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FOR THE CHILDREN.

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LAST WEEK OF CONTEST.

This is the last week of the Junior contest... "SOME BIRDS I KNOW." "THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN."

THE SOUVENIR CARDS.

We want the Juniors to continue to write nice letters. The Juniors show a great improvement in their letter-writing.

SEVEN RULES FOR THE JUNIORS.

- 1. Use one-side of the paper only. 2. Write neatly and legibly, using ink or a sharp lead pencil. 3. Always sign your name in full and state your age.

Neptune, King Of The Seas

Greek. "Mother, when papa came back from South America, he told us a queer story about the sailors dressing up in masks. What holiday was it? What did they do it for?"

body waited to see what King Neptune would do. "He cleared some of his ocean train to pry the three ships off the rocks, but they could not, and he had to help them with his trident, or three-pointed spear. Then King Neptune opened the quicksand and the other three ships sailed out on the water again well."

Why Rivers Have Golden Sands

Once a poor peasant named Gordius thought he would give himself and his family a holiday in the city. He had no horses, but his yoke of oxen could draw the heavy wagon well."

MARY'S FIRST LETTER.

Dear Editor:— I thought I would write again to you. I have been reading the Junior page and I like it very much.

ANDRA COMES TO OTTUMWA OFTEN.

Dear Editor and Juniors.— I thought I would write you a letter as I have never written before. I have lived in Ottumwa all my life until last year we moved to the country. I like to live in the country.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE ENGLAND.

Dear Editor:— I received a very pretty postal from the Courier Junior and I want to thank them for it. It is a picture of the Trafalgar Square England.

waving in the field, one may fancy Midas is in our own land.

STORIES-LETTERS. A NAUGHTY SPARROW.

Dear Juniors.— I thought I would write again as I have written once. Once there was a family of sparrows living in a maple tree. One day when they were about ten weeks old, after they had taken several flying lessons, a large hawk came down and carried away their sisters. Just the two brothers were left. The next day their mother saw the hawk coming again. They went down and got into an old jug. After they were in there a few minutes the naughty sparrow thought he would get his dinner, so he went to a wren's horse and killed a little wren just out of the shell, and ate it, then he started home. Just as he got safely snuggled in the nest, for he had gone long way around so his parents could not see him, the hawk flew down and tore the nest up, killed the sparrow and carried him to his nest. When the hawk pounced upon him he wished he had minded his mother.

MABEL ONCE LIVED IN ALBIA.

Dear Courier and Juniors.— As I have been reading the Junior for a long time and like it, I am going to write a letter. Mamma does not take the Courier, but I am at my cousin Oda's house and she takes it. I wish you could see the cotton growing. One time I lived in Albia, Iowa and have been in Ottumwa. I am a little blue eyed girl only eight years old. I have a brother Carl and my papa is dead. I have a pet calf. My cousin Oda has one, too. We have great fun playin gand eating peaches now. I would like to exchange post cards with Juniors. Mabel Guthrie, age 8. Rural Route No. 1. Box 70. Carnegie, Okla.

MARY LIKES TO READ THE JUNIOR PAGE.

Dear Juniors.— I thought I would write again to the Junior and thank them for my post card I got a few days ago. I live to read the Junior page very much. I have a good many flowers this year. I will name some of them: sweet peas, hollyhocks, crysanthemums, golden glow and sunflowers. I like to pick my flowers. Your Junior friend, Mary Gorman, age 13. Rural Route No. 2. Batavia, Iowa.

HENRIETTA WANTS 50 POST CARD JUNIORS.

As I have never written for quite a while, I thought I would write a letter. I have exchanged cards with about thirty-seven Juniors. I started to exchange cards with the Juniors in April, 1910. I want to get in correspondence with fifty Juniors. I was 12 years old May 4, 1910. I will be in the eighth grade next term of school. I have one sister older than myself and two brothers younger than myself. I like to exchange cards with the Juniors. If there are any more Juniors that would like to exchange cards with me I would be very glad if they would send me a card. I will answer all cards that I receive. Henrietta Plaster, age 12. 501 S. Main St., Albia, Ia.

FIRST LETTER OF BRIGHTON MISS.

