

Correspondence

P., Man.

Dear Editor,—I have seen letters of other boys and girls in the 'Messenger,' and thought I would like to write. There are hardly any trees around here; it is all prairie. There are two hundred people here. I have three sisters and four brothers, two older than myself. I am nine years old. We have a horse, a colt, a cow and a calf. We call our colt Captain, our horse Maud, and our cow Star, but we have not named our calf.

KENNETH McNICOL.

K., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm one mile from K. Our house is on the bank of the Castore river. In summer we fish and bathe, while in winter we skate and play hockey. There is a lot of snow here this winter. We

live half a mile from school. I go to school every day, and am in the junior fourth book. We live three and a half miles from the railway. K. is a very nice place. There are two churches, two blacksmith's shops, a large temperance house, a saw-mill, grist-mill, cheese factory, two stores, and a lot of nice dwelling houses. There are also a high school, public school, two large furniture shops, and a large hall.

dear me, my pets always die or run away before I have had them long enough to get acquainted with them. I once had three little kittens, two black and white, and one grey. I liked the black and white ones best, but sad to say, they both died one night, and the grey one ran away. We afterwards found it, but it soon died, also.

I wish 'Chatterbox' would write again; I enjoy her letters so much.

Our school intends getting a library, but I don't suppose they will get it before I leave, which is at summer holidays.

Some of the girls talk about their dolls. I have one eleven years old, and I like it better than any of my other dolls.

'SNOWDROP.'

M., Que.

Dear Editor,—I like reading the 'Messenger' stories, especially 'Gulliver's Adventure' among the Giants. We have a dog named

ther; they are all younger than myself. We live in the town of Pipestone. There is only one church here, and that is the Presbyterian. I think they are going to build a Methodist church. We have Sunday school in the church every Sunday at half-past one, and I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday there. In Pipestone there are four elevators, and a hotel, two grocery stores, hardware store, three machinery shops, and one furniture store.

MATILDA FALCONER.

OTHER LETTERS.

Harold Hall, P., Ont., has been attending Business College in the busy town near which he lives. He gives answers to two riddles, but only one is correct: that to Anna Jean Robson's riddle (April 5)—a lamp-lighter.

M. L. Wilson, of H., Ont., also lives in a home to be proud of. The riddle enclosed has been asked before. Thanks for the compliments so generously given.

Minota Stauffer, B., Ont., lives in a town, but would rather live in the country, she says. We are glad to welcome you to our circle, Minota. The riddles you send have been asked before.

Hazel Wagg, S. B., Ont., lives on a hill near a lake. What a lovely view there must be from her home.

Reubin Nordine, W. P. Que., says 'We have a splendid view. We can look the village all over.' We are always glad to hear that our girls and boys are quick to see the beauties around them. We hope your little visitor will have a nice time, Reubine.

Mina Macdonald, H., Man., says her grandma owns twin calves. Are they much alike, Mina? Glad you like the Children's Page.

Jennie M. Cameron, S., N.S., asks two riddles, but they have been given before. Jennie writes very well.

Here is another good penman. Alton Lee Richer, R., N.S., says, 'We have a big white rooster who chases me whenever I go near him.' Fourteen Easter eggs on Easter morning! Whatever did you do with them all, Alton?

Zelda Hartling, Q., H. C., N.S., asks several riddles that have, however, been asked before. She got a certificate for repeating memory verses.

Gracie Goforth, M., Ont., won one of our premium brooches. She says they have had a fine winter, but it's very muddy now. That's a common complaint this time of the year, isn't it?

Hazel Murray, B., Ont., asks a riddle that has been previously given, and sends in an answer which, while quite true, is not quite correct.

Jean L. McCulloch, L. O., N.S., thinks the robins and other birds returning north must find it very cold. They have warm feather coats, Jean, and are not at all fearful about Spring's not coming, but it is likely they'll be as glad as yourself to see the flowers.

Ivy La Rose, W., Ont., has a big doll dressed in blue silk.

John E. White, S., Ont., has just one brother, and he is only four months old. However, he has a little kitty that makes a good playmate.

Elaine Stewart, A., Ont., says she is able to guess nearly all the riddles. Yes, indeed, the country is beautiful in summer, Elaine.

