

Correspondence

B. Ont.

Dear Editor,—Summer holidays will soon be over, and most of the boys and girls will have to go back to school. I am attending the High School here and have two more years.

The summer has been very dry, and as a result growth has not been good. Haying is finished, many have wheat in and part of barley. The oats are short.

I have spent most of my holidays tending my garden. I have between thirty and forty different kinds of flowers in it, and twelve kinds of vegetables. I also have a lot of house flowers. I have a Spotted Leaf Begonia ever three feet high. It is very pretty now and is commencing to flower.

The nearest town although rather small, is a beautiful and enterprising place.

The Intermediate Football team won the W. F.A. championship this summer and are play-

but we have holidays now and I have to get ready for haying. I like to go to school for we have a nice teacher.

L. M. STEVENS.

H. Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have one sister and two brothers. I am writing with my brother's fountain pen and it writes well. I have my sister's ring on now and I think it is nice. I lost my own. My brother and I went away with my father and mother last summer and I saw my people and I had heaps of fun. The first of September we are going to the Northwest and I am glad. It is vacation now and I have to pick berries for mother. We pick raspberries and I love picking them. I have one old cat and one little kitten. They can play ball and I love them. Good-bye.

From a little girl eight years old.

MAY HADLEY.

Dear Editor,—I live in a little village. We used to live in Halifax county before we

hawk. The rabbits were very thick, but the snow is so deep it was hard hunting them last winter. Our house is situated in an oak-bluff. The wolves were very thick this year. They came in packs and howled in front of our house on the road; of course, they are only scrub wolves and wouldn't hurt anybody. I have been sick off and on for about two years, so I am going out to Banff for the summer.

J. A. McC.

[Your riddle was asked before, John. Your drawing was very good.]

B. P. QUE.

Dear Editor,—I live in a town near lake Champlain. I have two pets, a cat and a horse. My cat is grey, and she is a great hunter. Once when I was out in the field playing with her I thought I was helping her to find a mouse when I put my finger in a bumble-bee's nest. I was not more than seven then, and I think you could have heard me scream a long way off. I had a ring on my finger and I couldn't get it off until the swelling went down somewhat.

GLADYS JONES.

B. N.B.

Dear Editor,—We have a colt and call him Earl Grey. This is a very pretty place in summer, and many people come to fish in the Oromocto Lake. There is fine skating and coasting here in winter, and some nights a good many people make a fire on the ice. We have an old cat named Pompey, he is fifteen years old. The next time I write I will put in a joke about 'The Fox and the Goose' which I made up myself. The ones who draw pictures in the 'Messenger' are 'very' good at it, and most of the time they draw according to the season or whatever it is. I like to draw and I will send a picture sometime. I will send a riddle now.

What is the weight of the moon?

JANIE L. LIBBEY (age 11).

OTHER LETTERS.

Harriet Ware, B. Ont., is 'a little girl eight years old, just out one year from England.' Glad to hear from you, Harriet.

Here's a nine-year-old young lady, Victoria Wilson, M. F., Ont., who has a niece visiting her. Your riddle has been asked before, Victoria.

Maylinda Hallman, N. D., Ont., sends a story which will go in later.

Marjorie McKenzie, F., Ont., sends several riddles, but all have been asked before.

More riddles that have the misfortune to have been asked before are sent by Emilene Dukes, U., Ont. Emilene also answers Etta Rielle's riddle (July 26.)—Cat. Glad you like Sunday School, Emilene.

Douglas Trick, U., Ont., also sends a riddle previously asked. Four brothers and five sisters! What splendid times you must have had, Douglas.

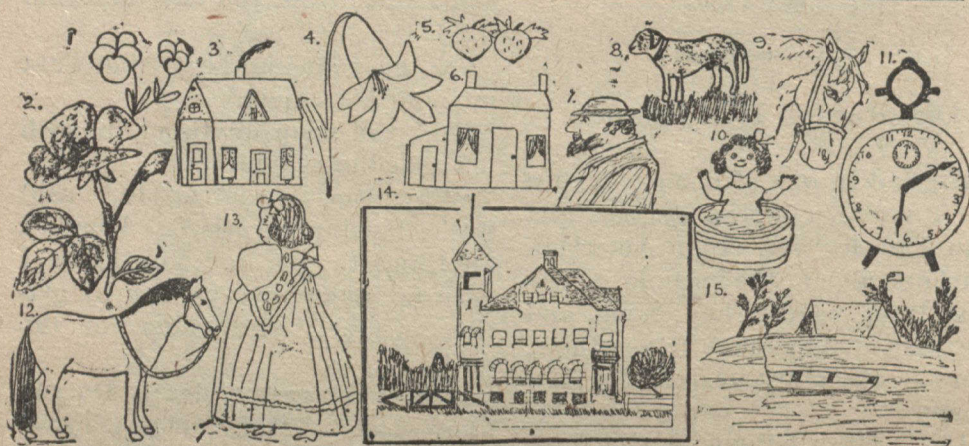
Essie Hadley, H., Ont., says 'we are going to Alberta in September; I'm glad we are going away.' We all hope you will like your new home, Essie.

