



To Our Young Readers.

Our young readers are cordially invited to enter our wide circle of cousins, by writing to

COUSIN KATE,

"The Weekly Graphic,"

Shortland Street, Auckland.

Cousin Kate is particularly desirous that those boys and girls who write should tell her whatever it interests them to tell, about their games, their pets, their holidays, or their studies. Their letters and Cousin Kate's replies will appear in the "Weekly Graphic," on the Children's Pages.

All cousins under the age of fourteen are accounted Junior Cousins, all above that age Senior Cousins. Cousins may continue writing until quite grown up, and after, if they wish to do so; for we are proud to number among our cousins some who have passed out of their teens.

A Badge will be sent to each new cousin on the receipt of an addressed envelope.

COUSINS' CORRESPONDENCE.

OTAHUHU.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—I hope you are quite well. Did you see all the caudets when Kitchener was here? My two big brothers were there, but I am too little, so I had to look on. We are having Easter holidays now, but I have had a month, as I had whooping-cough. We gave our dear little kitty a dead little bird to eat, and the poor little thing died. We think the bird was poisoned. His name was Kittiwae. —From your loving cousin, GUY.

DEAR COUSIN GUY,—Yes, I saw Lord Kitchener review the caudets, and thought it was a grand sight to see all the boys marching so well. I am sure you must have wanted very much to be big enough to be among them. I hope your whooping-cough is better; it was not much fun having a month's holiday if you had to stay in, but perhaps you were not very bad. It was indeed to have your dear Kittiwae go off like that; but, of course, you would never think of such a thing as the bird being poisoned. With love, Cousin Kate.]

OTAHUHU.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—I hope you are quite well. Did you see all the caudets march at the review. I went, and I think it was very nice. My old cat had seven little kittens, and my mother put them into a bag and drowned them. My brother has two rabbits. One of them had four little ones, and they all died, because it was too cold for them. There is a place where some waterworks are going to be put up, and they and I go and watch the men digging the well. They have an engine to pump the water up. With love from your loving cousin, ERNEST.

DEAR COUSIN ERNEST,—I don't wonder your mother put the kittens into a bag and drowned them. Seven kittens would be far too many to keep. It was hard luck losing the rabbits as well. You must have great fun watching the men pumping the water up. I expect you feel you would like to help them. With love, Cousin Kate.]

AWA.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—I am very sorry that I could not write before. I think you very much for that badge you sent me. I have finished my holiday, and started school again. I had three days for Easter. We have three little kittens, and I want you to give them names. There are two tabby ones and one black and white. We had three little mice, but one got killed, and I want you to give the two names. We have a new post office now, and it is a lot nearer to our place. I go quite close to it when I go to school. I must say good-bye. With love — From Cousin WIN.

[Dear Cousin Win,—I am glad you liked the badge. Do you use it for a book-mark? I think it would be rather a good idea, don't you? Do you know, I have never seen "hops" grow. That will seem funny to you, no doubt. I think it must be great fun picking them. I think good names for your puppies would be Jack and Jill. With love. —Cousin Kate.]

MARUAPU.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—It is quite a long time since I wrote to you last. We have been having nice weather up here lately. Yesterday we all went with father in the launch to Dargaville. I don't think I have ever told you the name of our school. Well, it is Paradise. Now, don't you think that is a good name. Many people wonder why it is called that. One of our cousins has a garden with us, and went away yesterday, but her brother is still here, but is going away this afternoon. We have a new teacher now. I went to a picnic the other day, and had a good time. One little brother Fred is growing very fast. I will close with love. —Cousin ALLISON.

DEAR COUSIN ALLISON,—I am glad you have had nice weather up your way here. In Auckland it could hardly have been worse, and quite spoilt the Easter Monday holiday. It was sad to see the people returning home from various holiday resorts, dripping wet. I think the name of your school is very quaint indeed; you think it is a good name, so that looks as though you were happy. Many girls think school anything but Paradise. I hope you will like your new teacher. It was jolly of you having your two cousins staying with you. I have once been to Dargaville, and I thought the river was beautiful. I only spent one day there, but I thought Dargaville so much larger than I expected that I was surprised. I hope some day soon to come up to Dargaville, and when I do, I shall look you up. With love, Cousin KATE.]

CORO.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—I am sorry that I have not written to you for such a long time. We are having our Easter holidays now, and I am very glad. Our apples are ripe, and we are having a great feast. I am in Standard IV, and I am eleven years old. We have had such a lovely show of flowers in our garden this summer, and just now the cosmos are at their best. At the flower show last month I got second prize for a dove and basket of flowers, and I got such a nice book. —With love from Cousin CLAUDE.

