

Christmas. The roses in Auckland have been wonderful. Don't be so long before writing again. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate.—I have not written to you for quite a long time. It is fine up here at present, but last Thursday there was a thunderstorm in the morning, and it rained all day. I was not well last week and had to stay home from school nearly the whole of the week. There was a dance at our place last Friday, and there is to be another in a fortnight's time. My sister has had a bad foot and has been away from school for over a week. We milk four cows and make a lot of butter. We had some fireworks on Saturday night, but they were not much good. Our garden is looking very nice now. We have such a lot of strawberries ripe. Thank you very much for the

badge. It was a blue one I had before, but it does not matter. I must close now with love.—From Cousins ALLISON.

[Dear Cousin Allison.—I am sorry to know you have been unwell. Nearly everyone I know here has had influenza, but now the nice sunny weather has come, people will feel well and jolly. We are having quite hot weather, and Auckland is looking at its best, with lovely flowers everywhere. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

Auckland. Dear Cousin Kate.—I want to be a Cousin if you will have me for one. I am 6 years old and will be in Primer II. by Xmas. am not at school just now as I have been very ill for two weeks. I have a dear little kitten and he has made a stuffed rat on the end of a string for pussy to run after and

play with. I was too ill to go out on one fine night, so we are going to let my fireworks off to-night. I have a big box full and three sky rockets. The little box is for you to post my badge in so that it won't break.—Love from Cousin CLIVE.

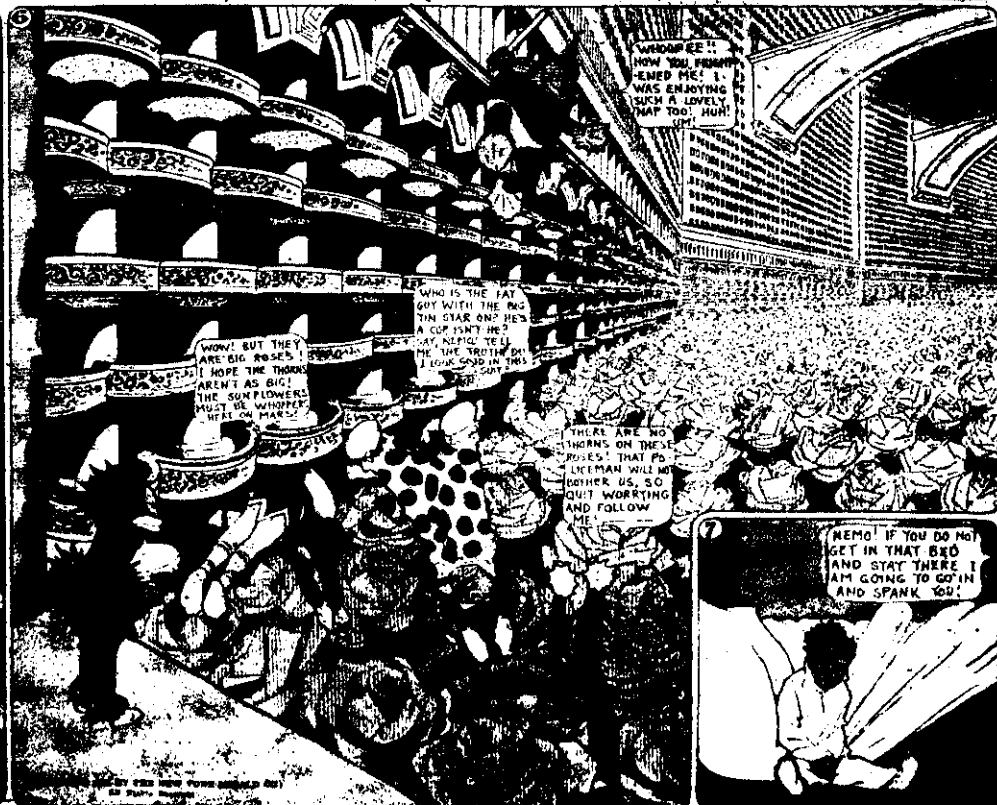
[Dear Cousin Clive.—I am delighted to have a nice little boy cousin, and I think your printing is fine. What fun you will have with the kitten and the cat. I hoped you enjoyed the fireworks. Please write again some day soon. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

Rail Valley. Dear Cousin Kate.—I was pleased to see my letter in the "Graphic" again. As it is the King's Birthday tomorrow, we are having a school holiday. I think all these holidays are a nuisance. My brothers like them, but I do not see any good in them. There must be a lot of letters for you every

day, Cousin Kate, for you have such a lot of little cousins. Our guinea pig has one young one. Will you please give me a name for it? I will go to church on Sunday on its head! When is a cat like a tree? Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree? What makes more noise than a pig under a gate? We are having lovely weather here. Most of our flowers are just coming out. We will have a lot of red roses, I think. Was not that a dreadful frost that killed all the fruit at Hastings. It must have been a very sharp one to do such damage. I have read such a nice book lately, and it is called "Merlin's Crusade." Have you ever read it? It soon will be Christmas now. I wonder if I will get anything in my stocking if I hang it up? Last year my grandfather gave me 4/-, and also the Christmas before that. He (grandfather) is nearly 87 years old, and it



THE 47 DAY OF JULY
THIS YEAR WILL BE CHIEFLY
SO GORGEOUSLY BE
FLOWERS OF THE OFFICE OF
NEW ZEALAND PLANT MARKS.
MR. B. GOSNOLD
YOU'LL SEE THEM
IN A MINUTE! JUST
FOLLOW ME! BEING
THE MONSTER OF ROSES
THEY ARE UPERMOST
BUT ALL KINDS OF
FLOWERS ARE BELOW.
WE'LL DIVE AMONG
THEM AND YOU WILL
SEE A GRAND SIGHT!
THE MAGNIFICENT
DISPLAY
WHERE ARE
ALL THE GAYS
AND BOYS?
WE WERE ALL
GONE TO SEE
THE GREAT
ROSES!



MEMO! IF YOU DO NOT GET IN THAT BED AND STAY THERE I AM GOING TO GO IN AND SPANK YOU!