Lela S. Acorn, M. V., P. E. I., answers Etta Riebel's riddle as given above and asks several riddles, most of which have been asked before. This is new to this page—What is a common miracle in Ireland? The places in Canada that Lela would like to visit are Calgary, Halifax, Ottawa and Victoria.

Mary Allen Dorset, F. L., Ont., is a new member of our circle. She sends this riddle: Four and twenty white calves standing in a stall; along comes a red cow and overlicks them all.

Robert C. Farmer, S., Ont., likes the drawings. His own is rather better than he seems to think. Glad to hear of your constancy in affection, Robert.

M. J. D., Dean, N. S., who likes the organ and intends to take music lessons, and Lenora L. Harvey, F. C., P. Que., also send short letters.



OUR PICTURES.

- 1. 'Pansies.' Victoria Wilson, M.F., Ont.
- 2. 'Rose.' Saida Wright (aged 11), H., Ont.
- 3. 'House.' Lily Hetherington (aged 9), C., N.B.
- 4. 'Easter Lily.' Loudie W. (aged 12), Milton, N.S.
- 5. 'Strawberries.' Cora Douglas, M.F., Ont.
- 6. 'House.' Cecil Miller (aged 9), K., Ont.
- 7. 'A Head.' Clare Nutter (aged 15), S., P. Que.
- 8. 'My Dog.' Mabel Wray (aged 10), H., Ont.
- 9. 'Prince.' Robert C. Farmer, S., Ont.
- 10. 'Miss Mischief.' Gladys Baldwin, J.L., Ont.
- 11. 'Clock.' Olive Mabel Burdette (aged 12), H., Sask.
- 12. 'Pony.' Lela S. Acorn (aged 12), M.V., P.E.I.
- 13. 'A Little Maid.' Mildred Wright, H., Ont.
- 14. 'Stratheona Public School.' Hilda Pansey Burhoe (aged 13), A., P.E.I.
- 15. 'Camping.' Adelia Miner, D.P., Ont.

ing for the Ontario Cup. The Bowling team also did good work at London. The business part of town is well built, mostly brick, and there are many fine residences. The streets are shaded on either side by Maple trees and some poplars. The river divides part of residential part from the rest but that is not inconvenient.

Have any of the readers had the pleasure of eating green apples yet? Our Astrachans are ripening now but just one or so manages to be ripe a day.

When I was away for my summer holidays I found a snapdragon which was yellow. The flower was small about 3-4 inch long. If the Editor or any of the readers could give me the botanical name I should be much obliged.

[From the description given I should fancy that the flower you mean is a common wild-flower in most parts of Canada. It is locally known by various names, butter-and-eggs, rabbits' mouth, etc., and has a pleasant scent. Botanically it is known as belonging to the genus Antirrhinum, but I am not sure of the name of its special branch of the family. Perhaps as you say some of the other readers can help you.—Ed.]

Dear Editor,—I will be sixteen years old in March. For pets we have nine goslings and eight turkeys. We have a colt, her name is Luk; she is three years old this summer. And we have another horse called Edd. My father is a farmer and works on a large farm. I go to school nearly every day when there is any,

moved down here. We like it much better here than where we used to live. We are quite near the railway track and often go for train rides. In summer the people fish trout, and dig oysters; the oysters are very nice, and Mr. Editor, if you ever come to C. B., be sure to call and see us and we will make you an oyster stew.

OLIVE ROBSON.

[Thanks for the invitation, Olive, it makes a body feel quite hungry.—Ed.]

F. P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—Papa is a farmer and he has got a lot of vegetables and they are looking fine. The potatoes will soon be ready to dig. I go to school and I am nine years old. Papa has a nice flock of hens and chickens and sometimes he gets thirty eggs a day. My aunt Annie takes the 'Messenger' for me and I like it. I like to feed the chickens and hens. I have a grandmother and she is eighty-one years old.

DOROTHEA W. LYONS.

R. Man.

Dear Editor,—I like going to school but I can't go. I like reading and I do not see how some people can get along without it. I like Ralph Connor's books, and I think 'The Prospector,' is the best, although I have not yet read 'The Doctor.'

I was given a small rifle on Christmas and I like shooting very much. I have shot a