

The Children's Story Telling Club

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Dear children:—We will begin our letters right away so we can print as many of them as possible.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the letters and stories of the Children's Story Telling Club and like it very much. I also thought I would join your Missing Word Contest. 3 Face—4 Boards—5 Head—6 Eat—7 Said—8 Keep—9 Look—10 Head—11 Little—12 Tie. Hoping to hear from you soon. Miss Bertha Schwandt, Lakeview, Mich.

I am glad you like the letters and stories in our club, Bertha. I sent you a membership card and a prize—I hope you received them both.

Dear Editor:—I enjoyed reading the letters and stories of the Story Telling Club and so I think I would join the rest, and would like to join the Contest. I have two sisters and two brothers. My brothers are Keith and Kenneth. My sisters names are Lillian and Frances. They all go to school but Frances. The Missing Words of the Contest you will find on the other leaf. 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Small—4 Roof—5 Feet—6 Show—7 Said—8 See—9 Peck—10 Head—11 Scornful—12 Pull. Sylvan Kuhn, Lakeview, Michigan.

Thank you for a nice letter, Sylvan. Did you receive the membership card and prize I sent to you? Write again.

Dear Editor:—I will now write you a true story to the Children's Story Telling Club. I will tell you about our trip to Ohio. We started from our home in our auto: Grandpa Clingman, Grandma, Mama and my brother Floyd and myself. We went as far as Jackson, Michigan, on the first day. Stayed over night with my aunt Amanda and cousins. Had a lovely time. Started for Ohio once more. Got to Uncle Dan Clingman's in the afternoon. Had a lovely visit with Uncle Dan and cousins Carl and Jessie Fariser. We visited a great many other cousins—Aunt Cassie Clingmans at Archibald, Ohio, and had a nice time with my cousins. The day before we started for home we enjoyed a fine Clingman picnic dinner and the day was spent in visiting and fishing and bathing on Bean Creek. That is the boyhood home of my Grandpa Clingman. We started for our home, Dutton, Michigan, after a stay of two weeks. Sorry we couldn't stay longer. Sometime I wish we could take a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., to my Uncle Dan Goods and visit the Falls. I hope we can sometime. Would it not be great fun? Now if this is not fit to print put it in the waste basket. If this is all right I will write again sometime. Lovingly yours Mary E. Lynn, Dutton, Michigan.

Missing Words are: 1 Years—2

Biddy—3 Small—4 Floor—5 Legs—6 Show—7 Said—8 See—9 Cry—10 Head—11 Haughty—12 Pull.

Mary—Your description of your trip was very interesting and I am sure many of our readers, both large and small, will think so. You need never be afraid of the waste basket, Dear, so write as many letters as you wish.

Dear Editor:—I would like to join the Children's Story Telling Club. The words for the Missing Word Contest are: 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Hand—4 Wall—5 Legs—6 Lay—7 Said—8 Make—9 Peck—10 Head—11 Frightened—12 Get. Katie S. Chapers, Marion, Michigan.

Katie—We are glad to welcome you to our club. Did you receive your membership card and your prize?

Dear Editor:—I would like to join the Story Telling Club. I am a girl twelve years old. I have four sisters and five brothers. The words for the Missing Word Contest are: 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Hand—4 Wall—5 Legs—6 Lay—7 Said—8 See—9 Cackle—10 Head—11 Angry—12 Pull. Yours truly, Mabel Dieterman, Marion, Michigan.

Mabel—I hope you received the membership card; also the prize I sent you. Write again.

Dear Editor:—I would like to join the Children's Story Telling Club. The words for the Missing Word Contest are: 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Hand—4 Frame—5 Legs—6 Lay—7 Said—8 Make—9 Snatch—10 Head—11 Angry—12 Get. Janette Dieterman, Marion, Michigan.

Janette—I hope you will write often for our club. I sent you a membership card and a prize.

