

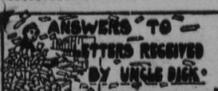
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THE KIDDIES

Something to Puzzle Over.



Can You Do This?

Write down in a list all of the different countries you know about. Place the countries now at war in one column and the ones at peace in another. See if the one represented in this picture can be found in either column. The answer to this puzzle will appear next week.



Answers to puzzles received by Uncle Dick.

Zella Gorham, Greys Mills, N. B.—Very glad you like the prize so much, and also the special Christmas number.

Myrtle Thompson, Dalhousie—You tried hard Myrtle, and I welcome you to the Corner.

Kenneth Haines, St. Mary's Ferry—You are quite a clever artist, and I shall watch for more of your work.

Wesley Stewart, 25 St. James St.—You certainly did well to send in such a long neatly written list.

Cynthia Pyper, 4 Queen Street—I was surprised to see that such a number of words could be found.

Flora Fay Outhouse, Black's Harbor—Very pleased to have you as a member of the Corner, Flora.

George MacRae, Rothesay—Hope you did well in the exams, George. The printed coupon always has to be enclosed, remember that in future.

Marion Lunan, Campbellton—Thanks for the nice letter, and things you say about the Corner.

Hilda E. Chown, Milltown—No, of course not, why you are one of the old members. I hope to have some soon.

Stanley Johnson, Mizonette—Very pleased you are enjoying the Corner. Myrtle Adams, Campbellton—I was pleased to see that you were enjoying the contests.

Edna Haines, St. Mary's—Thanks for nice little note, write again soon. Douglas Wickham, 27 Elliot Row—Pleased to see you tried so hard Douglas.

Percy Brewster, Sussex—Thanks for nice little letter, Percy.

Roberta Bayley, 224 Prince Wm. St.—Very sorry to hear that you have been sick, but hope you will soon be better.

Charlie Longmire, Bridgetown—Glad you like the contests. Erma Macaulay, 270 Pitt Street—That's right, if you never try you will never win.

Elizabeth McFadden, St. Francis—Yes certainly, only to pleased to have you and your interesting letter. Aupaline Richard, St. Anne—Glad to have nice letters, and interesting content.

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not hearing from you for some time. Mary Moore, Mechanic—Pity you made the nice drawing much too small.

Basil Gooding, Odell River—Sorry if the name is spelt wrong, but I could not make out the writing very well Basil.

Mabel Jenkins, Clifton—Very pleased to see you are enjoying the contests, Mabel. Myrtle Mallory, Mount Jell—Now Myrtle, in the next contest, try to take more time as I am sure you could have got more words in the last.

Mary La Violette, Sea Side—Glad to get your nice letter Mary. Beatrice Comeau, Little Aldonans—The list was very well written.

Beatrice Driscoll, Black Rock—Pleased to see that you are enjoying the contests so much. Beverly Macaulay, Castalia—If you ever get in to see me here, I shall then tell you.

Jane Guphill, Castalia—So pleased to hear that although you have not been writing lately, you are enjoying the Corner as much as ever. Helen Faris, Tilley—You made a good attempt in the contest.

Bessie Fisher, Wapske—You found quite a number of articles and well reserve the prize. Grace Pike, Woodstock—Thanks for the letter, you are quite welcome as a member.

Pearl Gibbons, Newburg—Sorry you have not succeeded as yet, but it depends entirely on yourselves, Pearl. Amy Nicholson, Andover—The attempt was quite good, Amy.

Christie Ivey, Maxvell—That is right try hard and success will come as it all depends upon yourselves as to who gets the prizes. Lillian Larise, Perth Junction—You certainly tried hard but did not get the most words.

Dorothy Stewart, 25 St. James St.—I have had reason before to compliment you upon your good work, and this time I consider your list more neatly written than ever.

Lillian Clarke, 34 Paddock Street—You are quite a clever little artist. Lena Slovi, 20 Chapel Street—The work was neat, but I am sure you could have got more words, eh? Doris Shaw, 2 Golding Street—You are a very neat writer.

Arthur Linton, Baywater—Glad to have you entering the contests. Hazel Wilson, Parkindale—A big welcome to the Corner, Hazel. Leta Simms, Digby, N. B.—What a pity you did not try even harder, Leta. I was very pleased to get your nice letter again.

Myrtle McMahon, Letite—Considering you are only seven, you did very well in the contest, Myrtle. Guy Dickie, Black Point—Glad you like the contests. Jack Lee, Woodstock—Sorry the coupon was lost, as it always has to be enclosed. Who wrote the list out? G. D. Murphy, Tracy Mills—Glad you are enjoying the contests. Eva Thomson, Centreville—You are quite a clever little artist.

Beatrice Short, Glenwood—You tried hard Beatrice, but were not successful. Alma McCarthy, Black Rock—Glad to have your nice letter, and read what you say about the Standard. Write soon again. Lawrence Roy, Elm Tree—It is the part which you have to fill in, known as the coupon. You have to enclose with contest, Lawrence.

