

Correspondence

S. N.B.

Dear Editor,—I pieced a quilt with 1,287 pieces in it, also a fancy cushion. I am in the third reader. I have one mile and a half to go to school, but there is no school this winter. We are having a very cold winter here, but not much snow. I am 11 years old. I read lots of nice books, but the 'Messenger' is my favorite paper.

ALMA GAMBLER.

B, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eight years old. We live on a farm. I have two dolls. I have one brother, and no sisters. My brother has a dog named Sport. One morning he started after a rig. When he came in my father gave him a whipping.

LEILA FELL.

K., Mich.

Dear Editor,—My uncle James Black, who lives in Canada, sends me the 'Messenger' weekly. I was very pleased to receive it, and

different kinds of pigeons. I will close with a riddle: As I went over London bridge, I saw a man making shoes without any leather.

HAZEL J. McRITCHIE.

O. S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We are having plenty or snow here now. About a week ago a heavy wind storm visited O. S., and did some damage in town, and also in the country. I get the 'Messenger' at the Baptist Sunday school here, along with a boys' paper. I like it very much. I am a great reader, and have read many books by many authors. My favorite author is Henty, then Alger, jr., then Ballantyne. I like Ralph Connor's books very well. I am reading his latest book, 'The Doctor,' now. I have also read 'Black Rock.' I intend to read 'The Prospector,' as soon as I am through with 'The Doctor.'

I am a member of the Y. M. C. A., and I saw a copy of the 'Canadian Pictorial' in the reading room. I think it is a fine magazine. I wish there were more such Canadian magazines.

I am a picture post card collector, and have a collection of nearly three hundred from all parts of the English-speaking world, including

the 'Messenger' very long, but I would not like to be without it. It comes every Friday. I have four sisters, and one brother. I go to school, and am in the third reader. I am very fond of reading, and have read a great deal. My favorite books are: 'A Peep Behind the Scenes,' 'Christie's Old Organ,' and 'Averil.'

ALFREDA L. NODDIN.

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

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm north of the village of H., and attend the Congregational Church, also the Sabbath school. Our minister comes from Scotland. We are having a beautiful winter here; the snow is not very deep. I had about a mile to go to school, but I have not gone since last spring. I was in the senior fourth class when I stopped. I am thirteen years old. I have one sister and one brother, both older than myself.

MARY BULLOCK.

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

OTHER LETTERS.

Gracie E. Porter, V., Ont., sends in four riddles, but no answers with them. Don't forget! No riddles can be printed unless the editor knows the answer, so be sure to send all answers for your riddles if you want them printed.

Evelyn McPhail, M., Ont., asks this question: When is a dog like a boy learning addition?

John Ross Laidlaw, P., Ont., asks: What part of a fish should weigh the most?

Samuel T. Matthewson, A., Sask., has been too far away from school to attend all winter, but he seems to have kept up his work well. Your riddle has been asked before, Samuel.

Florence Snell, N., N.B., says her favorite authors are Dickens and Scott. That is a good choice. Your drawing is very good, Florence, and will go in soon, but your riddle has been asked before.

Grace I. Jamieson sends several riddles that have been asked before, and a correct answer that has since been given. Yes, the country is a fine place to grow up in, Grace, especially when, as in your home, there are several brothers and sisters.

J. H. Moorehead, Que., sends in several riddles, among them these: 1. Why is one's father's nose like a well trained child? 2. Why should a man named Ben marry a girl named Annie? 3. My first you sing, my second you ring, and my whole you put on to distinguish a thing.

Bessie Laidlaw, P., Ont., asks three riddles, but all have been asked before.

Elma F. E. Spradbrow, T., Ont., sends several answers, two wrong, and the others have since been given. So have the riddles enclosed with the exception of this—What comes up when you bury a calendar?

John McKechnie, A., Ont., is only eight years old, and he has two miles to go to school. He ought to be a good walker if he keeps that up.

Hugh McGinn, T.A.B., N.S., answers Jessie Macfie's riddle—a shoe. You didn't send in the answer to your own riddle, Hugh.

Mac Harris, H., N.H., asks three riddles, all asked before, except this: What is the difference between a new quarter and an old dime?

Is it possible that these next two letters are from twins? Beatrice McLeod, and George A. McLeod, write from B.P., P. E. I., and they are both ten years old, and in the same class at school. Their letters came together, so perhaps they are. They both forget to send answers to the riddles they sent.

