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OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER
By Aunt June

DEDICATED TO EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN CANADA

My Dear Boys and Girls—

Some of you are working away hard at school in preparation for the big tests that will come in just a week or two, and isn't the time flying along? Only a few weeks before Easter will be here and another holiday. Easter time reminds you of all the pretty new Spring clothes. I expect this year it will come so early that not many people will put on their very "springiest" clothes. I wonder what sort of new clothes you like best. Did you ever read the poem about a little boy who was very proud of his new shoes?

"The Squeaky Shoes"
There's Aunt Matilda's children
And they're playing hide-and-seek,
But they say I mustn't join them
'Cos I've got on shoes that squeak.

Now when you're playing hiding
You must never make a sound
Or they'll creep along and hear you
And you're certain to be found.

They said "Put on your slippers,
Come along, an' hide away"
But I said "I'd keep my shoes on
Or I wouldn't go and play.

So they've gone to play without me
They can do just what they choose
'Cos I had them new this morning
And I'm going to wear my shoes.

I had another full mail bag this week and I am so very glad to be getting so many letters from new Helpers—but especially am I glad to have letters from Helpers who have been Members of the League for some time. I like to hear from you after you have got your badges so that I know how you are and what you are doing at school and at home, and whenever I have the space I will print your other letters too. I have lots of new members to welcome this time.

A Hearty Welcome to the Following Members:
Cecil Webb, Melville, Sask.
Elizabeth Epton, Comber.
Nellie Holborn, Moorefield.
Irene Taylor, Wingham.
Francis Binns, Harriston.
Maurice Billings, Hilbury.
Marion Brown, Oakville.

Wingham.
Dear Aunt June—I have been very much interested in your Boys' and Girls' corner, so thought I would like to join. I am twelve years old and in the junior second class at school. I have five brothers, four older than myself and one younger. My youngest brother and I swept the school for a year. I milk two cows every night except very dry. On Saturday I help my mother to scrub. I am now enclosing a three-cent stamp for a badge.

IRENE TAYLOR.
Dear Irene—What a lucky little girl you are to have so many brothers and what a splendid Helper you are too. I am sending you a badge and hope I shall hear about some of the play times you have with your brother. I wonder if he would like to be a Helper, too. I have quite a lot of boys as well as girls who are splendid Helpers.

Aubrey, Que.
Dear Aunt June—I would like to become one of your members and join the club. I generally read your Boys' and Girls' corner. I am in grade five. I like my teacher but not many. I get a few whippings but not many. I am eleven years old in April 13th. I hope to see my letter and receive a badge.

EVELYN BRUCE.
Dear Aunt June—This is the first time I have written to you and I want to become one of your members and join your club. I like to read your Boys' and Girls' corner. I would like to receive a badge.

Hesther D. Bruce.
Dear Hesther and Evelyn—I am very glad indeed to welcome you both to our corner but I am afraid I cannot send you a badge Evelyn just for getting whippings in school. You have both forgotten to tell me about the helpful things you do. One of the things for joining our League of Service is that everyone must "do a little kindness to someone every day." See the words of our pledge. If you will write and tell me about the kind of work you do to help others I will send you a badge.

Mossley.
Dear Aunt June—Will you please accept another member in your club. I am a member of the Maple Leaf Club and would like to be a member of your club. I nearly always bring in the wood and kindling. I am in the boy and have to help with the chores and other jobs. I go to school at Brampton. I help milk and in summer I help in the harvest. I also help my uncle Roy in holidays.

Melville, Sask.
Dear Aunt June—This is my first letter to your interesting corner, but I have read them all every week. I am twelve years old. We live on a farm ten miles from town but will be moving to town next week. I would so like to get a badge as some letters say they are very beautiful. I will tell you what I do. I help to get in the wood and feed the horses and water them. Clean out the stable and go after the colts at night and help

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, whenever it may be, to help others whenever possible, and to endeavor in every way to make myself a good citizen.

