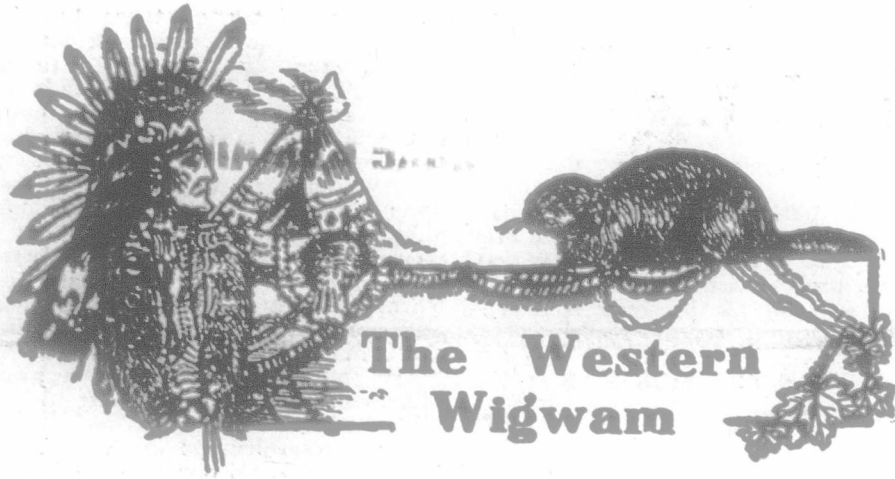




The Western Wigwam

THE TELEPHONE

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to your charming club. I read all the letters to-night, so I thought I would like to become a member. I am a prairie chicken too. I have three sisters and no brothers. I have two cats for pets. Papa has taken THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a long time. We have the telephone and I like it fine.

DARK EYES.

AN ORPHAN MEMBER

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I am a very interested reader of your club. I think some of the letters are very interesting. I am eleven years old. I am an orphan. There were five of our family, but we all have good homes now. I drive four miles to school every day. I am in grade four. Our teacher's name is Miss C—, and we all like her very much. There are twenty-two pupils going to school.

SOMEBODY'S DARLING.

HAD TO CHANGE YOUR NAME

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—My brother got his button and we like it very much, so I thought I would like one also and will enclose stamped envelope for it. We had our school picnic on August 5th and all enjoyed ourselves. There was a large crowd there. I have three miles and a half to go to school. We have had a dry summer, so the crops are not very good. We have some Belgian hares and pigeons for pets.

Sask.

CUT-KNIFE.

HAS A KICKING PONY

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE. I am nine years old and in reader first. I don't go to school just now, as there are holidays now. I suppose it will start on September first, then I will be glad to go to school again. I live on the farm ten miles from town. I will tell you about my little pony which I ride at night to get the cows for mamma. Sometimes he tries to throw me, but I am a pretty good horseback rider. How many of the Wigs like to ride horseback? I do. I like to read the letters every week, so I thought I would write too. I will enclose a two cent stamp for a button.

Alta.

LIZZIE SCHNIEDER.

A TREE EVERY YEAR

Dear Cousin Dorothy and Wigwamers,—This is my first letter to your charming club. I was seven years old on my last birthday and I am in the third grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss O'C—, and I like her very well. We had a good program and Christmas tree last Christmas and every Christmas before that, ever since we came here, and we have been here four and very near five years. I go to school every day. We walk two miles and a half in the summer but we drive in the winter. We have four horses, one colt, five calves and three milch cows. We have two pigs, one dog and two kittens. One kitten is mine and the other is my sister's. Cousin Dorothy, if I send a two cent stamp will you send me a button, please?

Sask.

MAG-PIE.

AFRAID THE BOYS ARE AHEAD

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to your interesting club. I hope it won't reach the W.P.B. I am twelve years of age and am in grade three. I live on a farm ten miles from the nearest town but our school is only half a mile from our house. There is

no school now. We had a teacher and her name was Miss T. M—. I have four sisters and four brothers.

We have twelve milking cows, and I have to milk two cows. We have taken THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for about seven years. I like to read the letters every week and I thought I would write too. We will have to hurry up if we want to beat the Boys' Club, because they are ahead of us. I would like to correspond with one of the Wigs. We have one dog named Pete, and we have three cats. My letter is getting long. I will close with a two cent stamp for a button. Wishing the club every success.

NELLIE SCHNEIDER.

TO THE STORY WRITERS

Dear Girls and Boys,—A number of you have spoken about writing stories for the Western Wigwam, but not many have actually written them yet, or else you haven't sent them in. I shall be glad to see them. I think it would be a good plan to save the very best ones that come in between now and the first of November, and give them a page all to themselves in the Christmas number. Do you think that is a good idea?

Of course the stories could not be very long, not more than 400 words. Then they must be the work of the person who sends them in, not some story copied from a book or paper, but a story told in your very own words. It can be either poetry or prose.

Write neatly and on one side of the paper only.

Give your name and address.

Begin right away to send them in.

COUSIN DOROTHY.