Dear Editor:— This is the first time I have ever written to the Courier Junior, but I have been very much interested in the Junior page. I think it is very nice for the Juniors to have a page of their own. I live in the country, one mile from Brighton. I also go to school at Brighton. My teacher's name last year was Miss Maude Brimton. I think she is a splendid teacher. I will be in the Eighth grade next term. I also take music lesson of Miss Clara Ingham. I think she is a fine teacher. For pets I have two kittens, and a Jersey cow. She is very tame and I sometimes ride her. Mabel McCarty, age 12. Brighton, Iowa.

VACATION IN THE COUNTRY.

Dear Editor:— Little Willie Martin spent his vacation in the country. One day he was out in the woods and saw something and he did not know what it was. He came running to his uncle filled with excitement and

wonder. Oh, uncle, please go with me to the woods. What have you found now? Bah, a mouse or a lion asked Mr. Martin. It isn't either, said Willie, but something very pretty. If you will only get it for me I shall be glad said Willie. What does it look like said his uncle. Oh, it looks like a large paper ball and a lot of flies on it. It must be a flies nest. Do flies have nests? said Willie. I do not think so, said Mr. Martin.

FLORENCE HAS BEEN IN SCHOOL TWO YEARS.

Dear Courier Junior:— I am a little girl 7 years old I have been in school 2 years my last teacher's name was Murl Gheen I like her real well. I have one brother he works in the harvest field his name is Carl and he is 12 years old. Papa got him a new bicycle he thinks it fine. I have 5 little gosslings I take care of. This is the first letter I have ever written hope to see it in print. Florence Heninger Hedrick, Iowa, R. R. No. 3.

WHAT I DID THE FOURTH.

As I have never written to the Courier Junior before I will write on the subject, "What I did the Fourth." We got up about 4:30 and started for Lucas about 7 o'clock. I went in the wagon with my papa, mamma, sister and brother. We took our dinner and stayed all day. When we got to Lucas we met my aunt Cora. There was a large crowd there. We had a merry-go-round and we rode on it. I had a dollar to spend. I ate so much ice cream in the morning and for dinner that I was sick after dinner. There was a ball game after dinner. Lucas and Ottumwa played and Lucas beat. We stayed for most of the fireworks. They were very pretty. Three balloons were sent up. It was about midnight when we got home. I play with two of the Juniors, Beatrice and Louise Rickey. I live about a quarter of a mile from them. We live near the creek and we girls go wading in hot water. Miss Fern Scott, aged 10. Lucas, Iowa, R. R. No. 1. care J. C. Riekey.

FRANCES SPENDING THE SUMMER AT UNCLES.

Dear Juniors:— As I have never written to the Juniors before I thought I would write a few lines. I am spending the summer with my uncle, and I have a very nice time playing with my cousins. I will tell you how we spent the Fourth about 20 of my uncles neighbors took their dinner and we all spread our dinner out in the grove and we had lots of good things to eat. We had about 10 or 15 gallons of ice cream and all the lemonade we could drink, and in the evening we had a swing put up for us, and then we ate some more ice cream, and about 5 o'clock we all went home. Well as my letter is getting long I will close. Yours truly, Frances Ross, age 14. Milton, Iowa.

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MY PLAYMATES.

Dear Juniors:— I have never written to the Courier before so I thought I would write and tell you about my playmates. I have a good many playmates. One of my friends came out and stayed a week with me and we had a good time. We went fishing one day and caught two cat fish. Carrie Millard, age 10. R. F. D. No. 2, Ottumwa, Ia.

JEAN LIVES ON CHARITON RIVER.

Dear Editor:— This is my third letter to the Courier Junior. I enjoy reading the Junior letters very much. I only hope the other Juniors enjoy reading my letters as much as I enjoy reading theirs. We have some very pretty scenery around here. The Chariton river is an awfully pretty place. One place here by the river is called the Rock Rifle. There are lots of big rocks piled up out into the water. When the river floods it comes up to the tops of the big trees. I would like to exchange post cards with some of the Junior boys and girls

well I will close. Miss Jean Noland age 13, Darbyville, Iowa.

ESTHER HAS THREE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS.

