

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE BOY'S BAND.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I live half a mile from school. It is very cold now and has been for two months. Sometimes it gets so cold we cannot have school. I read the letters in the C. C. and like them fine. I wish you could come and hear our "Fife and Drum Band." We have a band practice every Thursday night.

I will be glad when spring comes so that I can see the beautiful flowers and the green grass that grows on the prairie around here. I like to catch the squirrels that are so plentiful that eat the grain and gardens. I would like to see the FARMER'S ADVOCATE building. (Age 11 years.) DREW CLARK.

(I saw the green grass and the flowers around your prairie town last June, and quite agree with you about their beauty. If I remember rightly I heard a boy's band there too, when the Canadian Women's Press Club stopped off at your station and got such a hearty welcome. I have my flag and badge vet.—C. D.)

A POPULAR TEACHER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We have been taking the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for about two years, and I saw all the letters and thought I would write one. I live in a town. We have four horses; their names are Dolly, Brownie, Spike, and Darky. I have two brothers, but no sisters. We have two cows and a calf, and eleven hens. I am going to school right along and am in the second reader. My teachers name is Miss G., and we like her very, very well. I am eleven years old on my birthday, and that will be the 9th of November. (Don't print your next letter, Girlie. Write it. Printing by hand is hard for the printers to read.—C. D.)

DOREEN M. McDERMOTT.

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A BIG FISH.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am going to tell you about one day at the Red River catching fish. One day my brother and I went down to the river where we had six fish lines set. He had four lines set, and I had two. There was a pike on one of my lines, and my brother had a pike on one of his and a cat-fish on the other. When we tried to pull him out he began to jerk. At last he gave a big pull and then the line went slack. We thought he was gone, and went to haul the line out of the water and he gave another jerk. But at last we got the fish to the shore and started to take him home. He kept on slashing his tail, and he was very heavy, but at last we got him to the house. He weighed eighteen pounds and we sold him for fifty cents. (Age 10 years.) RONALD KNOWLES.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My brother takes the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and likes it very well. I have two brothers and three sisters. We have fifteen cattle and milk six cows in the summer and about three in the winter. We have sixteen horses. We have a lot of fun sliding on the snow-banks with a sled. I drive to the post office with my younger brother about once a week. We live about two and a half miles from Pilot Butte and nine miles from Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan. The land to the south is very level, but to the north it is hilly and sandy. We have about three hundred and twenty acres of land, two hundred acres under cultivation, and the rest of it is in pasture. Around here there is a good trade for grain and vegetables, also eggs and butter. (Age 11 years.) FRIEDA ULLERICH.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am not going to school any more as there is too much work on the farm for me to be spared. We have sixteen horses and fifteen head of cattle, five pigs and about ninety chickens. I can drive

the horses on the plow and run almost any kind of farm machinery. The land here is very heavy and flat to the south and west, and to the north and east it is hilly and light. There is a good trade for grain here. My brother owns a threshing machine. He is an engineer himself and runs the outfit well. The threshing season was short last year as there are so many machines around here. For game here there are prairie chickens, ducks, geese, cranes, wolves, and foxes; and there are plenty of badgers, minks, musk rats, and skunks. I have a rifle and have great fun shooting. (Age 13 years.) ALEX ULLERICH.



WHEN SUMMER HAS COME.
The Little Daughters of O. P. Wisler,
Stettler, Alta.

QUILTING AND DRAWNWORK.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for twenty-five years. I enjoy reading the Children's Corner. I attend school only eight months during the year as it is too cold to have it open in the winter. I am in the fourth reader and study arithmetic, spelling, geography, history, composition, physiology, and some drawing. I am fond of reading; also of music. I can play two or three pieces on the organ. As I was not at school this winter I pieced a quilt besides some drawnwork and helped with the housework as well; such as washing dishes, sweeping, ironing and dusting. I have seven sisters and two brothers. One of my sisters and one of my brothers went to school with me. We have fifty head of cattle, eight horses, three pigs, and a large number of fowl. (Age 12 years.) MARION STEEL.



TIRED OUT WITH PLAY.

AFRAID OF THE TOY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My uncle takes the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. I am ten years old. My birthday is on the 16th of November. I have a dog and a cat. Their names are Rover and Kitty. My smallest sister is ten months old. I have five sisters and no brothers. My eldest sister is writing too. She is thirteen years old. I live seven miles from McLean and fifteen miles from Qu'Appelle. My second youngest sister is six years old. Her birthday is on New Year's Day. Three of my sisters are going to school now, but I do not go. My sister got a pig with a man on it. She did not like it at first but she likes it now; she has the man's feet off and the pigs ears off. (Age 10 years.) BEATRICE WILLOX.

