Boys and Girls Who Have Won National Fame as Letter Writers

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



O shall now say that letter writing is a lost art in these United States? A success ful country wide contest among the school children of the land has just proved conclusively that our boys and girls at least are fully capable of clear, vicerous expression through the printed word.

With the purpose to "stimulate interest in letter writing, to develop ob- winner second prize, Class A. servation among school children and to interest them in the origin and des winner third prize, Class A. velopment of inventions that have become Important economic factors in ner third prize, Class B. our civilisation," the Remington Literary Committee of New York city recently offered, through the public winner first prize, Class B.

To-Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D., winner first prize, Class B.

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prizes, consisting of 100 fire dollar gold places, 1.000 Tiffeny medials of rich design and 1.000 bindsomely engraved

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The children show surprising response to the beautiful and the heroic, and the prizes of the little ones are especially unsparcortificates of morit for the best lets of judges consented to attempt the tres of two to three hundred words, based upon the lately published book, "A New Chapter In an Old Story,"
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which covers the remantic history of the College of the City of New York, Others were Dr. Talcott Williams, a piece of rubber classic. For ammunition

mondthen necking.

Wide Interest In Contest.

Soon after the announcement of the contest entries came in a flood from every corner of Uncle Sam's dominions. With the receipt of the book, which was presented to the libraries in schoolwhere pupils were to compete, the prize letters began to pour into the office of the committee. In all, more than 20,000 live, vivid messages were received. They came from such wide opposites as the New York city boy who rides to school in the subway and from the wee girl in the interior of California (a winner) who "had to go 110 miles to find a photographer" to have the photo taken which is repro duced in connection with this story.

Probably because of greater popula tion New York led the list of states in the number of entries. Next came Ohio, closely crowding the Empire State for first place. Then followed North Dakota, California, Missouri, Georgia, South Dakota, Arizona, New Jersey, Florida and Pennsylvania in the order named, with the other states expresented by smaller numbers of prize seekers. Then, too, there were have each received a medal and a five toguiry from parents, from teachers, pastors, editors, all freighted with interest in what the children were dotag. Taken in all of its aspects, probably never before has a contest made likelifed among so many people in all conditions of life.

Attracted by the genuine value of the four classes. Of these 100 winners letters submitted, a distinguished board that the children were described with interest in each class receiving special medals. One thousand others are at an of the great lee sheet a clan of cave men.

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PIONEER STAGE DRIVER

KEY TO THE WINNERS.

1.-Henry Francis Wilson, Salam, N. V., winner first prize, Class A. 2.-Annie Robertson, Mente, Ga., winner second prize, Class C. 3.-Macy F. Lanice, Bayshore, N. Y.

winner first prize, Class D. 4.-Emily Grace Horr, Dixieland, Cal.,

5.-Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Me.,

6.-Margaret L. Hess. Laura, O., win-

Lie D., Litt. D., director of the school Prizes were offered in four classes; of journalism at Columbia university; Class A for children ten to eleven years | Herbert L. Bridgman, M. A., the exof age; Class B, tweive to thirteen; plorer and historian, who is the vice Chass C, fourteen to fifteen, and Class president of the American Newspaper D. sixteen years of age and over Publishers' Association, publisher of There were three principal prizes in the Brooklyn Standard Union and aueach class, and an equal number of all ther of several important works; Hudprizes were afforted to each class, so sen Maxim, the inventor, and Harry that each pupil should compete on Chase Brearley, editor and journalist equal terms and only with others of his of note and author of "Animal Secrets," etc., secretary of the board.

The decision of this eminent board, made after a careful perusal of the let-

ters, creates the following: HONOR ROLL.

Best letter writers among school children of America.

CLASS A.

Henry Francis Wilson, Salem N. Y.; Emily Grace Horr, Dixieland, Cal.; Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo. CLASS B.

Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D.: Lucille Hilsheimer, Madison Milis, O.; Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O.

CLASS C.

Mark R. Sullivan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga; George McCarthy, Lysander,

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 the best in Class C, is in part: thousands of letters of comment and dollar gold piece, the first, second and

hall from California, 9 from Georgia,

Farmer Boy Wins First Place.

faced boy who was born in Hebron, N.

A Western Girl Heads Class B.

The cave man spoke: "You have beyond

man, S. D., wrote:

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mainder being "scattered."

Salem, N. Y. He wrote:

through the Rogue river valley, is in was only a young man in those days. tween Oakland, Oregon, and Yreka, VISITING IN VALLEY the city taking a look at the country and has interesting tales to tell of the California, and he drove a two-horse GRANTS PASS, Dec. 15 .- M. J. through which he carried the mail in pioneer times, as well as of his ex- wagon from Oakland to Grants Pass, Luark, the pioneer stage driver 1858, or 55 years ago. Mr. Luark periences since. His route was be and from here continued on with pack

with their rude stone weapons would never or dare to attack the tiger, so Strongarm ordered them to bring a large ele's hide. This he facefood into a bag, which was filled with stones. He then cut a strong naken pole, and after putting a sper rhead halfway down site shaft. Asveral men helped carry file weapon to the tree under which Saher Touth was elesping. Slowly it was raised and poised above the sleeping tiger. The men retreated to the cave, and then fitrongarm est. Though Down phinged the weighted to the cave, and then fitrongarm est. Though Down phinged the weighted to the cave.