Name
Age
Address
Date

would like to receive a badge if you think I am worthy of one. I would like to correspond with any boy or girl my own age. I am thirteen years. I will answer all letters.

PUNCH.
Dear Punch—I think you have gained a badge by your helpful work. I am pleased to see you are a member of the Maple Leaf Club. Perhaps you will be able to get other Helpers in your district. I wonder if you intend to be a farmer when you grow up. I think Bud would like to hear from you. Did you see her letter in last week's corner? I will forward any letters from Helpers to each other.

Oakville.
Dear Aunt June—I would like to join your club. I hope to get a badge. I am ten years old. I am in the junior third class at school. Our teacher is Miss Dohne. I like her very much. I like skating and baseball. Our teacher has been sick for a week and we have had a holiday but it is not open yet.

MARVIN BROWN.
Dear Marvin—I am glad you are fond of your teacher. You must like school then. You have not told me any of the things you do to help others and I cannot send you a badge until I hear. Read my letter to Hester and Evelyn and then write me again so that I can send you a badge.

Harriston.
Dear Aunt June—I see other girls and boys are writing to you and thought I would like to write too. I am twelve years old. I milk the babies do the dishes; sweep the floors and help get the meals. I would like to receive a badge.

FRANCIS BINNS.
Dear Francis—I would like to hear more about those babies. How old are they? I just love babies and would like to hear all about them. I am very glad you are a Helper. You shall have a badge.

Tibury.
Dear Aunt June—I am just writing you a few lines. I hope you are well. I would like a badge so am sending you a three-cent stamp. I help my mother clean the school out every night after four and run errands for her. I am only twelve years old and am in the fourth class at school.

MORRIS BILLINGS.
Dear Morris—I will most certainly send you a badge. I love to hear boys helping mother. I would like to hear something more about your school and what lessons you like best when next you write.

Comber.
Dear Aunt June—I have been reading your corner and find there are a number of new Helpers each week. I would like to join your League. I am enclosing the pledge. I go to school nearly every day. I am in the junior fourth class. When I come home from school I feed the chickens, gather the eggs, get supper for mother, wash and run errands for her. I am only twelve years old and am in the fourth class at school.

ELIZABETH PETERSON.
Dear Elizabeth—I wonder how old you are. You are certainly a true Helper. I expect the baby sister is very glad indeed when you get some spare time and can play with her. Some day I hope you will tell me something about your part of the country. You shall have a badge.

Comber.
Dear Elizabeth—I have been reading the letters that appear each week in the Boys' and Girls' corner and I would like to join the Helpers' League of Service. I am ten years of age and I live a mile from school. I am in the second senior class and I like going to school very much. When I come home I carry in wood for mother and get two pails of water and a scuttle of coal. Then I go to the barn and milk one of the cows for my



HERE once lived a piper, in old Hamelin town,
Who charmed all the rats, so they say;
But when the town council refused him his fee,
He piped all the children away.

Find two children. Lower side down, in blouse; right side down, along edge of cape.

father all I can. I am enclosing a three-cent stamp and an addressed envelope for which I hope to receive a badge.

CECIL WEBB.
Dear Cecil—I am very pleased to welcome you as a Helper and will most certainly send you a badge. You must be a big help to your father. I wonder how you will like living in the town after being out on a farm. I should like to hear what you do in the town and whether you like living there better than the farm.

Ogema, Sask.
Dear Aunt June—I have been reading your most interesting letters and thought I would like to get a badge. We live four miles from school and we drive every day. We have a nice little registered mare named Adeline and it takes us about twenty minutes to go, so we don't get cold. We have a little bull-dog, his name is Tiny and we have a kitty and its name is Playful. Tiny and the Kitty play all day until we come home from school. I am sending you a three-cent stamp for you to send me a badge and I hope to see my letter in the paper.

