

Boys and Girls Who Have Won National Fame as Letter Writers

Announcement of Awards in National Letter Writing Contest, More Than 20,000 School Children Competed For Prizes



KEY TO THE WINNERS.

- 1.—Henry Francis Wilson, Salem, N. Y., winner first prize, Class A.
- 2.—Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga., winner second prize, Class C.
- 3.—Macy F. Lanice, Bayshore, N. Y., winner first prize, Class D.
- 4.—Emily Grace Herr, Dixieland, Cal., winner second prize, Class A.
- 5.—Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo., winner third prize, Class A.
- 6.—Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O., winner third prize, Class B.
- 7.—Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D., winner first prize, Class B.
- 8.—Mary M. Hughes, St. Regis Falls, N. Y., winner third prize, Class D.

HONOR ROLL.

- Best letter writers among school children of America.
- CLASS A.**
Henry Francis Wilson, Salem, N. Y.; Emily Grace Herr, Dixieland, Cal.; Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo.
- CLASS B.**
Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D.; Lucille Hilsheimer, Madison Mills, O.; Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O.
- CLASS C.**
Mark R. Sullivan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga.; George McCarthy, Lysander, N. Y.
- CLASS D.**
Macy F. Lanice, Bay Shore, N. Y.; Lynn Ernest Bradley, Waterville, O.; Mary M. Hughes, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

The first twenty-five in each class have each received a medal and a five dollar gold piece, the first, second and third winners in each class receiving special medals. One thousand others received medals only and 1,000 certificates.

Farmer Boy Wins First Place.
Letter No. 1 in Class A was written by Henry Francis Wilson, a bright faced boy who was born in Hebron, N. Y., on the same farm where his father and grandfather were born, and who now lives in the country near Salem, N. Y. He wrote:

I have read your book "A New Chapter in an Old Story" and liked it real well. I liked the part where the savage was in a tight place with the bear and he picked up a sharp stone and threw it at the bear and gave himself a chance to run away, because he did just what we boys do when we are in a tight place.

I liked the part about the bow and arrows, because I made one last winter out of a little bamboo fishpole, a piece of rawhide and a piece of a rack you hang towels on.

A little boy is a good deal like the people of olden times, because he throws stones when he is five years old and when he is eight years old he uses a slingshot and that he makes out of a crocheted stick and a piece of rubber elastic. For ammunition he can use little stones and peas. At eleven years old he uses a bow and arrow that he can make out of hickory or bamboo.

The man that made the first Remington rifle as a boy was a good deal like me when it came to asking papa for things and not getting them.

A Western Girl Heads Class B.

Wanda Isaac, age thirteen, of Freeman, S. D., wrote:

I was especially interested in the full page pictures in the book which show the progress of firearms. The following is the story which the picture on the front cover tells me:

Ray Kensington had had wonderful success during the hunting season. Animals of all descriptions had fallen prey to his Remington with its "U. M. C." ammunition.

As he pondered he had a vision in which a cave man, Robin Hood, the hunter with crossbow, and men with old fashioned guns appeared to him. They were all much surprised at the perfection of his weapon.

The cave man spoke: "You have beyond doubt a wonderful means of defense in your hands, but when confronted by a savage bear I hurried at him a jagged rock, and when I invented the sling I took the first steps. Do not forget me."

"And me," said Robin Hood. "I used the long bow in Sherwood forest, and it served me well. It was but another step toward the perfect weapon held in your hands."

"And my crossbow shall not be forgotten," rejoined the second hunter. "It was the first practical step toward guns." ***

"Mountain School" Lad Leads Class C.

Mark Sullivan, fifteen years of age, lives in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and attends the "Mountain School" in Ulster county of the same state. His letter, the best in Class C, is in part:

In a pleasant valley of that country which is now called France there lived before the era of the great ice sheet a clan of cave men.

The only enemy of the clansmen was a great saber tooth tiger, which had a cave far up upon a mountain side. Every winter as the time approached for the tiger to go south the men would keep an eager watch upon the cave, because when he had gone they would enter and live there during the colder months of the winter. ***

A daring plan instantly flashed into the mind of Strongarm, the chief. The men with their rude stone weapons would never dare to attack the tiger, so Strongarm ordered them to bring a large elk's hide. This he fashioned into a bag, which was filled with stones. He then cut a strong coken pole, and after putting a spear head halfway down the shaft. Several men helped carry his weapon to the tree under which Saber Tooth was sleeping. Slowly it was raised and poised above the sleeping tiger. The men retreated to the cave, and then Strongarm cut the thong. Down plunged the weighted shaft, pinning Saber Tooth to the ground. ***

Big City Boy "D" Class Winner.
Macy F. Lanice, of Bay Shore, N. Y., aged 17, who was first in class D, saw the literary and artistic side of the book. He wrote:

The plot and style are the work of a real author. Uninteresting details are made vivid *** big, cumbersome guns of olden times are invested with romance, the tedious stages of the advancement of civilization from the earliest ages are skillfully interwoven with the steps of the steady advance of Remington arms and the whole made to read like fiction.

Surely this contest has brought forth from young America an unmistakable denial of the charge that our country is deficient in letter writing ability. Along with this denial has come a wealth of matter that will give teachers, writers and even parents a new appreciation of the wonder working mind of youth.

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Now, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to me at the office of James T. Hall, Room 11, Eldorado Block, Marshfield, Oregon, duly verified as by law required.
Dated this 16th day of March, 1914.
JOHANNA S. KRUGER,
Executrix of the estate of Robert August Herrman Kruger, deceased.
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