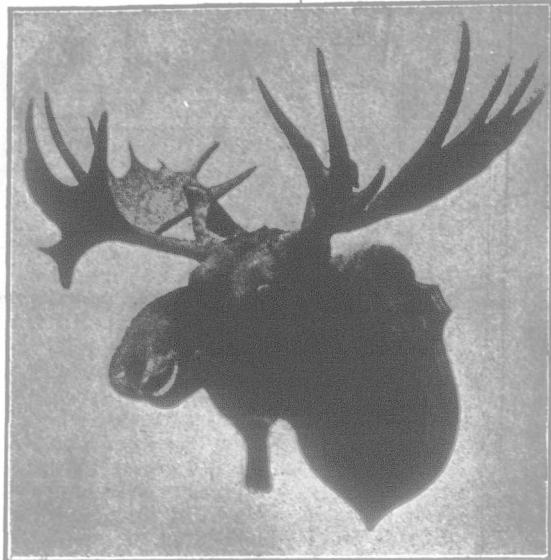
LOST HER RING

Dear Cousin Dorothy and Wigs,—This is my second letter to your interesting club. I wrote once before and I saw my letter in print but I never sent a two cent stamp for a button. I will send one this time. I was very glad to see my first letter in the paper. I think it would be a very good plan to put a story in the club. Would you print one if I would send one next time I write? I would be very glad if you would. I read in the club before saying it would be a good plan to put your picture in the paper so that all the members could see it; I think that would be a nice plan, too. I passed into the seventh grade in my examination and my studies are reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, composition, grammar and drawing. The people are harvesting here and are going to start and thresh to-morrow. We have had two frosts so far. The potatoes are frozen quite badly, but we expect something out of them anyway. I saw one letter where a girl lost a gold ring. I lost one, too. It had three cute little pearls in it. I was eleven years old on the 11th of July. I got a blue silk umbrella from my mother and some goods for a dress from my grandmother. I have two brothers and three sisters. The names of my brothers are Olen and Roy, and of my sisters, Dorothy, Pearl and Martha. Dorothy is my oldest sister and Roy is my oldest brother. Martha is the baby. She is a very smart baby, too. She walked when she was nine months old. She was eleven months old to-day. She has two teeth.

My sister is sending her letter in with mine. I am sending two two-cent stamps for two buttons if you have them.

Sask.

BLUE-JAY.



TO THE SPORTSMEN OF Western Canada

Send in your Trophies to Mount to

JOHN AMBROSE

Canada's Premier Taxidermist

The following list of awards will substantiate what I say:

Awarded:—Diploma of Merit 1909. Diploma of Merit 1910. Silver Medal 1909. Silver Medal 1910. First Prize Birds 1909. First Prize Animals and Heads 1909. First Prize Birds 1910. First Prize Animals and Heads 1910.

Buyer of Game Heads, Antler Heads, Skins, Elk Tusks, Fur Animal Skulls, Raw Furs, Hides and Rare Birds. Taxidermist Supplies a Specialty.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue and Price List.

JOHN AMBROSE,

179 1/2 FORT STREET, WINNIPEG

Phone Main 5185

The Boys' Club



A MORNING'S CATCH

TRAPPING MUSKRATS

To Readers of Boys' Club,—We are now nearing the commencement of another trapping season, and I notice nearly every member is interested in trapping or hunting some animal or game, so I will give them some hints which may be of some benefit to each.

Let us first talk about the muskrat. It is the most common of our animals and is about the easiest to capture for those who are inexperienced.

First it is necessary to secure some good trapping grounds, preferably some marsh or small lake region. Along most any creek is also a favorite haunt of the muskrat.

The best size of trap for muskrat is the Victor No. 1, Jump 1 1/2 or Newhouse No. 0. The Stop Thief trap is also a good trap for muskrat, as it kills them as soon as they are caught.

It is necessary to have the trap staked out in deep enough water about ten inches at least, so that the animal will drown itself in an endeavor to get away.

For bait and scent to attract the muskrat to traps, parsnips or other vegetables are good; also some baits or scents for attracting animals to trap should be used to assure success. A good factory scent for muskrats is Canada muskrat attractor, price \$1.00 a bottle postpaid. It can be had from John H. Carter, Dunara, Man., who is representative for Manitoba. All that is necessary is to place a few drops on the bait and the rats will come to it when they smell the odor. I have trapped four seasons now with good success and have caught many animals of different kinds. I wish some of the other boys who trap would write us letters on trapping, as we can always

learn something from others that we do not know ourselves. Hoping to see this in print, I must close.

Man.

RAYMOND TODD.

P.S.—Would like more letters from John H. Davidson.—R. T.

H.B.K. BRAND

Buckskin Cloth Shirts Cannot Rip

This sealed guarantee is attached to each H.B.K. Buckskin Cloth Shirt. Your Dealer Sells Them



10

"AUNT SALINA'S WASH DAY PHILOSOPHY"

This little book is chock-full of hints and secrets invaluable in the washing of clothes, and should be in every home.

It tells how to wash fancy prints and other fabrics without the use of acids. It tells how to clean the daintiest lingerie without injury.

It tells how to wash woolen material thoroughly without shrinking it one particle.

It tells how to make hard water soft and save half the soap.

It tells how to remove the drudgery from wash day, and a host of other things that every woman who washes clothes should know.

Send us your name on a postal and we will send you a copy FREE.

CUMMER-DOWSWELL

Limited

HAMILTON, ONT.

INVENTIONS

Thoroughly protected in all countries. **EGERTON R. CASE, Registered U.S. Patent Attorney, TEMPLE BUILDING, TORONTO.** Booklet on Patents and Drawing Sheet on request.