Dear Editor:—I am a girl twelve years old. I go to school every day. I am in the seventh grade. I have two miles to go to school. I study reading, arithmetic, geography, history, grammar, physiology and spelling. I would like to join the Story Telling Club. I read the boys and girls letters—I like them very well. I have one brother Lawrence. I am going to see if I can win a prize in your contest. 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Hand—4 Roof—5 Feet—6 Keep—7 Said—8 Make—9 Look—10 Head—11 Injured—12 Pull. From your friend, Heta M. Cole, Bailey, Michigan.

Heta—Thank you for a nice letter. Certainly you won a prize, which I hope you received and liked. I also sent you a membership card.

Dear Editor:—I thank you very much for the membership card. I will have to write a story to finish out my letter. Mabe you have heard the story before.

TOM THUMB. By William Drenton.

Once upon a time there was a family without any children; so once there was a man who came there and asked what the poor people wanted. They said: "If we could only have a child as big as our thumb we would be happy." Then the man went away and asked a fairy if she would help him find a boy as large as his thumb; and then they went and found a boy and the fairy named him Tom Thumb because he was so little. So one day his mother was making some pudding and he climbed up the side of the bowl and fell in. He was so little that his mother didn't notice him. She put the pudding on the stove to cook and Tom got so warm that he began to kick and holler. His mother thought the pudding was bewitched so she gave it to the tinker going by the house, and he heard the kicking and hollering and he threw it away and Tom jumped out and went home and his mother tied him up to a thistle so he would not run away. A cow came and ate the thistle and Tom was in her mouth and he began to kick and scramble in the cow's mouth. The cow let him out and he ran until he came to a giant and he climbed up the giant's sleeve. This tickled the giant so much that he threw Tom away out in the lake and Tom was swallowed by a fish. A man came and caught the fish and took him to the king. And when the fish was cut open Tom was inside and the cook went and gave him to the king. The king gave him a mouse to ride for his horse. Once Tom and the mouse was out and a big cat came and was going to eat Tom and the mouse. Tom fought bravely until some people came and drove the cat away, and Tom had some money that the king had given him and he went home and then he got bit by a spider. Then he went back to the king and the fairy came and took him to fairyland where there wasn't any spiders or bad people. Yours truly, William Drenton, New Buffalo, Michigan.

No, William, I never heard the story of Tom Thumb before. Tom had lots of adventures, didn't he? But as he went to fairyland probably he is still enjoying himself there. I am glad you liked your membership card, and I hope you will write another story for us sometime.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the stories in the Story Telling Club. I am a little girl thirteen years old. I go to school every day. I like my teacher very well; her name is Miss Alice Christie. My father is dead and I have a good step father. I have one sister; her name is Mabel. I have got four brothers. We have got two dogs. I have a pet cat and it's name is Tabby; and we've got two horses and three colts, and we have got six cows and one calf. I will be glad when I see my letter in print. My name is Sadie Eastman. I am in the fourth grade. Yours truly, from Sadie Eastman, Sterling, Michigan.

I am sorry that I could not print your letter sooner, Sadie; but there were so many letters ahead of yours that it took quite a while for your

turn to come. I hope you will write again.

Dear Editor:—Last night I read all the stories in the paper and I thought I would send in a letter and if it is no good put it in the stove. I am eight years old and my name is Mabel Armour. I think your stories are very good. My last birthday I got a pair of ball bearing skates and have been skating on them today. I have one sister and her name is Mary. I have four brothers besides. I go to school every day that I am not sick and I am not sick very much. My teacher's name is Myrtle Pearson. She is very nice, I think. I should like to see this in print if it is good enough. I live in town. Mabel Armour, Lake Odessa, Michigan.

Mabel—I am glad you like the stories in the club and glad to welcome you as a member. Please write as many letters for the club as you wish; your editor promises you that she won't put them in the stove.