Dear Editor:— I thank you very much for the flag and pop-corn you sent me. This is the second time I have written to the Courier Junior. I have three brothers, which are Ahtrur, Harry, and Louis, and four sisters which are Helen, Viva, Hilda and Florence. It rained here this afternoon a little bit and we needed it too. Well as my letter is getting long I will stop and help mamma get supper. Papa takes the Tri-Weekly Courier. Yours truly, Esther Freed, age 13. Albia, Iowa, R. R. No. 4.

AN IMAGINARY JUNIOR PICNIC.

Well as we Juniors cannot get together and have a picnic this year we will have an imaginary one, we will set the date and place now, July 23 down below Ottumwa on the Des Moines river under some shade trees. We are all to go to Ottumwa on the train and walk down the river to the place we were going to. Those whom are invited are as follows: Retta Ruark, Harold Wells, Henrietta Plaster, Forest Weber, Charles Dodge, Mable Skirvin, Lois Griffin, Elva Huffman, Genevieve Minck, Elva Young, Frances Norton, Anna Troops, Emma Watts, Mary Reedy, Mary Hite, Ruby Hart, my brother Billy and I, there were 18 of us. We all had a good time together some were strangers to there face but friends in the Junior page. We started from Ottumwa at 9 o'clock some of the Juniors lived in town they did not have had come the farrest but I guess Charles Dodge did for he came clear from Platte S. D. We got to where we were to stop at 11 o'clock then we put up a swing and hammock and swung until dinner time then we girls spread the dinner out on the ground while the boys shot fire crackers, there were a lot of dinner for there were several to bring it, each one did not bring very much but when it was put together it made quite a large lunch. There was lemonade ice cream all kinds of fruit, cake and pies of different kinds, chicken, goose, sand-whicres, and bread, after dinner we girls went a fishing and then the boys went bathing. We caught enough fish to fill out baskets as they were filled with dinner when we left home. Then we went back to where our dinners were and played hide and seek in the woods, then we shot some fire crackers about 5 o'clock we ate what was left over from dinner for supper, then we shot sky rockets and fire crackers until about 7 o'clock. We all went back to Ottumwa there we stayed for fire works after we got tired we went to the Junior's homes that lived in Ottumwa and stayed all night. The next morning we started home early wishing every Junior many more happy days as we had had the day before. We set the time for our picnic next year on June 6. I am a Tri-Weekly Junior. I remain, Hattie M. Allen, age 13. Belknap, Iowa, R. R. No. 1.

SARAH HAS 44 CHICKENS.

Dear Editor:— I will write and tell about the Fourth of July. We had a very good time. We had ice cream. I have forty-four little chickens and a little dog. Belknap, Iowa. Sarah Snow, age 7.

NEVA'S BIRTHDAY JULY 23.

Darbyville, Ia., July 19, 1910 Miss Henrietta Plaster, Dear Junior friend:— As I was writing to the Junior I thought I would write to you also. I have 89 post cards. How many have you got? I exchange post cards with the following Juniors: Maud and Mabel Skirvin, and Irene Logan. I would like to exchange post cards with you. My birthday is July 23. From your friend, Neva Espy, age 11. Box 54, Darbyville, Ia.

BERT STILL LIKES THE JUNIOR.

Dear Editor:— I still enjoy reading the letters in the Courier Junior. In my last letter I promised I would write about my pets. I have a sorrel colt. Her name is Nora. Her mother died when she was about two months and one-half old and we had to feed her cow's milk. She likes to eat sugar, too. She also eats corn, oats and hay. My other pet is a little brown dog. His name is Teddy. He likes to catch rabbits. During the summer he would catch a mole almost every day. I go to school every day. The school house is real close to our house, being about one block away. My teacher's name is Miss Lily Fitzpatrick. There are forty-two scholars in our school. We take the Tri-Weekly. Bert C. Sowers, age 11. Blakesburg, Ia., R. F. D., No. 1.

CLEO HAS BAY-PONY.

Dear Juniors:— This is my first letter to the Junior. I thought I would tell about my pets. I have a little bay pony. I ride her every day. We live 3 1/2 miles from Abingdon. When papa wants anything

from town I ride or drive her. I have three pet pigeons, one little one and two big ones. The little one can not fly and I cut one wing off of the big ones so I could catch them. I have 2 dogs. Their names are Watch and Kaiser. My pony's name is Babe. I have two cats and a yearling colt named Fly. We have four little calves and I milk two cows night and morning. Cleo Ruggles, age 10, R. F. D., No. 1, Batavia, Ia.