MARGARET MARTINDALE.
Margaret Dear—I was so glad to get your letter and read of your lovely pets. What a lovely drive you must have to school but I am so sorry you forgot to tell me of the things you do during the day to help mother or father and I want you to write and tell me some of them. I can't send you a badge until I hear so please write to me as I am holding your stamps ready to send you a badge and I want you to be a member of the League.

Lucknow.
Dear Aunt June—This is the first time I have written. I am nine years old and I go to school every day. I have four sisters and one brother. I carry in the wood and I help with the dishes and sometimes I put on the baby's shoes and stockings. I hope I will receive a badge soon.

CATHERINE C. ROBERTSON.
Dear Catherine—How jolly to have so many sisters. I am sure you must all have happy times together. I used to have lots of fun with my brothers when I was a little girl. I am sending you a badge and glad to welcome you as a Helper.

Wheatley.
Dear Aunt June—I suppose you have been wondering what has become of me. I saw my last letter in the paper and you said your mail bag has been very full but I like to tell you more letters to be squeezed in. I should like to hear about the entertainment you had at your school. Will you write and tell me about it, please? And let me hear what else you are doing too.

Hepworth.
Dear Aunt June—Please excuse my writing. I wrote once before but my letter did not appear. I am twelve years old and in the fourth class. I help dad do the chores on Saturday and at night I hold the lantern while dad feeds the stock, or sometimes I hang the lantern up and help to feed from.

PAUL ANDERSON.
Dear Paul—I am so sorry your other letter did not appear in print. I have answered yours third in the time so that you will be able to find it quickly. I am sending you a badge and know you will be a good member of the League as you help your father so splendidly now. I should like to hear more about your stock and if you have any pets of your own to feed.

Oakville.
Dear Aunt June—I have been reading the letters that appear each week in the Boys' and Girls' corner and I would like to join the Helpers' League of Service. I am ten years of age and I live a mile from school. I am in the second senior class and I like going to school very much. When I come home I carry in wood for mother and get two pails of water and a scuttle of coal. Then I go to the barn and milk one of the cows for my

Corbetton.
Dear Aunt June—I have been reading your Boys' and Girls' corner for some time and I think it very interesting. I am eleven years old and I am in the junior fourth class at school. I like going to school very much. In the evening I help to bring in the wood, get the supper, wash the dishes and do my homework. I am enclosing a three-cent stamp for a badge. With love to Aunt June.

Wheatley, Ont.
Dear Aunt June—This is my first visit to the mail box. I hope I will not crowd anyone else out. I read the letters every week and would have written before but never got up courage to go ahead and do it. I help around home as much as I can doing such chores as scrubbing, washing, sweeping and making beds. I would like to receive a badge but will not be disappointed if I do not first time. Hoping to see this letter in print. I will close with good luck to the League.

Mississippi.
Dear Aunt June—I wish to join your club. I am a girl nine years old. I go to school every day. I am in the second class. I haven't any sisters or brothers. I have a pet cat I call Topsy. I had a lovely time at Xmas and New Years. When I come home from school I bring in wood and I bring in a can of water and wash the dishes and dry them. Well Aunt June as this is my first letter I must say bye-bye.

brother, also put bedding down for three horses. I have two brothers, one is sixteen and the other is eighteen. I also have one little sister about a year old and I am very fond of her. And she is a great companion for mother. I have three pets. A dog, his name is Nigger as he is all black and a cat who is all white, and a red calf I call Ginger. I will write to you again soon. Your little friend,
BASIL HAY.

Dear Basil—I am pleased to welcome you as a Helper and am sending you a badge. You sent me three cents too many so I am sending them back to you. I was so glad to get such an interesting letter from you and hope you will write me again soon. Perhaps when your baby sister is older and able to help mother she will become a Member of the League, too.

Merlin.
Dear Aunt June—I have been reading about the Boys' and Girls' corner. I am eleven years old. I have a pet dog. He is black, yellow and white. I wash dishes and dry them, make beds, sweep and dust the rooms, and sometimes I go to school.

