

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SHE KNOWS KATIE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father is the Indian agent at Saddle Lake. I have three sisters and one brother. Mrs. L— is my teacher. My sister and I have a pony each, Dusty and Bessie. I go to an Indian school. In the summer we go out to Sandy Beach to bathe. Sometimes we camp for a week or two. We were setting prairie fires to-day. I visited a little friend of mine who was in a railway snow blockade for thirteen days last winter. I know Katie, the little Indian girl who wrote in the April number. My aunty is her teacher. They live thirty-five miles from here.

DORA L. BATTY. (10)

Alberta. (a)

CAME FROM MICHIGAN.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is the first letter I have ever written to your Children's Corner. My papa has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for about three months now. I enjoy reading the letters. I live on a farm nine miles northwest of B—. We came from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and have been here about two years and like the West. We live one mile from Primrose school. I go to school when I can and am in the third book. Miss M— is my teacher. I have three sisters and one brother. We have seven horses and eight head of cattle, about thirty hens, and one dog named Collie. I am not a very good writer, am I?

GLADYS MAY VEYSEY. (13)

(Manitoba. (b))

(Your letter began with excellent writing but did not end quite so well. Did you get in a hurry?—C. D.)

LIFE ON AN ENGLISH FARM.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I spent Easter at my uncle's farm. The farm is 70 acres, half of it is nearly flat, and the other half very steep brows. They have four lots of hens, two on the hill tops, and the boys often go to feed them and gather the eggs.

On Easter Monday uncle let us fire a lot of furze bushes on the hill. It was grand fun watching them blaze up. It is nice to go finding bird's nests, and to look at the nice speckled eggs when the mother bird has flown away, but I do not take the eggs. Once we caught a hedge-hog.

"Curls up, can't swim,
Sticky prickly, that's him."

After we had played with the hedge-hog a while we let the funny little creature go back to its home in the hedge. It is fine being on a farm. There is lots of room to play, and plenty of romps and fun. In spring I like to watch the frisky lambs as they run races, and tumble all about. They seem to have such jolly times.

I like to tumble about in the hay field in summertime as well as raking up the hay, and in autumn it's a treat gathering the sweet ripe hazel nuts; in winter to slide on the ice, and play snowball when the weather is cold, and at Christmas time to make a snowman is jolly fun. You have more snow in Canada for a snowman, but we have more hedges for hazel nuts.

England. (a) JAMES WALLBANK. (10)

THE FAMILY GETTING SMALL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—For our Easter holidays we had one week and we had lots of fun playing on the ice in the morning when it was frozen hard. Now that it is summer when the beautiful flowers grow I go out and pick lots of them. I am going to school quite regularly. We have a fine teacher and we all like her. Her name is Miss K—.

There are not many of us staying at home. My eldest sister was married in November, 1906, and one is at Rathwell with our aunt and uncle. She went away last June.

Our mother is dead; she died two years ago and we all miss her very much, although it is so long since she died. She left our little brother, three years of age, for us to take care of. He is a big boy now, five years old in March. He plays outside since it got warm weather. We have fifteen little young pigs, six young calves, and ten little lambs.

My father has been hauling potatoes to the city since the roads got dry so that he can travel on.

LILLIAN ANDERSON. (13)

Manitoba.

A LOT OF COUSINS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My papa has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for some time, but I have never written to the Children's Corner before. I am a little girl and will be ten years old next July. I have two little brothers; one is seven, and the other is one year. My eldest brother's name is Howard and the youngest is Rae. I take music lessons and am getting along nicely. Our school did not start until the first of May. I am in the second book. I think, Cousin Dorothy, you must have a lot of cousins. I hope to see my letter in print in due time.

EDITH M. BOULDING.

Saskatchewan. (b)

FROM SCOTLAND TO SASKATCHEWAN.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I wrote to the Children's Corner once before, but it is such a long time since, that I am sure you have forgotten all about me. I am quite at a loss to know what to write about, but suppose I tell you a little about myself. I am not a Canadian. Five years ago we came across the Atlantic from Scotland. We landed in Halifax and got on the train to come west. Our next stopping-place was Montreal where we spent a few hours. I do not remember very much about that city, except that I thought it was very nice. We did not stop again until we reached Winnipeg. I must say I did not think much of Winnipeg at that time, but that was five years ago, you know. I have been there since and I quickly changed my opinion of it. My eldest brother, his wife and family stayed in Winnipeg, and the rest of us came to the "Great West" to farm. Of course it was a great change to what we were used to, but we soon grew accustomed to it. We found the winters very cold, and the mosquitoes very troublesome in the summer-time, but on the whole we think it is a very good country. I hope I have not made my letter too long, but fearing I will take up too much room I will say goodbye.

PEGGIE NEIL.

Saskatchewan. (a)

(Glad to have you back again, Peggie. I think you must be a good Canadian after five years out here.—C. D.)

THE SAME ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Is it against the rules to have letters from across the line? I might get in on account of being a Canadian the first two years of my life, papa being one of the "Canicons from Bruce." I have a sister Dorothy and a brother, Don A., who are Americans. I go to school and am in the 4th grade. My teacher is Miss B. Y— who is also from Ontario, and the children all love her. But I don't see very much difference in the children from Canada and the little English, Irish, Scotch, German, Norwegian or American children. They laugh and talk and study their lessons like the rest of us; so I just think the little girls and boys are very much alike all over the world.

Your American Cousin,

JEAN CAMERON. (9)

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