ROWENA'S BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 19.

Dear Courier Junior:— I thought I would write to you as I was reading the paper. My papa takes the Ottumwa Courier and I like to read the letters very much. I live three miles from Douds-Leando. We have a large farm and I am a little girl 11 years old. My birthday is on August 19. We have twenty head of cattle and we milk eight cows and we also have twelve head of hogs, seventy-five head of sheep and about forty head of lambs and two pet lambs and seven teen head of broilers. We have chickens and ducks. I help with the chores about the place, such as bringing wood, gathering eggs, feeding chickens and ducks and riding the horse for the hay fork. I go to school when we have school. Our fall term commences in September. Our teachers' name is Miss Hoskin. She will teach our fall term. Rowena Morrow, age 11, R. F. D. No. 1, Birmingham, Ia.

MABEL WRITES AGAIN.

Dear Juniors:— I will write again as I have not written for a long time. We have two calves. Their names are Spot and Boss. We have 100 little chickens and 30 turkeys and 27 ducks. We have twenty-nine postal cards. I live on a farm near Eddyville. I like to live on a farm. We milk six cows. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My friend came to see me and we had a good time. We played jump the rope. I like to read the Junior page. My papa takes the Courier. I received my postal card and it was very pretty. I thank you for it. I would like to exchange postal cards with some of the Juniors. Mabel Brown, age 13, R. F. D. No. 3, Eddyville, Ia.

MY PETS.

Courier Juniors:— I have a pet kitten. It is gray and white. It likes to play with me. It will run after a spool with a string on it. It likes to climb our screen door and then I have to take it down. If it sits down a minute it begins to bite my feet. I have a very nice pet gosling. It walked two miles for it. It grows very fast. It will soon be a goose. Howard Rundell, R. F. D., No. 1, Ringsted.

MARY'S FOURTH OF JULY.

Dear Editor:— I thought I would write a story. Mary was five years old, when her mother took her to the celebration. When she heard the fire crackers go off, she thought they were guns, one went close to her, and she said mamma look at that red gun. Her mother told her it was not a gun it was a fire cracker. Her mother got her some flags some were little, some large. Mary took them home and hung them up in her room. Her little sister aged 3 asked her what they were she said they were flags she asked what the stars and stripes were for she said the stripes were for 13 original colonies and the stars were for the states. As my story is getting long I will close. Nelda Trout, aged 10 Birmingham, Iowa, R. R. No. 3.

MARY TO VISIT IN OTTUMWA.

Dear Editor:— As I have not written for quite a while I will now try and write. We have been having lots of warm weather. The gardeners are all suffering for rain. I have received three post cards from the Courier Junior. My school has been out for quite a while. We did not have any program the last day of school, but I was glad to see you. I can go visiting. I have stayed one week with my cousins and had a very good time. We have got to be here about the Fourth. I received the third of June. I received twelve post cards, a new dress, a hat, a pair of hair ribbons and a bracelet. I don't think we are going to have much fruit this year unless it is Blackberries, apples or grapes. Our corn is up very nice. The wheat, oats and rye are fine too. I was visiting my uncle living near Eldon Saturday. We went fishing in the river and had a beautiful time. My aunt and uncle have not been in very good health for a long time. We celebrated the Fourth at Libertyville. I received Mauda Jewett's post card which she sent me and will answer it soon. I am going to Ottumwa this summer and would like very much to visit the editor but I don't know whether I will or not. Two of our cousins were visiting us from near Selma Sunday and we had a fine time. We are going to put our little baby in short dresses this week. He was three months old the 28th of June. I would like to receive post cards from any of the Juniors. Mary Tweedy, age 11. Fairfield, Ia., R. No. 7.

THE FOURTH.

Dear Juniors:— As I have not written for quite a while I will write about the Fourth. I had five cracker, cracker, pop, watermelon and orange. I was at Lovilla and had a good time. There were fireworks at night. I stayed all day and stayed at night to see the fireworks. I like the Fourth of July very well. Florence Butcher, age 9. Malross, Iowa.