NIPPED BY JACK FROST.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I live on a farm in Saskatchewan and about seven miles from McLean. I think I would rather live in town. I have five sisters and no brothers. My papa has three quarters of a section of land. I take music lessons. It is awfully cold here. I have had my ear and my cheek frozen. How many sisters or brothers have you, Cousin Dorothy? I was thirteen years old January 21st. My youngest sister is ten months old today. I am not a very good writer, am I?

MARY ANN WILLOX.

(I have four sisters and three brothers; and the baby of the family is over six feet tall.—C. D.)

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am in the third reader at school but I am not going to school now. I like reading the Children's Corner. We live eighteen miles from Saddle Lake, Alberta. We have great fun playing snowball. I have four brothers and five sisters. (Age 10 years.) REGINA WATTERS.

A SPLENDID NURSE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Our school is open all year round, but I do not go. I stay at home and mind the baby. You would laugh to know our baby's name. It is North-West, and I mind him all the time. One day my sister told me to go and get her some apples to bake with, so I went and got them and started to peel them, but the baby woke up and I had to rock him. I have a brother and he works in the cow stable. When the baby is gone to bed at night I love to go out with him and have a game of hide-and-seek with my sisters. The baby is asleep just now, so I must run and take my practice before he wakes up. (Age 9 years.) LOUIE EINBODEN.

LIKES THE COUNTRY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father has taken your paper for two years and likes it very much. I like reading the letters in the Children's Corner. I have five brothers and one sister. We

have a section of land which is three and a half miles from Manitou. We came out to this country about eight years ago and like the place very much. I generally go to school, but it has been so very stormy and cold that we have not gone at all this winter and beside there is not any road for a mile. We have twenty-eight head of cattle, sixteen horses, thirty-two pigs and one hundred hens. (Aged 10 years.) MABEL SEYMOUR.

SIX COLTS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We have thirty-five head of cattle, and eighteen horses and six colts. My father has a section of land. I like to read the letters of the boys and girls in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. We live six and a half miles from town and two miles and a quarter from the post office. Papa has a threshing machine and a hay press. I go to school nearly every day. I am in the fourth reader and am eleven years old. I have three sisters and one brother. (Age 11 years.) FRANK RUSSELL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am eleven years old. I am now staying with my sister Myrtle. My papa has a farm, and we have two calves and two cows. Their names are Rosie, Jerry, Bessie, Daisy. (Age 11 years.) MYRA WATTERS.

A CLEVER PONY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My sister Jean and I always read your very interesting letters, and we feel we are doubly related to you as we for years have read the London "Advocate" and now my father takes the Winnipeg "Advocate" and we have farms in both places. In the summer father and my two big brothers are farming out in your big Western Country and have farms near Humboldt, while we stay here. So we have a lot of letter-writing to do. We have a Highland pony called Jennie, and we can ride or drive her. We live two miles from town and when we drive down and want to stay we turn her around and she comes home herself. She has never broken a buggy or done any harm. I like reading the stories in the Youth's Companion and Ladies' Home Journal, and I am now reading "Wild Animals I Have Known." Do you think that a girl's story? Middlesex Co., Ont. ISOBEL STEWART.

(That book is an "everybody's" story, good for girls and women as well as for men and boys. Tell us one of the animal stories some day.—C. D.)

FINE MUSIC.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have three sisters and one brother. Their names are Fiona Aleta, Mora Kathryn, Isla Doune and Ian Parry. Isla Doune is the baby. She is eight months old. I can play some of the scales and a number of pieces. I can sing anything I hear. Fiona has a white calf called Snowdrop. I have two miles to go to school. The drifts are very deep just now. We went to the children's concert on Jan. 18th, and had a lovely time racing and playing tag in a large new hall. You should hear mamma and Fiona playing duets on the piano. Papa and mamma sing duets beautifully. (Age 11 years.) ELFELEDA S. SCOTT. (7). Marquette Co., Man.

HIGH SNOW BANKS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We live on the banks of the Pipestone Creek. My father owns 480 acres of land. There is plenty of snow here this winter and the snow banks are very high. I have four brothers and no sisters. My youngest brother and I go to school and I am in the fourth book. The school is a mile and a half from our house. (Age 11 years.) PEARLIE STEWART. (11). Assiniboia Co., Sask.

THE BEST LETTERS.

The best letters for the month of February, taking into consideration the hand-writing and spelling as well as the composition, were written by Olive Clifford and James Wallbank, and books have been forwarded to these two as rewards. (Age 11 years.) COUSIN DOROTHY.