OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER

By Aunt June

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DEDICATED TO EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN CANADA

PLEDGE FOR HELPERS.

"Do a little kindness to someone every day,
Scatter rays of sunshine all along the way."

I pledge myself in the service of my King and Country to do my best in my daily work, wherever it may be, to help others wherever possible, and to endeavor in every way to make myself a good citizen.

Name.... ....

Age.... ....

Address ....

Date ....

My Dear Boys and Girls:

How many of you have seen a rubber plant? There is a kind which many people have in their houses which grows to a good height and has broad green leaves. My little friend Jack was telling me about the one at his house and he asked whether I thought they would be able to get real rubber from it, rubber that would make such things as a bouncing ball, or an eraser to rub out lead pencil marks. This made me think of a story I used to read when I went to school about some children who asked their father where India rubber came from, and this is what he told them.

The Story of India Rubber.

"India rubber does not come from India only. If you were to take a walk in one of the forests of South America you would see groups of men going from tree to tree cutting deep gashes in the bark. As the gashes are cut cups are placed beneath. Presently the tree begins to bleed (you know how our maple trees drop the sap in winter time?) The juice which comes from these trees is milky white in color and very sticky. When the cups underneath are full the men collect them and the thick white juice is poured over large pieces of clay which are shaped somewhat like a bottle or a jar. To these the juice sticks and becomes firm. The men then set fire to a heap of palm trees which gives off a thick smoke. The juice covered clay is placed in this smoke until it gradually becomes hard and changes in color from milky white to a duller shade.

When the juice has become dry and stiff the clay inside is softened with water and scraped away leaving the outer covering which is then called bottle rubber, and this is ready to be sent away to be made into all kinds of useful things such as rubber dolls, soles of shoes and balls."

Many of you who go to school today will perhaps have learnt a great deal more about India rubber. Since the time that this was written rubber has been found useful in many other ways. I wonder who could give the best and longest list of uses to which rubber is put. Next time you have to write a story in school this would be an interesting story to write about.

Are you remembering the little birds? So far, no one has written me any news of our friend Robin Redbreast. We are getting near the time when everything will be frozen up so hard that little feathered friends will need your help to find a meal. Do not forget them. I shall look out for some bird news from country corners.

Our Mail Box.

Riverview.

Dear Aunt June:

I would like to join your League. Please send me a badge. I am twelve years old. I go to school every day, and when I come home at night I get the supper, wash the dishes, sweep the floor, milk three cows and do my home work. I have three brothers. One of them goes to school and the other two do the work.

STELLA WILSON.

By this time, Stella, you will have received your badge. I think such good helping deserves a badge. I wonder which of all the things you do like best of all. How splendid to have three brothers! I should like to hear more about your school some day when you have time to write again.

Dear Aunt June:

I am going to tell you what I have and what I can do. I have a little grey rabbit. It will eat right out of my hand at any time.

I go to school and am in the third book. I did not get to school for nearly two years because papa was sick so the work is a little hard. I go errands for papa and mama and I can plow and saw up wood, or most any kind of farm work. I am thirteen years old. I am putting in five cents for a badge as I have not a stamp. I must close now. Yours truly,

WILLIE PREST.

How you must love the pet rabbit, Willie! I would like to see it. I wonder if you caught him yourself or whether he was always tame. I love to hear about the pets. Perhaps you will draw a picture of your rabbit for me one day. I am glad you are so handy on the farm, to be able to do almost any kind of work. You must be a very useful Helper when you can plow. I hope you will like the badge.

Dear Aunt June:

I wisn to join your Club, but there was no pledge in the paper this week so I cannot sign it. I can do quite a few things to help, such as washing dishes, taking in wood, setting the table and milk, if necessary.

I have a number of pets but I think my favorite is a big white and brown collie dog. He is the same age as I am and we are great friends. Next there is a big cat and a dear little speckled kitten. I call her Spitfire. Then we have a colt called Joe. He is two years old, and an awful monster for his age. Sometimes when he comes up to me in the field I will throw my arms round his neck and he will lift up his head and raise me away up high. Well I must close now. With best wishes to the Club, Yours livingly,

MARGARET FLEMING.

Your letter, Margaret, is one of the most interesting in our mail bag this week. The picture which you drew for me of the Chinese woman I have put on my desk. It is good. Is the one in the corner a true portrait of your sister? I notice she has plenty of hair.