Emile Solesse, Sea River Crossing—Glad to see you are enjoying the contests. Eunice Fanjey, Hibernia—Yes, call, sorry I cannot promise a personal letter, but will always answer you through this column, as I am always pleased to get letters. Cecelia Grist, Mineral—The contests seem to interest you very much Cecelia.

Audrey Bell Myers, Norton—The drawing was nice, but the usual coupon must always be enclosed. Thelma Steeves, Edgett's Landing—Very pleased to have your letter after



CHILDREN'S CORNER

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE DICK.

Uncle Dick's Chat With the Children

My Dear Kiddies:— If there is one particular thing which I would like to do, it would be to get in beside Santa Claus, as his reindeers swiftly take him from house to house, tomorrow night. It would certainly be most interesting. And the fun he must have, slipping in and out of the rooms as quiet as a mouse, so that no little boy or girl will waken and see him. I can just fancy say Charlie, as he loses from side to side with eyes wide open, long after he should have been in Slumberland. Presently he thinks he hears a slight noise! "Why that must be Santa," he thinks, and lying perfectly still and motionless he endeavors to shut one eye, and close the other just half so that he can watch, but still appear to be asleep. "Now I shall see what he looks like, and if he will leave me that air-gun I wanted so badly," he muses, never taking his half-closed eye from the door.

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Santa Claus and His Whip.

Oh, Santa Claus is on his way! His prancing steeds are near. We hear the sounds of the silver bells; His sleigh is almost here. A load of gifts is stored for all Securely in his pack. For he travels like the lightning. .. While his whip goes crack! Through all the year with plane and saw He worked in his wondrous shop; So much there was for him to do That he never dared to stop. But when the gifts were all complete They made a mighty stack— He will surely bring them with him When his whip goes crack!

Has Brothers in England

Dear Uncle Dick:— I thought I would write to you, as I haven't for a long time. I wish the river would freeze over so there would be skating. I like to skate, do you Uncle Dick? I don't think that there will be any school after Christmas. I think its great fun for the snow to come. But I don't suppose the poor little children do in icy places, that are used to go barefooted.

This Week's New Members

Uncle Dick gives a hearty welcome to the following kiddies who have joined the Corner during the past week: Myrtle Thompson, Dalhousie. Kenneth Haines, St. Mary's Ferry. Flora Fay Outhouse, Black's Harbor. Dorothy Oatley, 108 Somerset St. Emile Solesse, Sea River Crossing. Mary La Violette, Sea Side. Grace Pike, Woodstock. Doris Shaw, 2 Golding St. Hazel Wilson, Parkindale. Olive Greenlaw, Lord's Cove. Claude Hayward, Coldstream. Leonard Delhanty, Grand Falls. Lillian Delhanty, Grand Falls. Ruby Etta Moorehouse, Centreville. Evelyn Marrow, Grand Bay. Gertrude Saunders, Kingston. Renetta English, Jacques River.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Dick:— I have been trying so long to write and thank you for the beautiful meash bag which you sent me for the first prize in the contest. It was lovely. I was delighted with it. I have so many studies at school, that I am unable to answer my girl friend's letters. Well, Christmas will soon be here. I hope Uncle Dick will get a good lot of nice things. I am sending in this week's contest. I hope it will prove successful. I have been skating once this year, but there came a rain and took the ice all out. I intend to have a Christmas tree this year. Our schools stop on the 22nd of December. I would like for you to publish some Christmas scenes and dialogues if you have any. Well I guess I'll have to close for this time, with love and best wishes. From your niece, Nellie V. Erb.

Joining the Corner

Dear Uncle Dick:— I don't belong to your Corner yet, but would like to join now if you will look over the words I have picked out of the word prizewinners. The Standard comes to our house every morning. I am eight years old, and go to school at Lakeside. We had a picnic in our school and made nearly sixty-eight dollars. Well, I guess I'll close and get the words written down. Your little niece, Harriet Piers.

Glad Mama Takes Standard

Dear Uncle Dick:— I am so glad my mama has started taking The Standard. I really did not know there was such amusement in it for the little boys of my age. I am eight years old and can read the letters and stories so well. So I am going to tell you what I can find in the picture, the one to puzzle over. So I may try and win the story book for Christmas. I am your nephew, Clifford Kerrigan.

Children's Corner Pleases and Helps

Dear Uncle Dick:— I would like to join the Children's Corner, as it has helped and pleased me more than I can tell. I am working hard at school these days, trying to grade, but still I am having a try at your word-making contest. This is my first letter to the Corner, so I shall not write any more this time. With best wishes to all. I am your niece, Bertha D. Reid.

