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two miles from here, and the old school-house was just across the road from our house. I do not think I will go unless I failed in my examinations, and I hope I did not.

I am learning to milk the cows this summer, and I like it very well. I suppose girls have to work on the farm during this terrible war. I would rather stump and pick up roots than milk the cows.

I am very fond of reading. I have read the "Elsie Books," the "Bessie Books," and "Mildred Keith." I am reading the "Odds and the Evens" now and find it very interesting. As my letter is getting long I will close, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

ESTELLA NELSON.
Heaslip, Ont. (Age 13.)

Dear Puck and Beavers.—I saw some letters other boys and girls had written to your Circle, and I decided to write too. I am a Yankee and am visiting at my aunts. One of my uncles takes "The Farmer's Advocate." His address is Wm. E. McComb, R. R. No. 1 Chatsworth, Ont. My name is James McCrae. I live in the United States. I am having a great time here on the farm. My mother and I were all that came. I have an older brother who stayed at home to cook for father. I got a letter from home yesterday. I am a great reader and have read "Lion of the North," "Alger Books," "The Lost Heir," and many others. In the States we don't go by classes, we go by grades. I will be in the sixth grade next year. I think I will close as my letter is getting rather long. Address all letters:

James McCrae,
Care of Wm. E. McComb,
Chatsworth, Ont., R. R. No. 1.

I wish Willie Trimble would write to me. Your friend,

JAMES MCCRAE.

Junior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your charming Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a long time, and I enjoy reading the letters. I am eight years old and am in the junior second class. We play base ball at school and many other games. We had a school fair at Kettleby last year. I had some chickens but I didn't get any prize for them. Well, I will close now. Yours very sincerely,

FARNA DAVIS.
Lloydtown, Ont. (Age 8.)

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your charming Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" ever since I can remember. We have 7 little lambs. We have a pet dog named Rover. I have read a number of books. I think the "Wide, Wide World," is a very nice book. Well, I had better close. I hope this letter will escape the w.-p. b.

Woodville, Ont. RUTH THOMAS.
(Sr. III. Class, Age 13.)

Dear Editor.—This is my first letter. I have seen other letters in, and I thought it would be nice to write. We started to take "The Farmer's Advocate" this spring, and I enjoy the children's letters very much. I go to school every day. I passed into the junior third at Easter. I have had my letter quite long, so I will close with a riddle.

What is the difference between a bottle of medicine and a troublesome boy?
Ans.—One has to be taken before shaken, the other has to be shaken and then taken.

Will some of the Beavers write to me?

JEUNIATA REIVE.
Leamington, Ont. (Age 10.)

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your charming circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years. I like to read the letters about the Circle. I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school every day. I have a little brother Kenneth three years old. I have a mile and a half to go to school. There is about thirty go to our school. Well, I must close as my letter is getting rather long. Wishing the Beaver Circle much success.

HELEN CAMPBELL.
St. Thomas, Ont., R. R. No. 5.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first attempt to write to the Beaver Circle. I am nine years of age. I go to school every day. I like to go to school very much. I like my teacher; her name is Miss Violet Morris. I am in the senior second class. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a number of years. I like reading the Beavers' letters as I am fond of reading myself. I think I had better close for my letter is getting quite long.

Kingsmill. LORENA BROWN.

P.S.—If some of the Beavers will write to me I will try and answer. I hope the w.-p. b. is not hungry when this arrives.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—Here comes another leaf to join your Club. For pets I have a dog named Bounce, a cat named Topsy, and a sheep named Dimple. I have a batch of little chickens. I am an English girl. I came from England six years ago, and now I live in Ontario and like it fine. My father has three cows, one calf, four sheep and some pigs. We have fifteen hens. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for four years and could not do without it. I would like if some Beavers my own age (ten) would write to me. I hope to see my letter in print. I will close.

ELsie C. BARTON.
Valley Farm, Widdifield Stn., Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your Circle. I hope to see my letter in print. For pets I have a cat named Teddy. I am fond of reading. I read two books, "Little Chatterers" and "My First Book of All." I am going to school every day. I am in senior second class in English and third reader in French. My teacher's name is Miss Reine Boissonnault from Haileybury. I live half a mile from school. My letter is rather long. Wishing the w.-p. b good health.

Bonfield, Ont. EVA BOWIN,
(Age 10.)

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your charming Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" as long as I can remember, and I enjoy reading your letters, and especially the ones with riddles. We had a school fall fair at Udney last summer and two years ago. I won some prizes. We had a good time. Our school took first prize two years ago, and second this time. I go to school and I am nine years old, and I was promoted at Easter to take third class. Our teacher's name is Miss Walsh, and I like her fine. Hoping to see my letter in print I will close with a riddle.

As I was going through a gap whom did I meet but Bill Blue Cap. A stick he held tight in his hand and a stone in his throat. Tell me that riddle and I will give you a goat.

PATRICIA McINTAGGERT.
R. R. No. 1, Ontario.


Hoping some one of my age will write to me (age 9).

The Dollar Chain

The fund for establishing the Farmer's Advocate Readers' Ward in Byron Hospital for Tubercular Soldiers has now been over-subscribed by \$19.85, hence no more will be required for that purpose. The Dollar Chain opportunity, however, still stands widely open, as there is no cessation in the need for Soldiers' Comforts and Red Cross supplies, and relief work of all kinds.

Contributions from July 20 to July 27 were only two in number, both for Byron Hospital: H. P. Wilson, Dundas, Ont., 50 cents; Mrs. J. H. Patton, Clandeboye, Ont., \$1.00.

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Current Events.

8,910 Canadian soldiers have been returned to Ontario from the front.

Sir William Hearst has issued an appeal for harvest help for Ontario crops.

The Conscription Bill passed its third reading at Ottawa by a vote of 102 to 44.

An important conference of representatives for the Allies opened in Paris on July 25.

The first United States draft of men for the fighting lines will number 1,000,000. The first mobilization will consist of 1,152,985 men in addition to the regular army.

The U. S. House of Representatives passed appropriations for \$640,000,000 for the construction of a great fleet of airplanes.

Lord Rhondda, British Food Controller, is said to be taking drastic measures to stop profiteering in Great Britain, and to reduce the price of the necessities of life. All the flour mills are to be taken over and worked for the Government.

An agreement for the exchange of certain prisoners of war has been reached between the Governments of Great Britain and Germany.

The outstanding war news of the week is still the retreat of the Russians in Galicia, consequent upon the mutiny of divisions numbering upwards of 20,000 men in such a way that the Germans were able to drive a wedge that compelled loyal divisions also to retreat. In hope of staying the disaffection Gen. Korniloff is said to have turned artillery on the eleventh division, but without securing the effect sought for. The women's battalion under the girl officer, Vera Butchkareff, stood its ground in one engagement, when regiments about were

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