Dear Editor:—I thought I would write and see if I may join your club. I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I have two sisters—Hilda, aged eight, and Dorothy, aged seven. I love to hear the children's letters very much. I have a conundrum for the boys and girls to guess. This is it: "What is it that occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and not once in a thousand years?" I would like to see my letter in print if it is not too long. Yours truly Velma Otis, Hastings, Michigan.

Velma—You wrote a very interesting letter and it wasn't a bit too long. I hope you received your membership card. The boys and girls will enjoy guessing your conundrum I am sure.

Dear Editor:—I received my membership card and like it very well. I thought I would send in the Missing Words so here they are: 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Rough—4 Shelter—5 Legs—6 Show—7 Said—8 See—9 Cluck—10 Head—11 Frightened—12 Pull. Once my sister and I had a hen and we called it "The Singing Chicken." In the winter time my sister would go out and bring the singing hen in the house. When it began to get warm it would begin to sing and it would sing for a long time. I will close hoping our Contest will be a great success. Your true friend, Bina Margaret Davis, Mesick, Michigan.

Your letter was very interesting, Bina, especially your description of the singing hen. I have heard lots of hens cackle, but I never did hear a hen sing. There! I beg your pardon, Dear, of course, I've heard hens sing. They always look contented when they sing, don't they? Our Contest was a big success. Over two hundred of our little members took part in it. Thank you for your good wishes; your editor appreciates them.

Dear Editor:—I thought I would write another letter. I did not tell you anything about my pets and things. I have a pet calf; it's name is Daisy. That is the only pet I have. We have four calves; two of them are twins. We had a cat but it ran away. I was awful sorry because it was a playful cat. It ran away once but it came back; then it ran away again and never came back. I would like to have one of your membership cards. I go to school. I am nine years old. I am in the sixth grade. My brother is eleven years old and is in the same grade. My sister goes to high school; she is in the last grade. I have one sister that is married. I would like to see this letter in print. Will say good bye. Yours truly, Jack Blakely, Belmont, Michigan.

P. S.—Here is the answer to the riddle Hazel Rice gave us: "A bird's nest in a dead skull—six eggs when they were hatched and seven with the mother."

Jack—I remember your first letter and I believe that I sent you a membership card; but I also believe that your address then was different than it is now and I expect that is the reason you didn't receive your membership card—unless there is another boy named Jack Blakely. Anyway I will send YOU a card right away and if you don't get this one, let me know; it will probably be because there was no rural route number on your letter. But make you live in town, Jack, in which case I think you will receive this membership card all right. Write again. I think your answer to Hazel's riddle is correct. Write and tell us, Hazel.

PEARL BLEROSE, BALDWIN, MICHIGAN—I sent you a letter also a prize; but the letter was returned with the word UNCLAIMED in big letters on it. If you did not receive a prize let me know and I will correct the mistake.

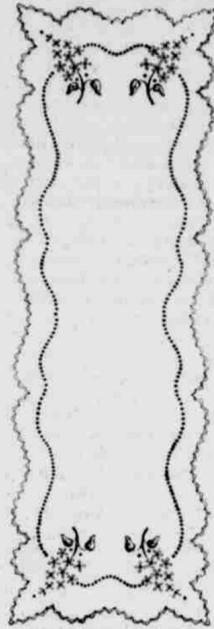
Next week we will print letters from the following members: Floyd McPhall, Marion, Michigan; Marie Schultz, Dutton, Mich.; Fleda Truax, Wayland, Mich.; Crystal Brake, Clarksville, Mich.; Florence Fruin, Bellevue, Mich.; Erma Plummer,

Douglas, Mich.; Maxie Hull, Mancelonia, Mich.; Hazel Maycroft, Grant, Mich.; Mabel Westenfelder, Grant, Mich.; Agnes Orr, Prescott, Mich.; Helen Campbell, Shelby, Mich.; Aleta

Oleary, Copemish, Mich.; Gertrude Oleary, Copemish, Mich.; Florence Robertson, Lyons, Michigan, and others if we have room for them. Now good bye. Best wishes to you all.

