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"Well, now, odd, wasn't it? Well, Walter watched him. He hauled the something up, and tottered off to the house with it."

"He's said to be crazy, but we'll go and find out."

That afternoon found them knocking at the hermit's door, with a jar of fruit.

"Come in," said a feeble voice.

They opened the door and walked in, and, to their surprise, there was old Roger with piles of golden guineas strewn over the floor.

"Oh!" gasped Susy and Gordon.

"What do you want?" said the old hermit kindly.

"We always thought you were poor, and we came to bring you this jar of fruit."

"That's very kind of you. I suppose you are wondering where I got all this money when I am so poor?"

"Yes."

"Well, long ago I chased my son away from home so I would have all the more money. And not long he— and here old Roger staggered and fell to the floor.

Walter ran and got his friend, Dr. Kregg, but old Roger was dead.

They found a letter in his old coat pocket saying that his son, if he ever came to find him, was to have the money.

It happened that his son was Susy's and Gordon's father, and it was the gold which old Roger had kept in a pad in the well that Gordon and Susy wanted to know about.

#### Senior Beavers' Letter Box.

Dear Puck and Beavers,—I wrote a letter last summer, and as I saw it in print it gave me courage to write again. We have had rough weather this winter, but a few days ago there was a thaw that took away most of the snow, but by taking the ditch with the sleighs and cutters we can get along. I am one that you would call a bookworm. Some of the books I have read are: "The Girl of the Lumberlost," "Dad's Dorothy," "Sylvia Brooke," "Mother Goose," "Robinson Crusoe," "Grit, the Young Boatman," "Helping Himself." I am now reading "The Little Lame Prince." I have read a great many others. Santa Claus brought me a nice white scarf, a post-card rack, candies, nuts and oranges. I have two brothers and two sisters. Papa says his greatest paper is "The Farmer's Advocate." I guess I will close now.

MARJORIE E. THOMPSON (Age 10),  
Beaverton, Ont.

P.S.—I would like some of the Beavers to write to me.

Dear Puck and Beavers, This is my fourth letter to the Beaver Circle. The former all escaped that wicked w-p, b., and I hope this one does. My father has taken this paper for several years, and we think it fine. I have an uncle and a cousin in the Navy. My uncle George is on a minesweeper, and is on the bridge sometimes night and day. My aunt is very nervous about him, and can't sleep for thinking of him. My cousin Ed is on a battle cruiser called the Invincible. The Invincible was at Heligoland, and at the Falkland Islands, where she was struck twenty times.

I have a dog, and when there is snow on the ground he pulls me all over. His name is Clyde. My father killed a beef yesterday. I am sick with a swelled throat and have to stay home from school. I go to school in Wallaceburg. My teacher's name is Mr. McKinnon; I like him fine. One of our horses died last week, her name was Maud. We had a dandy concert at our Sunday school this Christmas. I have no brothers or sisters. My mother was down to the Women's Institute in London, and thought it the best she ever attended. I am studying for my Entrance. We have four supplementary readers to read and write compositions on. They are "Evanhoe," "Oliver Twist," "Julius Caesar," and "The Lady of the Lake."

RICHARD P. COURTIS,  
(Age 11, Sr. IV.)  
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