

## FROM HOLLAND

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to your charming club, and I wish the editor would please send me a button as I am sending a stamp. I went to school this winter, but I am not going now. My father has twelve horses and one cow and my brother has two rabbits. We live one mile from the town of Monarch, and we came here six years ago from Holland. My father does not take THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE, but our neighbor does, and I go up there and get it.

JOHN HUISMAN.

## A BUSY FAMILY

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have been reading the letters in THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a long time, and thought I would write to you. I am twelve years and am in the fourth book at school, but I have not been going this last month, as the weather has been too cold, and I have quite a long way to walk, so I have been helping mother to wash and do the house work. There are six of us in the family so you can have an idea there is lots to do.

MAY FLOWER.

## A LONELY LITTLE GIRL

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I thought I would like to join your lovely club. I live five and a half miles from town and have very few little girls in this vicinity to play with, so I thought by joining the Western Wigwam club I could meet some of your little papooses that way and be able to write to some little girls of my age. I would like to tell some of your eastern girls what life in the West is like. I am ten years old and I go to school, and am in the third book. I am very fond of reading and have read a number of books this winter. I am sending a stamp for one of your buttons. Wishing your club every success.

BLUEBELL.

## A VALENTINE PLAN

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have been going to write for such a long time, but I never did. I would like very much to get a button. We have had a lovely winter. I have read quite a lot of books, principally Henty's. We have a Sunday school library, and I get a library book nearly every Sunday. In school last term the teacher gave a prize to the pupil who had the least mistakes in spelling, and I got that. We have a debate every Friday now. A few of them are: "Which is the most useful to mankind, steam or electricity?" and "electricity beat." Another was "Which is the best for a homesteader on the start, horses or oxen?" and oxen beat. On St. Valentine's day we had a very nice time. We had a red box and who ever wanted to send a valentine was to put it in the box.

JACK FROST.

## OUT FROM ENGLAND

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to your club. I always read the letters in it. Will Cousin Dorothy please send me a button, and kindly enclose my button with my brother's? Last Christmas we gave a concert and it was a great success. It has been a very warm winter, but we have had a lot of snow. We came from England to Canada nearly six years ago. We went to Edmonton first and stopped there awhile, then we came out to Wabamun. We have fifteen acres under crop. I think this is all for tonight.

DUDLEY PEGRUM.

## LIKES LETTERS BETTER THAN STORIES

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I thought I would write sooner, but did not get at it. I have been reading about the lazy boy, but don't think that was the case with me. If he don't give up being lazy, he will never become a business man or a farmer. Don't you think so, Cousin Dorothy? We have moved out of our house into another one. In about two weeks we will be going out on the land. I think, Cousin Dorothy, we would better just stay with the letters. I know that I can't write a letter or story that is worth publishing, but you will have to get used to it some day. I think the smaller ones would like it better if we or the club would write letters because they have not got enough learning. I am going to school now, but won't be able to go much longer. We take up geography, composition, writing, drawing, reading, arithmetic, spelling, grammar, algebra and English and Canadian history. I like drawing and arithmetic the best of any subjects.

GLADYS ELY.

## NO SCHOOL

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I will be fourteen years old in the ninth of October. I haven't gone to school because no school has started here yet. We have a half section of land, eight horses and a colt, named Nick, four cows, two calves and six turkeys. Our nearest station is eleven miles away.

OSCAR WATSON.

(I sent the button to you and you have no doubt received it before now. Your drawing was not quite good enough to put in the paper.—C. D.)

## A LOST KITTEN

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am going to tell you how we lost our kitty. One night we went up town, and it followed us all the way until we came to the meat market. Then we tried to make it go home, but it would not, so we went on, and it stayed there. On the way back, we called it, but did not find it, and we have not found it yet. I don't think we will ever find it. As I saw my first letter in print, it gave me courage to write again. I received my button, and liked it very much. Good luck to all the Wigs from—

Alta. (a)

DAISY MAY.

## CHUMS HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have not written to you for over a year, so I will write to you again. I read the letters of the Western Wigwam every week, and think them very nice. The weather is real nice now and it was nice all winter. I am in the third reader, but I have not been to school for nearly two years now. We have no school to go to out here. I like going to school. My favorite lessons are reading, spelling and grammar.

My mother and one of my friends and I were to see a sawmill yesterday, I like to see them saw lumber. Anne of Sunnyside is staying with us for a while and we have lots of fun together. I am thirteen years old. My birthday is on 29th of August. I have three brothers and two sisters. My sisters are both married. Why don't you have your picture in the paper some time, Cousin Dorothy? I think it would be nice. I am sure all of the members would think it nice, too.

We have fifteen head of cattle and three horses. For pets we have two dogs and one cat. We have 29 chickens.

Alta

BLOSSOM.

## A SONG FOR NELLIE

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have been reading the letters written by the little boys and girls, and was always going to write but never got time. I have six brothers and two sisters. One brother is married and both sisters, so I am the only girl at home now. My youngest brother and I go to school two miles and a half from us. We have a good teacher. We have five horses and a little colt and thirty-five head of cattle and three calves.