DEAR CLAUDE, You are one of the few people who seem to have had fine weather for Easter. I always thought that Coro was still so cold, but it can't be. If you have cousins out now at their best. Here, in Auckland, cosmos have only just started to bloom. I am glad you got a prize for your table. What flowers did you use? —Cousin KATE.]

AUCKLAND.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—As we get the "Graphic" nearly every week, I read your letters, which are very interesting. I always look at "Buster Brown," and I observed on the opposite page "Children's Page," typed very large, so I thought I would read the news on there as well. I hope you will accept my letters, and have me for one of your cousins. Did you enjoy yourself at Easter? I hope you did, but I did not

because of the rainy weather, and I did not go too long. I must end my letter now; so good-bye for the present, Cousin Kate. I remain, your sincere cousin, ESMÉ.

DEAR COUSIN ESMÉ,—I am very pleased to have you for a new cousin, and will send you the badge at once. I am glad you have found the letters interesting. You will have to write nice letters and do your share to interest others. Yes, the Easter holidays were horrid, and I can't say I enjoyed them very much, although I went to the races. With love, Cousin KATE.]

KALOU.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—Will you please accept me as one of your Cousins? I have 5 1/2 miles to drive to school of a morning, but it is a very pleasant drive except on a very cold or wet morning. Will you please send me a badge, as I should like to have one? I will write a longer letter about my pets next time. —From Cousin MARATA.

DEAR COUSIN MARATA,—Please send me your full name as well as your address, and I shall be glad to send you a badge. It would be nice to have a pony, and ride sometimes. It must be very happy when the wind is from the south. —With love, Cousin KATE.]

KALOU.
DEAR COUSIN KATE,—May I become one of your Cousins? I am eleven years old, and I am in the third standard. My sister, brother, teacher and I drive 5 1/2 miles to school of a morning, and home at night. The drive is a pleasant one, as it is along the edge of the ocean. We find it cold when the south-east wind is blowing. Horses are my greatest joy. At the A. and P. show at Kaitiaki last week, I took first prize in jumping the hurdles. Hoping that I may become one of your cousins, with kind love to you and all. —Cousin ELLA.

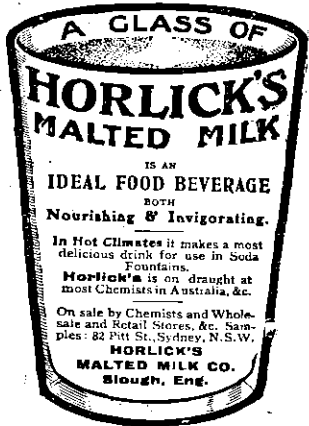
DEAR COUSIN ELLA,—Yes, of course you can be one of our Cousins, but though you have sent me your address, you have not written your full name. So I cannot send you a badge. I suppose your teacher lives with you, as you all drive into the school together. It must, indeed, be a lovely drive. I am so fond of the sea; I envy you your drive. Does the tide ever come up over the road? I don't wonder horses are your greatest joy, when you can ride so well at eleven years old as to win prizes at a show. You must tell me more about your pony when next you write. Horses and dogs are my pets. With love, —Cousin KATE.]

DEAR COUSIN KATE,—My little nephew, Mervyn, is staying with us at present, and we get a lot of fun out of him. Do you think Mervyn a nice name? I will be eleven on the 27th of this month. It has been very bad weather lately. We have all had very bad colds; I have not got rid of mine yet. Do you collect P.Cards? I do; I have 137 now. Well, I will say good-bye, with love, Cousin IDA.

DEAR COUSIN IDA,—I quite envy you having your little nephew Mervyn with you, and I expect he says very funny things. I think little boys are such fun. I am very fond of them. I like the name of Mervyn very much; it is rather a big name for a little chap, though, and you can't very well

shorten it. The chances are he will get some very funny nick-name when he goes to school. I see your birthday is on the 27th of this month. Mine does not come till the 7th May, and I nearly always forget it; that comes of feeling old. I shall send you a post-card some day, soon, to add to your collection. With love, Cousin KATE.]

GREY LYNN.
DEAR COUSIN KATE, I hope you do not think I did not write to you since Christmas, but I did write to you, and addressed it, and even put a stamp on it, and left it to be posted, and I wondered why it was not put in the "Graphic," and this afternoon I found it in the dining room, and I was very cut up; so I at once wrote again, and I hope you will forgive me for being so long about an answer. Dear Cousin KATE, that lovely book prize that I won at Christmas, for the stories are simply lovely. I am very glad to be able to tell you that I got proficiency and a scholarship at Christmas, and I now go to the Technical College. I learn typewriting and shorthand, and I hope some day that I will be able to type you a letter. —Your loving cousin, MOLLYE.



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