SWEET CLOVER.
Dear Sweet Clover—What a pretty name you have chosen as your pen name. I can just imagine I can see a field full of sweet smelling clover with the sun shining on it and some bees flying from one blossom to another gathering up the honey. I suppose you think your Aunt June is very funny to be thinking all these things just from your name, but we never see or smell sweet clover in the city and if we didn't think of these things sometimes the city would get very dull. I am sending you a Helpers' badge and hope you will like it as much as I like your name.

Paisley.
Dear Aunt June—I read the Boys' and Girls' page every week and think it very fine. I go to school every day and like it fine. I am in the junior fourth class. Some of my friends and I take our crocheting to school to work at noon hour and recess. I have two miles and a quarter to walk to school and it is a very cold walk in the winter time. When I get home from school I get supper, help wash the dishes and sweep the floor. On Saturday I make a cake and do several jobs for mother.

BLUEBIRD.
Dear Bluebird—I am sending you a badge and am glad to welcome you as a member of the League. With a long walk you have to school. I am sure you must be very glad to get home in the winter and get warmed up in front of the fire after walking so far. I wonder what you have made with your crocheting. I should like you to write and tell me what sort of things you and your little friends make.

Hesperia.
Dear Aunt June—I would like to join your League. I am a weekly reader of your Boys' and Girls' corner. Please send me a badge. I do the dishes, sweep the floor and other jobs I can. Hoping to see my letter in print.

MARGARET I. CHESTER.
Dear Margaret—Here is your letter in print and I am sending you a badge. I am sure mother must find you a splendid Helper. Write to me again soon and tell me what sort of games you play at school and what form you are in.

McDonald's Corners.
Dear Aunt June—I thought I would like to join your Helpers' League of Service. I have signed the pledge hoping to receive a badge. I help my mother wash the dishes and I bring the floor, bring in the wood and bring the cows from pasture in the summer. I am eleven years old and go to school every day. I am in the junior fourth class. Our teacher's name is Miss Murphy and we like her fine. For pets I have a dog named Laddie and a little kitten. As this is my first letter I will close.

JESSIE A. PURDON.
Dear Aunt June—I like reading the Girls' and Boys' corner and would like to be a member. This is my first letter. I am in the junior fourth class and am thirteen years of age. I help papa feed the cows, sheep and calves at night and in the morning I also like driving the horses. On Saturdays I help papa saw wood. I like going to school and have not missed a day since it started at the Xmas holidays. I live on a farm of four hundred acres. I have signed the pledge for Helpers.

MERVIL A. PURDON.
Dear Jessie and Mervil—I am sending you both a badge and am glad to welcome you as Members of the League. What a splendid pair of little Helpers you are to mother and father. I am sure they will be glad to see that you have earned a badge each and I hope you will like them. And I am glad to see that besides helping mother and father so well you like school too. Write me again soon and tell me more about your school and games you play.

Success, Sask.
Dear Aunt June—I have seen many other letters in the paper so I thought I would like to write if you could find space for my letter. My home is in the West, and I have been having a real good time skating and playing outside. There is no school in the winter out here so I have lots of time to play. We are having a grand winter here. I had an accident about a week ago. We were getting supper and the tea kettle was on the stove with boiling water in it, and the tea kettle slipped off the stove and the water splashed up on my legs and scalded them and I have not been able to walk since. Daddy went to see the doctor the other day and he sent me a treatment for them. He is a good doctor to me for he said he would be around next week to visit me. Daddy went to Swift Current the other day and took one of his friends to the train. Daddy brought me a lovely string of beads and the friend sent out a pretty string of beads too. Our dog got its foot caught in a trap sometimes ago and

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Will Someone of Vera's Age Please Write to Her?

I am very glad to find that so many Helpers are enjoying the season and am so pleased to welcome so many new members. I hope I will hear from them from time to time so that I can know how everyone of my Helpers are getting along at school and home. Lovingly,
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