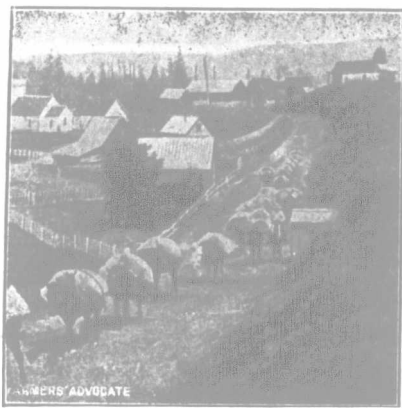
Nellie Lee was asking for some songs, so I am sending the only one I know.

Somebody's waiting for somebody,  
There will be a comfortable fire;  
There will be slippers for somebody.  
One in her neatest attire  
Will look to the table for somebody.  
Though the stars fled from the west  
Still there's a star yet for somebody,  
Lighting the home he loves best,  
Warming the bosom of somebody.

## CHORUS:

Tho' rainy and rough is the day  
There's a heart beating for somebody;  
I must be up and away;  
Somebody's waiting for somebody.  
Thrice has she been to the gate,  
Thrice has she listened for somebody.  
Mid the night stormy and late  
Somebody's waiting for somebody.

There will be a coat on the chair;  
There will be welcome for somebody.  
There will be a wife's tender care;  
Love's fond endearments for somebody.



A PACK TRAIN FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

There will be a little one's charms,  
It will be waiting for somebody.  
When I have both in my arms,  
Ah! how blest will be somebody!

PRIMROSE.

## A COAL MINE

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am afraid you will think I have forgotten you, but I have not. I read the letters nearly every week when I have time.

For Christmas I got a gold-filled extension bracelet, a caprine, two silk handkerchiefs, two boxes of bonbons, a vase and a very pretty little maple leaf pin from my music teacher. Don't you think I was lucky?

Our school stopped the 15th of December and started again on the 10th of January. The same teacher we had last year is teaching this year again.

You just ought to see my little black colt now; she is as pretty as she can be. She was born in June. My papa is running a coal mine again this winter and we have quite a lot of work with having to cook for so many men. There are not quite so many men now as most of them are having Christmas. You see they are Galicians and their Christmas doesn't come the same time as ours. We will soon have the telephone here, as the poles are just half a mile from here. I don't think we will have the railroad through here till spring now, as they haven't got the steel laid yet.

Alta.

WILD ROSE.

## A STORMY DAY

Dear cousin Dorothy:—As it is so stormy that I can not go out to play I am going to write to you. We can not see twenty feet away from the house, so you know how stormy it is. We are on the homestead and we are not able to go to town if it stays like

this. My father has been trying to get some subscribers for THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for about a month. He has got a lot of promises but not the money. We like THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE fine; father said he would not like to do without it. I enjoy reading the letters in your corner. Mother said she would have liked to have had the little pony that was in one of the ADVOCATES. We have not got a pony yet but we are going to get one in the spring. We have not got a school yet for we have just been up here for about six months. We get our mail every week though we live about twenty miles from town. Your loving member.

Sask.

BRUCE ROBERTSON.

## A CHALLENGE TO THE BOYS

Dear Cousins:—I prefer the name of cousins to that of wigs, therefore I use it. It's a long time since I wrote my last letter, so hoping you have got rested after reading it, I'm going to test your patience again.

Haven't we had a lovely winter? Some people are of the opinion that we owe the mild weather to Halley's comet. We wouldn't mind a comet every year, if that is the case, would we, Cousin Dorothy?

Some time ago I saw a letter from Pocahontas that I thought was really fine, and quite recently Evangeline, Alberta, wrote a very interesting letter. They are the kind of letters that build up our club. Who was it—Evangeline, I think—who said that she didn't care much for the book entitled "Jane Eyre"? I have read it and liked it very much. But, of course, tastes differ, and really I think it is as well, for if we all liked and wanted the same thing, there would soon be none of it left.

I notice there is a "Boys' Club" in the Advocate now. Hope they support it better than they did the Western Wigwam, for surely the girls have been more faithful to it than the boys.

What is the age limit? I've forgotten it, but hope that I'm not very near it yet. We have had a rather quiet winter here. Everybody is busy or away. Several people from round here have gone to British Columbia to spend the winter.

Well, now, cousins all, I'll have to close, so, with every wish for the success of our Wigwam.

GLADIOLUS.

(The age limit is sixteen. I hope you do not have to move on yet.—C. D.)

## AWAY FROM HOME

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I thought I would write to your corner. My father has taken THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a long time, so I thought it a very nice page to be a member of.

We are having nice weather now, and I hope it will keep on. I have two brothers and three sisters. Two of my sisters have been in the Old Country for their education, and one of them is back home. She went away when she was twelve and came home when she was eighteen years of age. My younger sister went away when she was a little over six, and she is fourteen now, and is not home yet. My little sister and I go to school two miles from home. We go every day we can. We live three miles from town.

BERNIE HEY (11).

## AN OLD MEMBER RETURNED

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I thought would write you a few lines, as I have not written to you in nearly three years although I have been an interested member of the club for a long while. I would be very much pleased if you would send one of your buttons if you have any to spare, as you did not have any buttons when I wrote to you before. I think you have a very nice name for your club.

I have not been going to school for 2½ years, as I have so far to walk. It is two and a half miles to school. I like going to school, and hope to go this summer. I would like correspondents of about my own age if they would please write first. My address will be with the editor.

ALIX J. L. BEGG.