



### Another Poultry Raiser

Prize Composition  
By VICS. R. MABASA  
(14 years old)

My father built me a small poultry house so I could raise chickens.

I learned how to control diseases by using tincture of iodine or creoline. For controlling chicken lice I apply warm soapsuds. I have been fairly successful in keeping my chickens immune from disease.

In my flock I have only native chickens—that is, those which we have in the Philippines. I have eight hens, one cockerel, and thirty young chickens.

I secured a pamphlet from the Bureau of Agriculture called *Poultry Raising Made Easy* by Dr. Fronda. I found this pamphlet very helpful.

Whenever I have time I am busy making chicken coops and troughs. I have made a self-feeder for my laying hens.

I will try my best to meet the requirements for a junior poultryman, for I wish to become a successful poultry raiser. I hope this wish will come true.

### Stamp Collecting

Prize Composition  
By VICTORIA R. CRUZ  
(15 years old)

Foremost among my hobbies is stamp collecting. It gives me great pleasure to collect stamps of different countries. It is interesting and educational. I have many stamps from different countries.

Let me tell you how I secure my stamps. I get some from letters and packages received at my home. I remove them by wetting them with a little water. My father, brothers, and uncles help me to get stamps.

Another way in which I secure stamps is by writing to boys and girls in other countries. We exchange stamps, and I get a number in that way. Of course I exchange stamps with my friends in the Philippines who are stamp collectors. And, too, I buy some.

Stamps should be kept in neat little stamp albums—then they are not injured or lost.

I enjoy my hobby, and am becoming a successful stamp collector.

### Selected Compositions

#### *Learning to Swim*

I was afraid to go into the water to try to learn to swim, but at last I got up enough courage to try.

One of my friends gave me a large piece of bamboo. He told me to cling to the bamboo and use my feet for paddles. I held on tightly to the bamboo which I was using as a life-preserver.

Presently I could swim so well that I went with my friends to practice diving. Now I can swim as well as anybody. — Leon V. Huerto  
(12 years old).

#### *My Flower Garden*

On each side of my rectangular plot I have flowering shrubs growing. The one I like best is the sampaguita. On the tall bamboo fence there is a beautiful bougainvillaea.

In my plot I raise many of the flower plants to be found in the Philippines. Some of the plants which one can raise are zinnias, marigolds, roses, lilies, coleus, and others. My flower garden is "a thing of beauty" and therefore is "a joy forever." — Purificacion Laneluz (13 years old).