

Children's Page

Address all communications for this page to MARGARET WYE, care of The Ranch, Kent, Wash.

Our April Roll is very nearly as long as our March Roll. Here it is: Selma Moe, Dimple Hollingsworth, Nettie Chilvers, Helen Bjornstrom, Lavita Fowler, Vereta Fowler, Clara Louise Peterson, Dorothy Dicken, Ethel Jahn, Myrtle Johnson.

Our prize winner for April is one who is on our April Roll—Ethel Jahn, age 13, of Richmond Highlands, Wash. Her composition is on this page.

Our May work you remember is a short story about a boy or girl who did something you think was honorable. Tell it in as story-like way as you can. Be sure to write your name, age and address in the upper right hand corner of the first page.

MAY DAY

(Prize.)

Ethel Jahn. Age 13.

Many times I have spent a happy May day but the one I shall tell about is one of the happiest—when I gave my mother a May basket. I had the basket finished and ready for evening, for as usual we had school. The basket was pale pink trimmed in light green, with a silver star here and there. Two friends of mine came home from school with me. On our arrival, I got the basket and we filled it with flowers, tame and wild. As my friends anxiously waited behind a wood pile just outside the fence, I ran quickly to our porch and placing it upon a table containing flowers, knocked and ran back of the wood pile to await my mother's coming. She was pleased with the basket. We were whispering among ourselves. Mother heard us and were soon found. It was getting late, so together, my friends, mother and I, walked in the direction of my friends home.

WHY I LIKE THE FARM.

Vera Sundin.

I like the farm because there is plenty of fresh air and sunshine. Then I can have a large garden of my very own and plant everything I want. I think it is great fun to hunt for eggs in the straw and go for cows every evening and get them from the pasture. On the farm there are pleasures the whole year round. In winter I go sleighing and skating and in the summer I go rabbit hunting in the woods with my dog and I go horse back riding. Then there is the pleasure of picking the ripe juicy fruit from the tree myself, whenever I feel like it. Also in the country school there are not so many pupils so we get acquainted better by all playing together and we have more fun. For my part I prefer the farm.

OUR LETTER BOX

Washtucna, Wash.

Dear Miss Wye:

I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school every day. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Miss Mira Booth. We like her very much. We live three miles from school and my brother, sister and I drive to school. We live on a wheat ranch. We have 30 head of horses,

mules and colts. My papa has two thoroughbred Percheron horses. I planted some garden also some potatoes. I will have a flower bed too. If I see this in print I will write again.

Your little friend,
ISOLA STARKS.

Forest Grove, Ore.

My papa takes The Ranch and I like it very much. This is my first letter to the paper. I hope to see it in print. I like to live in town very much. We have a team of horses and we have a cow. We have 18 ducks. I have a pet cat and a dog. I go to the Methodist church.

DOLLIE STOWELL.

Washtucna, Wn.

Dear Miss Wye:

I am in the fourth grade. We have a nine months term of school. I have missed seven days. We have two goats. One is named Billy; the other is Nanny. If I see this letter in print I will write again.

From your friend,
JACK STARKS.

Lyons, Ore.

Dear Miss Wye:

This is the first time I have written to the children's page. My father takes The Ranch and I am always interested in the children's page. I am 14 years old and am in the sixth grade. We live on a stock ranch of 600 acres. We have 34 head of cattle, three horses and two mules. I have two cats, a dog and a canary bird. I have one brother 16 and a little sister three years old. If this escapes the waste basket I will write again.

Your reader,
JANE WILSON.

Vashon, Wash.

Dear Miss Wye:

I have been reading the children's page and think it is very nice. I am 12 years old and am in the fifth grade. I have a very nice teacher. Her name is Miss Thomas. We live on the beach in a little bungalow. It is very nice in the summer.

Your friend,
ETHEL CORBIN.

Carson, Wash.

Dear Miss Wye:

This is the first time I have written to the children's page. Nearly every year I get May baskets. Some May baskets are made of pasteboard and sewed together and covered with fancy paper. They put apple blossoms or plum blossoms in the baskets. They take them to friend's houses, hang them on the door, knock and run, hiding where they cannot be seen. I am 11 years old and am in the fifth grade. My birthday is in May. Hope this does not go in the waste paper basket. Will close.

Yours truly,
HAZEL ESTABROOK.

Rainier, Wash

Dear Miss Wye:

I have not seen any letters from Rainier. We take The Ranch and I enjoy reading the children's page very much. I am 10 years old. We live on a chicken ranch about one mile from town. We keep one cow to furnish us with butter and milk. I go to school and am in the fourth grade. It seems very pleasant and cheerful on the farm now because the fruit trees are in blossom and there are flowers everywhere. Everything

seems so clean and sweet that I think of that nice poem I saw in the last children's page about the rain and the daffodils. Hoping to see my letter in print, I am your little friend,
M. MERILDA BARNHART.

Toledo, Wash.

Dear Miss Wye and children of The Ranch:

I thank you for the postal card. I am going to write a riddle this time So, now, little girls of The Ranch, all make a guess. I wish to tell you about a queer table. It is several years old but yet it is just as good as new. It came all the way from Arabia. I can't see how it can wear out. It is not used for breakfast, dinner or any meal. I will write the answer next time.

Yours truly,
SELMA MOE.

SPRING CLEANING

Home Department.

(Request for labor saving.)

Each spring and fall brings the same work, yet many women fail to lighten the burden of it by previous thought. They will dread starting day after day then all at once feverishly proceed to tear up everything at once. Housekeeping is a science and every woman should at least undertake to solve its mysteries.

There is nothing gained by hauling out trunks, pawing over their contents, ridding closets of garments, only to pile them back untouched at close of day; tearing down curtains, pulling up rugs and carpets, and so on, until a woman is ready to drop, then have no time for the preparation of meals.

Unfortunately no time is needed to develop tempers and usually at the close of such days every member of the family is apt to be in possession of one of large proportions. No more work should be attempted than can be completed.

Much can be done previous to the actual cleaning. All trunks and boxes should be gone over. The spring clothing would better be left in them until the closets have been cleaned. If the rest of the garments were in proper condition when put away only a short time will be required to look them over and air them. The writer makes it a rule to never put a garment away soiled or needing stitches. All drawers and closets should be looked after the same way.

If possible discard carpets in the bed rooms. A painted or stained floor with small rugs is much more sanitary. Two hours will be sufficient to put a bed room in perfect condition. If there are insects in the rooms one can use benzine or any of the petroleum oils, brushing it in with a small brush or feather. Keep window open and on no account carry a light into the room until the odor is no longer perceptible. Hot water is good but will spoil varnish. When liquids cannot be used, sulphur can be burned with good effect, but no metals should be left in the room which should be closed four or five hours.

It is better to keep moths away by sunlight and air than by preventatives. Washing the floors with the petroleum products mentioned and spraying carpets while on the line is a good way to kill moths.

Doing all this work first will be found to lighten house cleaning wonderfully. The rule should be one room at a time with a day of rest now and then between.

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