Will you look out for the pledge in our corner again and sign it to send with your next letter. You certainly have a number of pets, and I am sure you love every one of them and must be very happy with them all. I should like to see you especially with the collie and the kitten. I wonder if they are good friends. This is just the kind of letter I love to get from my Helpers, with plenty of news about the things you like best. Please write again some day.

Thanks For Badge.

Dear Aunt June:

I received my badge a long time ago and think it very pretty, also saw my letter in the paper, and intended writing again, but time has gone so quickly. I did not realize how long it was since I last wrote. We have had a little winter and I have had a few sleigh rides, but the ground is bare again, although sleighing and skating time will soon be here and I expect to have some jolly times. I have finished the crochet yoke that I was doing for my cousin and it looks very nice. I help with the house work, but most of my time is taken up with my studies. The schools and churches have started practising for Christmas entertainments, so when I write again I will tell you something about them. I will close now, wishing Aunt June and all members of the Club a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as this will be my last letter before Christmas.

LAURA CLIFFORD.

Thank you for your Christmas wishse Laura. It is just as well to get them in early, it is not? I shall have time to wish you a happy Christmas a little later. I see that you too were looking for and wondering where Jack Frost had gone, at the time you wrote this letter. I shall be delighted to hear all about the entertainments at your school.

Notice to New Members.

All boys and girls who are Helpers and wish to join the League of Service must sent in the little pledge which will be found on this page with their name and address and write a letter to Aunt June giving an account of their daily needs of service, that is tell all about what you do to help others.

Yours lovingly,

AUNT JUNE.

Box 516, Station F., Toronto.

Murver, what makes you so cross?

Poor mother, has backache, dizzy spells, headache and is nervous, which are all symptoms of woman's trouble.

Most women neglect their health, and for this neglect they pay the penalty. Any woman who suffers thus will find that she loses flesh faster than Nature can put it on. She will find that neglect does not pay. A little more attention to health would brighten up her life and make her worries fewer. If she asks her neighbors she finds that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription benefits a woman's whole system. It not only acts upon the troubles and weaknesses peculiar to women, but is an all-around vegetable tonic that braces the entire body, relieving nervousness, sleeplessness, headaches, dizziness and a run-down condition.

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

The feature of the week is the reduction made in paint prices. All lines of prepared paints have been reduced following the declines in white lead, turpentine and linseed oil prices, and quotations are back to the price of twelve months ago.

Other changes include further declines on ingot metals; copper, tin and lead are all at lower levels. Black oil has been reduced in price.

Easier prices are noted on black sheets, solder and scrap metals.

Some lines of cast goods, such as bench screws, grindstone fittings, stove pipe dampers, etc., have been advanced in price.

Many lines of Christmas goods were scarce and stocks of English cutlery are low. The trade is quieter though seasonable lines are in demand.

Minard's Liniment For Distemper.

HE GOT OFF ANOTHER.

"I understand you get off some very good things occasionally," said the sweet young thing at the swell reception.

"Well, they say I do," replied the man with the monocle.

"But it takes considerable time to do it."

"You mean I am very bose?"

"Not exactly that, but you've been standing on the train of my dress for 10 minutes."

Minard's Liniment For Colds, Etc.

TRIED AND NOT FOUND WANTING

Sam, who covets the boss' white pants—"Boss, ah jes' can't clean dem pants of your'n."

Boss—"Have you tried gasoline?"

Sam—"Yes Sah!"

Boss—"Well, try ammonia."

Sam—"I'se don tried 'em on, boss, and day fits me fine."

Soft corns are difficult to eradicate, but Holloway's Corn Cure will draw them out painlessly.

Thomas Hardy, the English novelist, has a habit of invariably wearing two waistcoats.

Advice to Girls

By Miss Rosalind

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Miss Rosalind welcomes letters from young women asking for advice on any subject. All you have to do is to address your letter to

MISS ROSALIND,
34 King William St., Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Rosalind:

I am a young girl just came into town and I have met recently a young man whom I admire very much, he does not come up to my standard, that is, he doesn't seem to be in the social class that I am, would you continue acquaintance?

COUNTRY LASS.

My Dear Girl:

The only class distinctions recognized in Canada are breeding and brains. If the young man is intelligent and as well educated as his circumstances and ambition permit; if he is well-bred enough to respect himself and his friends—you would be foolish not to benefit by his friendship.

ROSALIND.