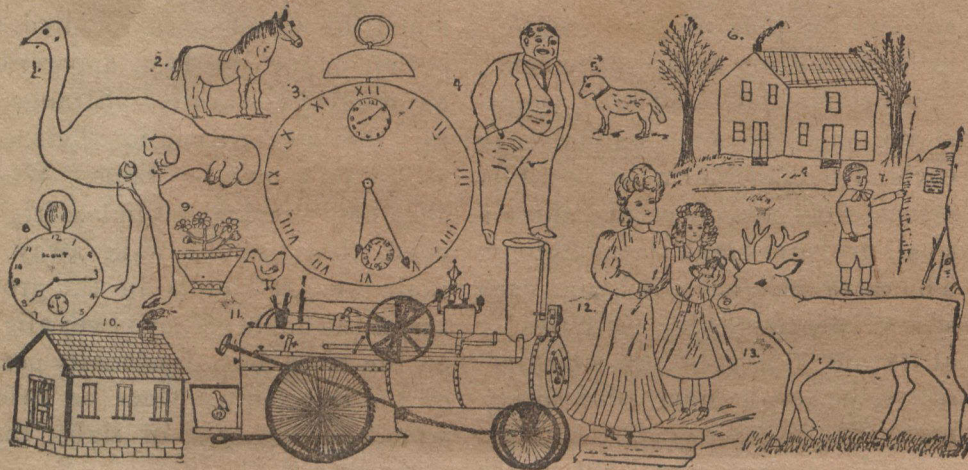
Fred Traumbly, M., Ont., has a dog and a sleigh and harness for him. That means fine fun.

Bertha Chappel, T.B., N.B., sends in several riddles, but they have been asked before.

Dorothea Kirkpatrick, D., N.B., also sends in riddles since asked. Her teacher is reading a story to them in school.

Katherine A. Hamilton, B., N.B., is just learning to skate. What a fine time there is before her. You didn't send any answer to your riddle, Katherine.

We also received nice little letters from Sadie I. McLellan, C. N. A., N.S.; Vina Fleming, K., Ont.; and Edith Pellett, C., Ont.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Ostrich.' Carlton Rodgers (aged 7), L., Kan.
2. 'Our Dean.' Annie L. Paynter, N. R., P. E. I.
3. 'Our Clock.' L. Smith (aged 12), W., Ont.
4. 'Good Humor.' J. H., M., Que.
5. 'Baby's Pet.' Katherine A. Hamilton (aged 10), B., N.S.
6. 'House.' Edna Donaldson (aged 7), D., Ont.
7. 'Trespassers Beware.' E. Pellett (aged 9), C., Ont.

8. 'What Santa Brought Me.' Elmor Taylor, S., Que.
9. 'A Pot of Daisies.' Dorothy Bradshaw (aged 10), R., Man.
10. 'Our Schoolhouse.' Samuel T. Matthewson (aged 11), A., Sask.
11. 'The Threshing Engine.' Charles M. Howell (aged 11), R., Man.
12. 'Lena and I.' Mary Agnes McDonald (aged 15), N.S., C.B.
13. 'The Roebuck.' James Pinchin, B., Ont.

I think the stories are very interesting. My Uncle James visited our home, and he told me so much about Canada and his home, that I have a great longing to go there. I live in Michigan. I have three brothers, and one sister. My mother and father are both living. My grandpa and grandma are living with us. My grandma is 73, and grandpa is 83 years old. I go to Sunday school, and to school. I am in the fourth grade, and am nine years old.

FRANCES ANNA BLACK.

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old, and I live on a farm near Sarnia. Sarnia has a population of over nine thousand, and one of the largest tunnels in the world, extending from Canada to the United States, under the St. Clair river. The St. Clair river is one of the most beautiful rivers of Ontario. Sarnia has a great many industries.

On the shores of Lake Huron, about two miles off, there is a new summer resort, called Lake Huron Park, to which people come from all parts of the United States and Canada to spend the summer vacation. We also spent a very pleasant day there last summer.

We have an Indian Reserve about a half mile from where we live. For pets we have four goats, two of which we can hitch up in a little waggon and drive. We have a number of

some pretty ones from Japan. I am also a stamp collector. I have three or four hundred different varieties from all over the world.

O. S. is a Local Option town, and has eleven hotels, whose bars are now closed. Of these eleven, two are strictly temperance houses, and are run by a strong temperance company. The branches of five banks are located here.

A LOYAL CANADIAN.

[The riddles enclosed have all been asked before.—Ed.]

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy nine years old, and am in the fourth book. I got in last year. I live in a town of about one thousand inhabitants. I had my arm broken a year ago last autumn through falling out of a tree. I have four brothers, all older than myself, and also one sister.

I have about five or ten minutes' walk to church, and about one mile to school. We have a stable, but no cattle or horses, but my uncle keeps his horse in the stable.

FRED McCONNELL.

C., S., N.B.

Dear Editor,—This is the second time I have written to the 'Messenger.' I received my watch, it is a little dandy. I have not taken