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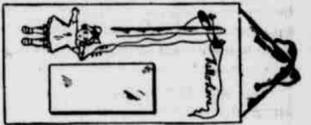
0190.—Dresser Scarf.
Size 18x52 inches.

This dainty neat design is produced most effectively carried out in eyelet embroidery, with the small leaves embroidered in solid stitch, and the edge in buttonhole stitch. The flowers could be embroidered in satin stitch if preferred and the leaves outlined. Stamped on white art linen, 45c; stamped on pure imported white linen, 75c; perforated pattern, including all necessary stamping materials, 15c.



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This butterfly design is for punch work embroidery, so very popular at the present time and makes a handsome centerpiece when finished. Stamped on pure imported white linen 22x22 inch size, 50c; 36x36 inch size, 85c. Stamped on pure imported ceru linen, 22x22 inch size, 45c; 36x36 inch size, 75c. Perforated pattern of 22-inch size, 25c; perforated pattern of 36-inch size, 50c. Perforated pattern includes necessary stamping materials. Punch Work Needle, 5c. Lace for edge not included.



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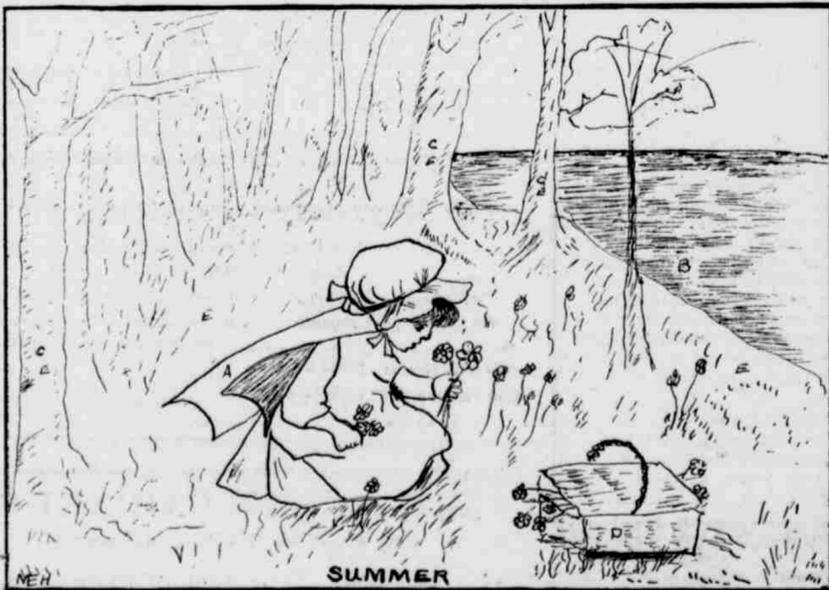
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BOYS AND GIRLS DRAWING CLUB

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Send your name in if interested in drawing and painting and become a member of the club.



Dear Little Friends:—After an absence of a few weeks from our department, we offer same in a new plan. The great interest in the contest made us feel that there were many little boys and girls who were interested in drawing and so we decided that we would have a real club and if you would like to join, send your name and address and I will send you a nice

membership card with rules of the club.

Our drawing this week is "Summer." Try it and do your best and where the shadows are on the trees paint it brown and the rest of the tree green. Paint grass lighter green. Paint the water blue, then paint it over with a light green while it is yet wet. This makes it a greenish blue. Paint daisies yellow with brown cen-

ters. Basket yellow, Sky light blue. Little girls cape and bonnet, red. Apron and dress, light blue. You can do this by mixing white with blue. Hands and face a very delicate pink. I shall expect some very good work done on this picture, and if you desire me to mark your work and offer suggestions and help you, send your drawings and enclose stamp for the return.