

COUSINS' BADGES.

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COUSINS' CORRESPONDENCE.

YOUNGER COUSING LETTERS.

Dear Courin Kate, — I should very fruch like to become one of your cou-kins, and also to have a cousin's badge, so would you kindly send me one if much like to become one of your courins, and also to have a cousin's badge, so would you kindly send me ose if you think me worthy of being a cousin of yours. I have just terreed thirteen years old and am in the fifth standard at school. I go to the public school here and like it very much. I will now commence to tell you about Levin. It is not an exceedingly large place, but it yill be if it continues to go ahead as it has been doing. There is a Boys' Xedustrial School which is about three miles from the town. It is a very large place and is kept in very good order. The grounds are beautifully laid out. There is also an experimental farm, spen to anyone every day except Sundays. The use of it is to show farmers the different methods of farming. There are orchards and in them are all different kinds of fruit trees that will possibly grow there. Also there is an apiary for bees and two women look after them. I cannot describe it all but I must say that the cow shed is a credit to the place, for it is magnificently clean. There are other places here, but I will tell you about them another time, as I am very tired because I have been out for a picnic and have enjoyed myself very nuch. I must close now. I remain, yours truly, ARLETTE. yours truly, ARLETTE.

fine truly, ARLETTE.

[Dear Cousin Arlette,—I am always glad to have new cosuins, and I will send you a badge as soon as I can. I am afraid I don't know much about Levis, but I have beard that it is going ahead tery rapidly, as I shall be very glad to hear all about it from one of our-own flock. I don't think I would like to look after that apiary much. Not that I am afraid of been, but I like them best at a distance, don't your I have been stung two or three times and didn't enjoy my experience a bit. But I should love the orchard, not only the fruit, but just now the trees must be I should keys the orenard, not only the fruit, but just now the trees must be looking levely all out in blossom, and in winter they look so tidy and clean when they are painted white. All the other cousins seem to be having holidaya, area's you having them too.—Cousin Kate.

Dear Cousin Kae, I was very pleased to see as asswer to my letter in the "Graphic" hast Wednesday week, and thank you very much for it. You raked me if I went to Greenlane by train or tram. We nearly always go by train. We eath if at Newmarket about eleves colock, so you see we could not get a trace because they would be stopped for thurch. You will be pleased to hear that I and the "Graphio" to England every week. My anutic and England every week. My auntie and and and and cousies are very pleased with

it, they think it is very good. Dear Cousin Kate, I must tell you that we have had a week's holiday from school, and I have enjoyed myself very much. I have been to town two or three times I have been to town two or three times with my mother, which I like very much, sspecially when we go out to dinner. Don't you wish you were a little school girl like me and could have a lot of tolidays? There, Cousin Kate, I think I must closs now, or you will think my setter trying. So good-bye and Kia Ora. From your Cousin HAZEL.

Dear Cousin Hazel,—I am glad you were pleased with your letter and that your uncle and sunt like our paper. Why don't you tell your cousins to write to us, too! Have you exer walked to Greenhane, the roads are so pretty and it is not so very far. We walked there two not so very far. We walked there two or three times hat year and thoroughly enjoyed the exercise. You want to know if I wouldn't like to be a little girl again? Well I might if it was always holiday time, but you know there are more schooldays in a year than holidays, so perhaps it is just as well to wish to stay as I am and be content. I don't find wow letter trying a Courin Kata! your letters trying .- Cousin Kate.]

Poar Cousin Kate, I am sorry I have been so long in writing. It is much easier to write to you now we have seen you. to write to you now we have seen you. I had such a lovely time when I was in Auckland, and there were only two or three wet days. I like the British ships better than the American. The arch looked lovely, didn't it? Mother's garbetter than the American. The such looked lovely, didn't it? Mother's garden is looking so nice now. We have got some white sweet peas out, and this morning there was a pink rose out and daddy wore it to church. There are heaps of violets and primroses and freezias. One of your Cousin Marjories live very tear my grandma in Ponsonly. Her name is Marjorie Kelly. I am reading such a nice book. It is called "The Cirl with the Golden Locks." I have got a post-card album and I have got 184 postcards in it. Now I must say good-bye. I remain, your loving cousin, good-bye. I MARJORIE I remain, your loving cousin,

[Dear Cousin Marjorie,-Fleet Week seems such a long time sgo, doesn't it, one can hardly believe that it is only two months since all those boats were here. Do you know I liked the look of the American ships better than ours, but they don't look half so formidable or workmanility. they don't look half so formidule or workmanlike, only prettier. I am glad you enjoyed yourself so much. I fore crowds they are so interesting even if you don't know anybody; just to watch the different type of face and expression is awfully entertaining. The devorations and illuminations were grand. I would like to have seen the hydney display too wouldn't you? We have quite a lot of youse out but not a single awest pea has come up, or rather I haven't reon any. I hope the aluga haven't taken them. I always think it is much easier to write to a person after you have seen them.—'Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate,—I am sorry I did not write before. I hope you and the cousins are all well. I have got a gar-den of any own, with some cathage and cawiflower plants in and radiahos

and peas; the peas are up. Mahel's canmary has laid two eggs; mother and i
have set two fowls, one on tarkey's eggs
another on ducks, and one on white lughorns. My bantam sat on thirtees eggs
ond the other on ducks, and we are
going to set three more, one on turkeys,
and after eitting for nearly three weeks
she left them. When I broke them they
had dead chickens in them. Mother's
parrot talks beautifully now. All the
bulbs have died off, but there are atilsome anemones out. Mother singled out
all her violets yesterday. Grandma and
grandpa are in Wellington now. I liks
the okler cousins letters heat, they have
more in them than the younger ones. It
has been raining all night over here. We
had some green peas yesterday, and they has been raining all night over here. We had some green peas yesterday, and they were very nice. Have you had any yet?
We are going to dig a bathing hole this year ever in the creek, it is nice and deep now but not deep anough. We have still got old Bobs the pony and the goat. The rain has made the grass grow nice and green. I have no more to tell you Cousin Kate, Give my love to all the cousins. With much love from your loving Cousin JIM.

Puddin

[Dear Cousin Jim,-Your garden sounds very flourishing, ours is a mass of weeds. I don't think we have put any plants in this year, it certainly does not look like it. Your peas must does not look like it. Your peas must be very early, I have not seen any in the shops yet. Ian't it annoying when the hens leave their eggs like that! one of ours did that last year. She was sitting on some prize duck eggs. I felt like wringing her neck myself. Where do you get your turkey's eggs. I have been trying to get a sitting for weeks and can't. We have got three lots of chickens though, such fine little fluffy yellow chaps. How deep do you want the batteing hole to be and how hig!—Clousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate.—I would very much like to become one of the cousins. I am 12 years of age. I take a great interest in the cousins letters, and would like very much if you would send me a blue badge. With much love, from Cousin 180BEL.

[Dear Cousin Isobel,—I will be very glad to have you for one of my sousins, but just at present ladges are off; the new lot ought to be ready, but we have not got them yet; you shall have one, though, as soon as possible. The latters this week will be rather short, because I am rather busy, but I will write a longer one next time.—Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate,—I liked my badge very much indeed. I wear it in the evening. I am asked to a book title party this evening, and am net quite sure what book to represent. My sister Carmen wrote to you about a fortnight ago. We are going for a picuic on the beach to-morrow with three other friends. I hope it will be fine. We have been having very windy weather lately, and it has been very dusty, of course. We are having holidays, and have get another week, which we think is lovely. Daddie has just trought the "Graphic," and of course we looked for the cousins' page and Buster Brown. I went to the book title

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