another, and so help the fair along.

I have a cousin only thirteen years old, who made five pounds of butter and showed it at Scarboro Fair and got first prize. My sister got first for best pony outfit, and I got first prize for riding at the same fair this year.

Wishing the Circle every success,
HAZEL MUIR (age 16).
Scarboro, Ont.

Our Junior Beavers.

[For all pupils from First Book to Junior Third, inclusive.]

Those among the Junior Beavers who won prizes are Daisy Morris, Freida Bain, Reid Miller, Elsie Hicks.

Junior Prizewinners.

Bradford Fair.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—Well, boys and girls, I will tell you about the fine time we had at our fall fair. It is always held here for two days, and we generally have had real nice weather until this last year, and it poured rain all the first day from morning till night. Everyone was disappointed, for it is on the first day all the country schools come and join our school, and we all march to the fair. But owing to the rain we did not march until the second day, in the morning. About three hundred children marched. One country school had little boys dressed in Scotch kilts. Some of the other country schools had banners. Our school carried flags. After we reached the grounds we had races for the children. Everybody was having lots of fun, especially on the merry-go-round. We had some beautiful chickens and golden pheasants, and ponies, shown by some of our boys, and quite a few children took prizes in writing, drawing, pressed leaves, gathered weeds, and modelling clay. Well, I think I have written and told you about all I know. As my letter is getting rather long, I must give someone else room. Wishing the Beavers every success, and hope some of the boys and girls took part in their fair the same as we did, I am your little friend.

DAISY MORRIS (age 10, Jr. III.),
Bradford, Ont., Box 156.

Was this a school fair, or a township or county fair, Daisy?

Tweed Fair.

Dear Puck,—I am a little girl nine years old, and am in the Sr. II. Book. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" as long as I can remember, and

This Washer Must Pay for Itself

A MAN tried to sell me a horse once. He said it was a fine horse and had nothing the matter with it. I wanted a fine horse. But, I didn't know anything about horses much. And I didn't know the man very well either.

So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said "All right, but pay me first, and I'll give you back your money if the horse isn't all right."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right," and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse, although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see, I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Gravity" Washer.

And I said to myself, lots of people may think about my Washing Machine as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

But I'd never know, because they wouldn't write and tell me. You see, I sell my Washing Machines by mail. I have sold over half a million that way.

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