

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SECTION

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Prize Winners

A large number of contributions were received for this issue which made the compiling of a good Boys' and Girls' Section easy but the problem of deciding what to use difficult. Items which weren't used for this issue are being filed and it is hoped they can be used at a later date. A good deal of the credit for the success of this section goes to the teachers who encouraged their pupils to send in contributions.

Their co-operation and interest is appreciated.

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Beauty Around Home

by Jean Kulick, age 13, Blaine Lake, Sask.

On Saturday, June 14, my sister and I were romping in the grass on a hill. We chanced to glance at the glistening blue water in a slough in our neighbor's field. I was willing at once to venture down the hill and explore around both sloughs for we knew only the one nearer home. I had to urge my sister to go with me and after a hard struggle of coaxing she trudged along slowly grumbling.

When we reached our destination it was beautiful to behold. Yonder lay the sparkling water with the reflection of the sinking sun and the fluffy pink clouds overhead.

The Redwinged Blackbirds were swaying in the cattails singing a merry "ok-a-lee".

We wandered about the beautiful water. Then suddenly we spied a host of little white flowers. There was no end to them along the shore. The

margin of the shore was pure white.

On the water were six Coots dashing to and fro in the water and also going under. But they didn't come near us. There were also a pair of Eared Grebes. These were quite tame and were about two yards away.

As we walked we saw a white spider with a black stripe on his back. A mosquito was caught in his web and he was having his supper.

Now the great blooming flower in heaven faded away below the horizon and the curtain of darkness began to fall. So we started for home when all of a sudden out of space flew a pair of wild geese and settled on the water. We loved to hear their honking.

Then night began to put its black cover over the earth so we went home talking of the beauty we had seen that day.