

Fernbach.  
 Dear Cousin Kate.—Will you kindly accept me as one of your "Graphic" cousins? I am eleven years old, and am in the fifth standard. We milk forty eight cows, and have about 800 sheep. My favourite hobby is reading. The book I like best of all I have read is "Eric." Have you ever read it? I will now end up with a riddle: Why is a vain lady like a drunkard? With love, I remain your new cousin, PEARL.

[Dear Cousin Pearl.—We are very pleased to give you a welcome as a new cousin. I hope you don't have to milk any cows. I can't bear to think of little girls having to do such work, and such lots of the cousins have to do so. There is nothing more

delightful than reading. I don't remember "Eric." I can't guess the riddle. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Broadway, Picton.

Dear Cousin Kate.—I have been a long while writing, but I suppose you won't mind. I go to Blenheim every Thursday for woodwork lessons. I am in the fourth standard now. I suppose you won't mind if I give a riddle. "Why is a book like a tree?" I think that is all I can say, so goodbye. Love to you and other cousins. —VICTOR.

[Dear Cousin Victor.—Yes, I do mind very much the way you have neglected us, and I hope you will do better in future. Most of the boy cousins are so lazy. Don't you enjoy the woodwork classes? What are you making? Do you learn carving? That is most interesting. I used to do such lots of it. Perhaps some of the cousins can guess the riddle. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Rockville.

Dear Cousin Kate.—You will think I have been a long time writing to you. I have been so ill with whooping cough, but I am getting better now. I like my

badges very much. I am sending you a postcard of myself. With love—Cousin WINNIE.

[Dear Cousin Winnie.—Thank you for your dear little letter, and the pretty picture of yourself. I have fastened it up above my writing table with the other cousins' pictures. I like to look at them. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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He—"D'you think you could sing 'For ever and for ever?' She—"Well, I don't think so. I'm only down here for the week-end."