Birthday Greetings

Uncle Dick wishes many happy returns to the following kiddies, who will be celebrating their birthdays during the forthcoming week: Verna S. Bryenton, Bryenton St. Christina Tweedie, Kouchibouguac. Marjorie Bigelow, C. Coush. Barbara Herondale, Hoyt. Dorothy McCavour, 99 Prince Wm. Street. Daisy Brown, 33 King St. Elizabeth Smalley, 3 Alexander St. Frances Eshap, Sussex. Myrtle Pike, 136 Broad St. Nellie Raymond, Kouchibouguac. Alice Baker, Athol. Beatrice Spittel, 70 Queen St. Mary Lewis, 154 Britain St. Susie Bayes, St. Martins. Mabel Wright, Cumberland Bay.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Oh, hush thee, little Dear-my-Soul, The evening shades are falling; Hush thee, my dear, does thou not hear The voice of the Master calling? Deep lies the snow upon the earth. But all the sky is ringing. With joyous songs, and all night long The stars shall dance, with singing.

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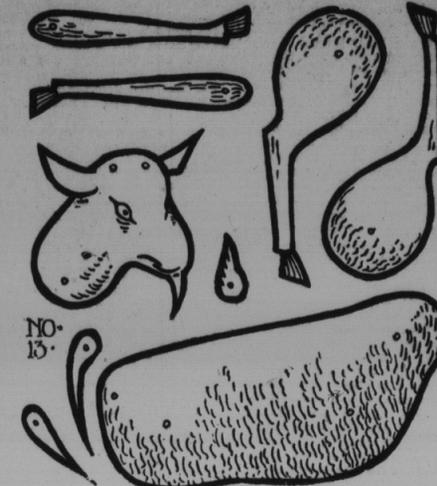
Oh, hush thee, little Dear-my-Soul, And close thine eyes in dreaming, And angels fair shall lead thee where The singing stars are beaming. A Shepherd calls His little lambs, And He longeth to caress them; He bids them rest upon His breast, That His tender love may bless them.

CHRISTMAS EVE

So hush thee, little Dear-my-Soul, Whilst evening shades are falling, And above the songs of the heavenly throng Thou shalt hear the Master calling. —Eugene Field.

MOTTO: "KINDLY DEEDS MAKE HAPPY LIVES"

Something to Cut and Paste.



The Foldover Family No. 1 Here is the Foldover Goat. He is the backyard pet of the family. Paste this drawing on light-weight card-board, and when dry color the different parts with crayons or paints. You will find it easier to cut this out if you copy this drawing much larger on another sheet of white paper before pasting. Put the parts together with fasteners or pins bent over at the back. The small circles show where the fasteners are to be placed. The two hind legs are fastened with one pin and the two fore legs with one pin. Next week comes the Foldover Watch Dog.

GOING ON SOUTHERN ROUTE.

Steamship Governor Cobb, Captain Ingalls, sailed from Boston on Wednesday for Key West, Fla., and will run between that port and Havana during the winter. She had on board a large shipment of Canadian molasses for Havana.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Hugh McCarthy was remanded on the charge of assaulting his wife. Frank Hills for using bad language was fined \$16.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

A Contest for Kiddies Only CASH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20.00

The following interesting contest is open to members of the Children's Corner, in the St. John Standard, excluding those who live in St. John only.

There are now nearly five thousand names and addresses of boys and girls on the membership roll of the Corner, but Uncle Dick is anxious to commence the New Year with thousands of other kiddies' names added to the list, as he has several surprises for 1917. He is therefore going to divide TWENTY DOLLARS among ten members of the Children's Corner, who succeed in getting the most number of other children to join this entertaining club on or before December 31, 1916, the prizes being as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Prize number, Prize value, Prize description, and Prize amount.

All entries must reach this office not later than January 2nd, 1917, together with the coupon filled in as given below.

How To Get New Members:

- 1. Show your school mates, cousins, and friends the Children's Page. 2. Tell them about the splendid prizes awarded each week, the nice stories, Uncle Dick's regular chat, the answers to letters, and host of other attractions. 3. There are only two rules:—"Do kindly deeds whenever possible," and "Agree to get The Standard and read the Children's Corner." 4. The drawing and painting contests help them to make nice sketches, and use the colors better. 5. Among the prizes awarded each week are watches, skates, frames, gold necklaces and pendants, mecano sets, dollar bills, beautiful illustrated story books, and games. 6. The Children's Page is just the very thing to turn to for recreation and amusement after school is closed, and lesson books are laid aside. 7. The Red Cross Helpers' League, and Allies' Aid Society (Children's Corner Branches), are open to all members of the Corner. 8. All intending members must write a note to Uncle Dick expressing their desire to have their names added to the membership roll, promising to keep the two rules given above, and mention the name of the member who showed them the Corner and asked them to join.

whose decision must be considered as final.

CONTEST COUPON

Form with fields for Name, Address, School, Age, Birthday, Grade, Name of Teacher, and checkboxes for Uncle Dick, The Standard, and St. John, N. B.