Big City Boy "D" Class Winner.

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

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

Choice Bits and Impressions.

There is a gold mine of suggestion and indeed of bright, original, readynade ideas in the harvest of letters hat reached the committee. One hardly knows where to begin or where to leave off, so rich and varied is the material cropping out from the work of this army of children and offering itself to the thoughtful revier. One of the most insistent general impressions running through the whole collection is that, although so many nationalities are represented in these American school children, and, although the children are scattered over a vast area, representing nearly every possible geographical and elimatic variation, yet there is in these letters a wonderful unanimity of thought, feeling and manner of expression.

It is pleasant to note the freedom from sectional feeling. Only in one letter-from Georgia-is it evident. The writer mourns that the brave boys in gray should have been "defeated only because they did not have the Remingtons to furnish them with adequate material for fighting."

Splendid patriotism is exhibited throughout the land. The children's pride in the achievements of the United States and their unbounded faith in its glorious future make one feel how much promise of fine accomplishment there is in the American children and how thorough is the fusion of all the alien material that goes into this melt-

The Quality of Mercy.

We find in these children that certainly "the quality of mercy is not strained." In their letters the points uphasized are that the gun is a vital need in obtaining an tenance, a necessary means of defense and protection and an essential in the process of civilization, but an implement that should e used with discretion and not in wantonness. The sentiment most frequently declared by both boys and girls is love for animals.

Children whose names indicate each from South Dakota and Mis-French descent exhibit more than the ouri and 3 from North Dakota, the reothers sympathy and love for the brute creation, a fact that brings to mind the humane treatment the Indians re-Letter No. 1 in Class A was written celved at the hands of the early by Henry Francis Wilson, a bright French settlers.

To the children of classes A and B Y., on the same farm where his fathe pictures and stories of primitive ther and grandfather were born and man appeal most strongly, while the new lives in the country near classes C and D are interested in the complex book cover Plustrations and I have read your book "A New Chapter in the history of the evolution of arms a an old Buery" and fixed it real well.

I liked the part where the savage was four classes appear to be much attract. four classes appear to be much attract

a little and a piece of a rack you hang ing in their severe denouncing of the cave man who ran away and left his companion to combat the bear unaided. The letters contain little vermeular. the most pronounced coming from

Georgia in "met up with" and "appealbe can use little stones and peas. At ed" for consulted, as, "I appealed to the book."

The younger children show a con-The younger children show a con-The man that made the first Remington siderable originality and creative force. rife as a boy was a good deal like me qualities that are distressingly lacking when it come to asking papa for things in the letters of the older children, and

out few of the youthful letter writers

exhibit the sense of humor In Lighter Vein and Quaint.

Wanda Isaac, age thirteen, of Free-In one letter there is an account of a wildcat that climbed a cucumber tree. age pictures in the book which show as progress of firearms. The following the story which the picture on the front flocks with." Ray Kensington had had wonderful suc-cess during the hunting season. Animals of all descriptions had fallen prey to his Remington with its "U. M. C." ammuni-

We are informed that, "although many of the cave men died from want of food and clothing, some are living yet," and that man finally rejected fig As he pendered he had a vision in which a cave man, Rebin Hood, the hunter with crossbaw, and men with old fashioned guns appeared to him. They were one young philosopher propo leaves for clothing "because he became

One young philosopher propounds ill much surprised at the perfection of the abstruse question, "If the stone the savage is going to throw makes

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

"And me," said Robm 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."

"The cave man spoke: "You have beyond the savage is going to throw makes him slip in the water would the bear eat him or would he eat the bear?"

A little girl announces that she loves to read stories of olden times "because grandfather was killed in the armie."

Another child writes: "The fourth reason why I like this story is that when his father died be married and had his father died be married and had "And my crossbew shall not be forgot-cien," rejoined the second hunter. "It was the first practical step toward guns." * * * In these days of mind vacuity one

In these days of mind vacuity one Mountain School" Lad Leads Class C. reads with interest that "this book Mark Sullivan, fifteen years of age, brings people's thoughts back to old lives in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and at-times, when people had to think."

ends the "Mountain School" in Ulster It almost touches one to tears to county of the same state. His letter, know that "the bullet scales are very tender and affecting" and that a char in a pleasant valley of that country acter in the book "got shipwrecked 15 which is now called France there lived degrees below zero, with the thermombefore the era of the great ice sheet a eter in the lake." acter in the book "got shipwrecked 15 eter in the lake."

hornes, the wagon road ending at this point. The Grants Pass of that time, however, was located somewhat further up the river than it is at the present time

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