

# Correspondence

B. B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old. My grandpa sends me the 'Messenger.' I have been going to school for three months, and am in the senior first class. I have a dog called Major. He growls when I take out my air-gun.

W. H. McCLINTON.

Y., Michigan.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm of two hundred and forty acres. 'Mill Creek' runs through it, so there is a little land that we cannot work. We live back from the road about a quarter of a mile. It is very pleasant

S. H., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is a very pretty place; there are three schools here, two primary departments, and two advanced. There are two churches and one chapel. There is also a lumber mill, and lots of lumber shipped away in vessels, steamers, and barques. The harbor freezes in winter, and the people go skating. One steamer calls here twice a week, and there is another one coming in the spring. I will close with a riddle: Why do little birds in their nests agree?

ELLA CORNOR.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl five years old. My birthday was the 30th of November. I have a pet cat and I call her Muff, and I have

about one hundred hens. I am twelve years old.

The answer to Ethel Jolliette's first riddle is a bear. Nellie Gidley's is the city of Milwaukee. I will close with some riddles:

1. When is a man thinner than a lath?
2. What is it that the more you take away the bigger it grows?

RALPH CROSBY.

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm containing 240 acres. We have a large wood containing 40 acres. There are lots of squirrels and rabbits in the winter, and occasionally you will see a fox.

The answer to Greta Harlow's first riddle is a road; second is a row of teeth.

L. SPEERS.

[The riddles sent have been already asked.—Ed.]

## OTHER LETTERS.

Irene Tully, R., Man., tells about a very happy holiday time. She sends in two riddles: 1. Why is the 'Messenger' like an old carpet? 2. What part of a locomotive requires the most attention?

Jeannetta M. Ferguson, P., Ont., is the same age as Irene, only seven. She has something to tell about Christmas, too. This is a problem she sends: Take one from nineteen and leave twenty.

Hannie Crowell, S., N.S., sends in several riddles that have already been asked, but this seems like a new one: Why is wheat like a rose-bud?

Gertie M. C., from the same town, also sends in several riddles, two of which have not been asked: 1. When is a man like grass? 2. When is a window like a star? You seem to be a great reader, Gertie.

Bertha Affleck, D., P. E. I., sends in two of the riddles given by Gertie. Thanks for your good wishes, Bertha, and the Editor may as well take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent in kind greetings.

Mary E. Lampman, F., Ont., has no brothers or sisters, so gets 'pretty lonesome sometimes.' It's a good job that there is school to go to, isn't it, Mary? Your answer is right, but has been printed by now.

Luella McCaig, M., Ont., answers Helen Fulton's riddle: When it is made up into little Pats. These are two riddles she sends: 1. Never still for a month, and mostly seen at night? 2. Of what trade is the sun? Your others have been asked, Luella.

Evelyn Olsen, M.F., Que., answers Caroline A. Davis's riddles, some correct and some wrong. She asks 'When is a ship in love?'

Gordon McKay, B., N. Dakota, answers two riddles, of which the answers have since been given, and sends in this question: What State in U. S. is round at both ends and high in the middle? Gordon has a pony, and is very fond of riding on it.

1. Quance, H., Ont., answers Frederick Burford's riddle: The difference between a donkey and postage stamp is that the one you lick with a stick, and the other you stick with a lick. This is a riddle enclosed:

Black we are, but much admired,  
Men seek for us till they are tired.  
We tire the horse, but comfort man.  
Tell me this riddle if you can.

C. Harrison, K., Man., sends in two riddles, but one has been asked before. The other is: Use me well, and I am anybody, scratch my back and I am nobody.

Gordon Lampitt, S. F., Ont.; Rennie Dawson, D. S.; A. A. F., R., Ont.; and Bert Sutton, H., Ont., all send in riddles that have been previously asked, and Eleanor Hamlen, B., Man., sends in a riddle without its answer.

We also received short letters from Mabel K. Stephens, C., Ont., Albert Crossman, S., N. B., and Gordon Nichol, B., Man.

Just a word to the boys and girls—When you write to the 'Messenger,' see what you can tell about that will be quite different to what anyone else has written. Some of the letters are very good, because they have a nice little story to tell about something that happened to a friend, or to the writers themselves. Then when you send a drawing, be sure not to draw it on the back of your letter. If your letter has been left out this time, don't be discouraged, but write again.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Flag.' Helena D. Keith (aged 6), W., Ont.
2. 'A Flag.' Willie Halpenny, T., Ont.
3. 'A Proud Flag.' Vinton Mandigo (aged 14), I., Ind.
4. 'Three-masted Schooner.' Stewart H. Reid, R., N.S.
5. 'A Spring Flower.' Laura Dunbar (aged 9), P., Ont.
6. 'A Spruce Tree.' John Phillips (aged 12), H. S., Ont.
7. 'A House.' Jeanetta M. Ferguson (aged 7), O., Ont.

8. 'Rooster Pooster.' Peter Robertson, R. P., P. E. I.
9. 'Polly.' Blanche West (aged 10), L., N.S.
10. 'The Introduction.' Maynard Parker (aged 13), M., N.S.
11. 'Butterfly.' Hazel Carson, N., Alta.
12. 'Holy Bible.' Gertrude Treffy, H., Ont.
13. 'Bowl of Apples.' Frederick E. Bergman (aged 9), P., N.S.
14. 'A Cup.' Fred Tully, R., Man.
15. 'Our Bess.' Tena Thomson, C., Ont.
16. 'A Rooster.' Morrill Duncan (aged 12), L., Mass.

here in the summer, the creek is so close, and a nice wood. We have some good skating on the creek in the winter.

I have a mile and three-quarters to go to school. I am eleven years old, and am in the sixth grade.

MABEL MARTIN.

[The answer you give is right, Mabel. Your riddle has been asked before.—Ed.]

L. E., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for about twenty years, and I have never written to it before. I am ten years old, and am in the sixth grade.

My father has a very pretty colt named Togo; he has not had it harnessed in a sleigh yet, but I think he will put it in this winter. My father is lumbering some time this winter. I have three sisters and three brothers. I see all the other boys and girls sending riddles, and I guess I will send some too.

1. What is blacker than a crow?
2. If a goat were to swallow a rabbit, what would be seen if viewed with X rays?

CORA B. McLAUGHLIN.

L., Que.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I am nine years old. I went to school in Bruce, Wisconsin, and I was in the third reader. I came from there to L. We were two nights and one day coming here. I have two sisters living, and one brother dead.

JEAN COOKE.

four dolls to play with. I have one brother and one sister, both older than myself. As I have not learned to write yet, I am getting my sister to write this for me. Well, I will close with a riddle: What kind of sweetmeats did they have in the ark?

BLUE EYES.

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—It is very cold here now, and there will soon be sleigh riding.

I think H. is a nice place to live in, for it is such a pretty country. I am very fond of reading, and have read quite a few books.

MABEL GRAINGER.

[Your riddle has been asked, Mabel.—Ed.]

C., N.B.

Dear Editor,—My home is near a harbor along Northumberland Strait. I have just five minutes walk to the schoolhouse, and three to the church. My papa keeps the post-office, and has a saw mill, which he invented and built himself. It cuts 250 logs a day.

CLAIRE B. CHAPMAN (aged 9).

I., Me.

Dear Editor,—The 'Northern Messenger' has been in our family for over twenty years. We like it very much, and would not like to do without it. I live on an island; it is about fifteen miles long, and I think it is a very pretty place. It is in the Ponoisot bay. My father is a farmer. In the summer we have four horses, seventeen cows, fifty pigs, and