

in hedges, or in trees. In these nests birds lay their eggs and rear their young."

EXERCISE 48.

Write several similar things about :—

1. Money. 2. A canal. 3. Sheep. 4. Newspapers. 5. Lions.
6. Water. 7. Flowers. 8. A camel. 9. A river. 10. The sea.

Or, again, we may name the *different parts* of which something consists, and tell what we know of *the parts and of their uses*. Thus about an orange we may say :—

"The orange is a round fruit, which consists generally of ten pulpy parts enclosed in a leathery rind, called the skin or peel. The outside of the rind is yellow, rough and glossy, but the inside is white and smooth. The orange is a delicious fruit, with a cooling juice. The rind protects the fruit, and is made into candied orange peel. Brides wear orange blossoms."

EXERCISE 49.

Write several sentences, telling similar things about :—

1. A tree. 2. A ship. 3. A house. 4. A day. 5. The body.
6. A railway train. 7. A farm. 8. A school. 9. A potato.

LETTERS.

37. For particulars about letter-forms, see Fourth Reader, page 249. Examine this friendly letter.

*Maplewood Cottage,
Lachute, May 15, 1901.*

MY DEAR MOTHER,

I arrived here safely last night, although my train was nearly an hour late. Uncle Jack met me at the station.

The country about here is very beautiful just now. The fruit-trees in the orchard are in full bloom, and look one mass of white and delicate pink. The squirrels seem quite tame. Kate and I throw corn for them to eat. Harold saw a rabbit yesterday in the wood, and he thinks it is one that has been eating the lettuce in the garden. A bird has built its nest in a hollow tree close to the house.