Dearest Rosalind:

Seeing other girls seeking advice from you, I have also taken the advantage.

Is a young girl of seventeen too young to go to dances with a select crowd, in company with a young man? Thanking you in advance for your advice.

JUST OUT.

If the dances are properly chaperoned, if the girl's mother approves of the boys and girls who make up the crowd and if the dances are not in a public dance hall, a seventeen-year-old girl is not too young to join the party.

ROSALIND.

Rosalind, Dear:

With others I am asking for your advice:

Firstly—What is true love? Everything is camouflaged?

Secondly—How can you tell when a boy loves you or when he is after your money?

WITS END.

My Dear Girl:

When it comes, you will know the genuine article. I would not bother questiining myself about it. It is rather an inexpressable, indescribable sort of thing.

Secondly—By the exercise of ordinary, everyday common sense.

ROSALIND.

Dear Rosalind:

We are three young girls and while out to a garden party last September we had our fortunes told, is it wise to believe in them, as some of the things have come true? Also, dear Rosalind, while out for a joyride or walk with a young man when is the proper time to come in and also is it alright to accept invitations from young boys or should we have just one friend?

WEE 3.

Dear Girls:

It may not be wise to believe in fortunes, but it is lots of fun—especially if the fortune told happens to be the kind you would like to believe in.

Ten or half past ten is late enough for girls to be out on ordinary occasions.

Young girls do not have "just one friend." They have as many as possible, both girls and boys. Never accept an invitation from a boy unless your mother knows the boy and approves of your going out with him.

ROSALIND.

Letters received from Wondering, Brown Eyes, Mickey, Sunshine, May, Lilas, Peggy, Cutie, Mary, Perplexed One, Tootles—which will be answered in this column just as soon as possible.

ROSALIND.

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BANK OF MONTREAL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD 6TH DECEMBER, 1920.

The 103rd Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held on Monday, December 6th, at the Bank's Headquarters. The President, Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., occupied the chair, and presented the annual report of the Directors.

Before moving the adoption of the report, Sir Vincent Meredith gave a comprehensive review of the economic situation. During the year, he said, an overwhelming demand for credit had taxed resources to the utmost. It had been difficult to make men who had grown accustomed to high prices recognize the fact that economic conditions, which no artificial means can altar, alone are the cause of price decline. "The demand for intervention through Government control is still insistent in some quarters," he said. "Canada alone cannot control world-wide conditions, and it is idle to turn to the Government for relief from falling prices. This applies to wheat as well as to other commodities."

Summing up, he said: "The situation in Canada at present, as I view it, is that while there does not appear to be any cause for apprehension, there is every reason for the exercise of the utmost measure of caution. Canada cannot disassociate herself from world conditions, and world conditions are not satisfactory. On this continent the two years' supervening upon the Armistice have been marked by unexampled trade activity and prosperity, a circumstance common to the conclusion of all great wars, but the reaction has set in and may not yet be in full play. Happily, Canada is well buttressed on many sides, and the exercise of prudence and sagacity should enable her to meet the shock of falling prices, restricted credits and deflated currency, without serious impairment of her commercial and financial vitality."

Expansion of Business in Canad.

The General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, in reviewing the operations of the Bank during the year, said the payment of a bonus of 20 per cent. to the shareholders was not the outcome of higher rates of interest on current loans in CCanada but a reflection of the increase in current loans and of high interest rates on call loans in New York, the volume of which was governed by the Bank's requirements in liquid reserves. One anomaly which attracted attention was that with credit restrictions as acute here as it was across the line, the price of money was materially lower in the Dominion. This condition, he said, was regarded as a tribute to Canada's good banking system.

Dealing with the growth of the Bank's operations, he said: "It is noteworthy that the greatest expansion of the Bank during the past few years has been in our own country. This is revealed in our greatly increased loans and deposits in Canada and in the number of branches opened during the period.

	Loans in Canada	Deposits in Canada	Branches in Canada
1914	$123,147,000	$168,557,000	173
1920	240,725,000	358,878,000	302

The annual report was unanimously adopted and the retiring directors were re-elected. The shareholders gave approval to the motion by Lord Shaughnessy to increase the number of directors from 16 to 18 and to the two new positions on the Board were elected Sir Lomer Gouin and General Sir Arthur Currie.

At a subsequent meeting of Directors, Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., was re-elected president, and Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., was re-elected vice-president.

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CHAS. E. SHARP,
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Picking Out a Hotel

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