

# Correspondence

B., Vt.

Dear Editor,—This is a very pretty place. A river runs through here. There are nice schools here, about nine of them. The largest one is named Spaulding. I go to that one. I am in the 7th grade, and will be 14 years old in April.

There is some nice skating here. They have been cutting ice, and taking it in this week.

on the C. N. R. We have about a foot of snow here. We get our mail every day. We have two cats and a dog. His name is Collie. We have 18 horses now.

WILL TURNBULL.

I like looking over the correspondence page. The last time I wrote I was in grade four, but I passed my examination since then.

FREDERICK E. BERGMAN.

B. G., Que.

Dear Editor,—I have two sisters and one brother. My father is the Presbyterian Minister. I go to church every Sunday. Winter has come again, and we have great times sliding down hill. I go to school every day. I like my teacher very much. For pets I have hens, and a horse named Jess. I am able to drive her myself.

MARY KALEM.

[Your riddles have been asked before, Mary.—Ed.]

## OTHER LETTERS.

Winford Gifford, A., Ont., has three brothers, a baby sister only five months old, a pet cat, and a gramophone. Let's hope he doesn't set them all going at once.

Lizzie Haines, P., Man., answers two riddles whose answers have since been given, and sends in this: It was Done before it was begun, and when it was half way on it was Done. But when it was finished it was not Done. Lizzie thinks the drawings good.

Emma Struth, M., Mich., also thinks the drawings good. Emma is a life-long friend of the 'Messenger,' for she is only eleven, and the 'Messenger' has been a visitor to her home for thirteen years.

Jessie M. Macfie, D., Ont., sends in this riddle: What is that, which, supposing its greatest breadth is four inches, length nine inches, height three inches, yet contains a solid foot?

Carrie Gray, B., Ont., lives very near the Kempenfeldt Bay, which makes a fine skating rink all winter.

Mary B. McCara, E., N.S., is another fortunate girl in a different way. She has five brothers and five sisters. What good times they must have.

Gladys Berry, P., Man., likes guessing the riddles. She sends two correct answers, but the riddle enclosed has been asked before. Gladys says their Sunday School had an entertainment at Christmas. 'We all had a sleigh ride, and a good time.' They generally do go together, don't they?

Hattie C. MacDonald, R., N.S., sends two riddles, but they happen to have been asked before. Glad to hear from you, Hattie.

Here is another letter with a riddle already asked, from John Haskey, H., C.B. There is no teacher at his school, so they have no school. What funny names for your cats, John, 'Poonus' and 'Ozone'!

Julia Meeker, D., Alta., also sends in riddles already asked. Thank you for your good opinion, Julia.

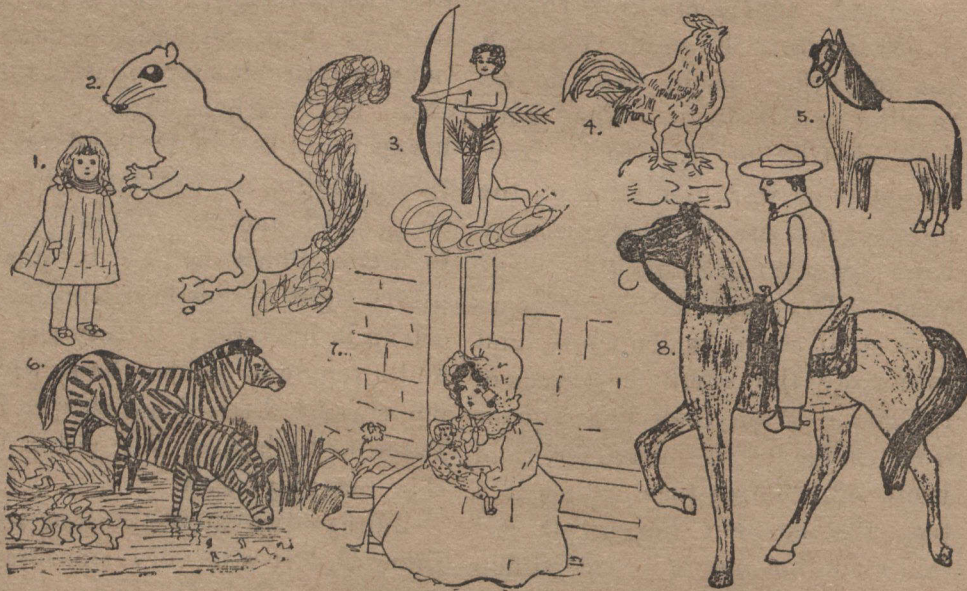
Sidney E. Williams, T., Ont., answers M. E. C.'s riddle correctly. Yes, your question is a good one, Sidney, but it has been asked before.