Melville V. W., U., Ont., says, 'We have a cat named "Row." My little nephew, George, named it that, because it was such a terrible cat to scratch.' We wonder what name the cat would have liked to call Master George. This is a riddle enclosed:—'Of what use are your ankles?'

I. Buchanan, O., Man., sends among other riddles given before, this one: What is the difference between an engineer and a school teacher?

Edith V. Alkins, W., Ont., also sends in two riddles fresh to this page: 1. What insect does the blacksmith manufacture? 2. When is coffee like the earth?

Fred Cowan, O. S., Ont., asks this riddle: What goes to the barn and eats no hay, goes to the well and drinks no water, and goes out in the field and sings all day?

We also received short letters from Reita Robertson, E., Man.; Myrtle G. Sider, S., Ont.; and Oral Frith, M., Ont.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Lamp.' Annie Archibald (aged 11), A., N.S.
2. 'Boat.' Harry Young (aged 9), C., Ont.
3. 'Cup and Saucer.' Mina C. Cameron, L. B., N.S.
4. 'My Pet Bird.' Blanche Serviss (aged 12), L., Kans.
5. 'Pig.' Robina Johnson (aged 10), V., N.S.
6. 'Brownie.' Morley Mitchell (aged 8), A., Ont.
7. 'Maple Tree.' Charles Greer, H., Ont.
8. 'Our House.' Leon Speck (aged 9), L. B., Ont.
9. 'Little Pussy.' V. E. Taylor (aged 11), C., N.S.
10. 'Owl.' Wilmer McArter (aged 12), H., Man.
11. 'My Pet.' Lena B. Hicks, M.S., N.B.

12. 'Skipping Girl.' Irene Paarker, N. G., N.S.
13. 'Begging.' Archie Brien (aged '3).
14. 'Map.' Annie Henry (aged 11), S., N.B.
15. 'Antelope.' Violet (aged 13), B., Sask.
16. 'My Pet Kitten.' — M., N. B.
17. 'A Buggy.' Charles Taylor (aged 12); W., Ont.
18. 'Book.' Snow-flake, H., Ont.
19. 'Easter Chick.' David McGregor (aged 8), P., Ont.
20. 'Rose.' H. L. Kaiser (aged 11), P. B., N.S.
21. 'Friends.' 'Ruby Stone,' S. S., Ont.
22. 'Woman's Head.' Fern Inman, P. R.
23. 'Our Scotch Collie.' Mira M. Sargent (aged 11), C., N.S.
24. 'The Rivals.' Reginald F. Coles (aged 10), M., Que.

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CHARLES W. PORTEOUS (aged 10).

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I hope you are enjoying this weather, although it is hardly possible to enjoy it, with mud and water about a foot deep. Perhaps it is not so bad in the towns, but it is terrible in the country. Still, you have one satisfaction, for after the rains and floods of spring comes the summer, with its warm days (sometimes too warm), and pretty flowers and plants. I think Gulliver had wonderful adventures. We once had a book about Gulliver among the Lilliputians, but it got torn up before I was old enough to read it. Nevertheless, I remember some of the pictures, which were very comical. Quite a number of the correspondents say they like reading. I agree with them, and would like to read more than I do, but my time is nearly all taken up with school studies. I have lately read 'David Copperfield,' and think it a very interesting story. I am now reading 'A Daughter of Heth,' by Wm. Black.

Some correspondents talk about pets, but,

Don. He likes to play, for we get our sleds, and he will take hold of the rope and pull us. We hold a piece of meat in the air, and he will roll over or speak in his own language, the barking language. I go to school every day. I would rather go to school than stay at home. I am in the Principal's room.

GRAY CUNNINGHAM.

[Your riddles have been asked before, Gray, and the answers you give are not the right ones.—Ed.]

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have a sister and two brothers, and a little sister, that I call Topsy. My papa has a large farm, a saw mill, a store and a post office. We had no school to go to until about a year ago they built one two miles away. I just went about six months.

MINNIE MAY HADLEY.

W., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I go to school regularly, and am in the second book, and I like going to school. I am seven years old. My father is a doctor. We live in W., which is a very small place, but very pretty in summer. I am fond of reading.

LAURA I. NAIRN.

Dear Editor,—I go to school nearly every day, and am in grade four. I am thirteen years old, and have two sisters and a bro-