Ivor Hammal, A., Man., says that there are snow banks five and six feet high round his home. Fine to jump in, aren't they, Ivor?

G. R. Laidlaw, P., Ont., guesses a riddle, but it is not quite right.

Mamie J., W., Sask., lives four and a half miles away from school; no wonder she can't get there regularly.

We also received little letters from Blanche B. Kilborn, E., Ont.; Carrie Fleming, W. S., N. S.; and Maggie Baragar, F., Ont.



## OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Girl.' Lena Grainger (age 10), H., Ont.

2. 'A Squirrel.' Irene Dryden (age 9), S. A., Man.

3. 'Ready for St. Valentine.' Wallace McBain (age 8), O., Ont.

4. 'Rooster.' Eileen Smith (age 8), M., P., Que.

5. 'Star Face.' Frederick E. Bergeman (age 9), P., N. S.

6. 'Zebras Drinking.' David Ker (age 12), P. Q.

7. 'On the Doorstep.' M. S. F., (age 14), O., Ont.

8. 'On Horseback.' Julia Meeker (age 12), D., Alta.

We can see them from here, our house is right across the road. My father is a stonecutter. I have two brothers, and no sisters. I received 30 presents at Christmas. I spent six weeks in Canada this summer, and liked it very much.

GERTRUDE GEAKE.

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write a little letter to the 'Messenger.' I wanted to surprise papa and mamma. I am at grandpa's. I have two sisters and no brothers. Sister Elsie, six years old, got hurt by a waggon-load of gravel. We were coming home from school, she was running beside a waggon, and slipped, the waggon went over her leg. She has been on the bed for three weeks. I do love the 'Messenger.' I get it every Sunday. I like to read the letters. We live on a farm, and I like the horses and cattle. I can hitch up a horse and drive to the post-office. I drove the horse on the hay fork all last summer holidays for papa and Uncle Will. I am eight years old.

GERTRUDE A. TREFFRY.

O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl; I was ten years old last June. I have two brothers, they are younger than myself; their names are Johnnie and Earl. We have nearly two miles to go to school, so we can't go when roads or weather are bad. We live on a farm, so we always have lots to do. I close with a riddle: What word is it which by transposing two letters becomes its own opposite?

EFFIE BURNS.

[Your other riddles have been asked, Effie.—Ed.]

R., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I am eight years old. I have a little sister. Her name is Bessie May. We live on a large farm. My sister and I go for the mail in the summer time, and are pleased to see if the 'Messenger' is there, as we are fond of stories. We live a mile from a town.

a butcher's shop, and a carpenter's shop in D. There are two new houses being built this winter. A branch of the G. T. R. passes through here.

I think now I will answer some riddles. The answer to Marjorie Mackenzie's riddle is a bed. To M. E. C.'s the answer is, 'he struck the first nail on the head.' Harry A. Robinson's answer is, because Moses was never in the ark. To G. M.'s first riddle, the answer is, 'wet stones.' To Morton MacMichael's the answer is, 'wholesome.'

At Christmas I got two story-books, besides other presents. One of them was 'Under Drake's Flag,' and the other 'Among Malay Pirates.' Both were written by G. A. Henty. I have now got ten books, eight of them written by G. A. Henty.

DONALD MACLEOD.

P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have an old horse, who is twenty-three years old, and he has more life in him than any of the rest. Nearly every day I ride out to the mail box on horse back.

## THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING.

When a boy sells the 'Pictorial' in October, November and December, sells fifty copies of January by the fifteenth of the month, having received them about the eleventh, and orders ahead eighteen for February, it looks as though he had found a good thing, doesn't it? Just read the letter:—

Jan. 15, 1907.

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