

## To Our Young Readers,

Car young readers are cordially innited 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 mirelane.

## COUSINS' CORRESPONDENCE

EAR COUSIN KATE,—I received the budge our sent use, and was revery three for the cousing the course of the course Painterston Morfin

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Tameraton North.

Their Couain Kate. I received my protty
red badge, and I thank you very much for
it. Deer Cousin Kate, have you ever been
to Patmeraton North. We have very pretty
surdens in the Nquare. In one there is a
lake with awars and different kinds of
ducks on one side, and fish on the other.
With kind love to you and all Cousins.—
Cousin NELL.
[Dear Cousin Nat]

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[Dear Cousin Nell.—Thenk you for your dear little letter. I am glad you liked the bedge. I was in your town years ago, but there was only grass in the Square then. The gardens must be prefty now. Its you feed the ducks? With love.—Cousin Knle.]

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Palmeraton North.

Dear Cousin Kate.—May I become one of your Corains. I am nine years old and am is the sercond standard. We electrated Arbor Day at school on the 16th August. I like school, and my best subjects are rithmetic and residing. We have a lot of fowis and two trackeys. We are having due weather up here. I have a little kitten, and will you give me a name for it? I have two eleters younger than myself. Bear Cousin Kate will you please send me a red badge. I am putting my letter in wilk Cousins Nell and Violet, as I live lext door. With love to you and all Constins.

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[Dear Consin M.—You have forgotten to sign your name, but as you have went the siddress you will get your leading earlie, I hope. Why not call your litten "linster." I know of a beautiful cat called Ruster, and lev some mistake he was what in some drawer for two days and nights, but was all right when he was found. With love.—Consin Kate.] 2 2 2

Manugahrranea.

Dear Cousin Mate,—I was so pleased to see my lutters and your reply in the "for hear been at home for a week with a bad cold, but will start again.

uert Monday. My pony has hind a rest. We do have some fine, as a number of my schoolinates ride, and we often give our mates a ride. With love to all the Cousins.

-From VIVIENNE.

[Dear Cousin Vivenne.—I am glad your cold is better. I can well imagine what fun a lot of you have riding to school to gether. Do you girls get taught sewing, dressmaking, and such like at school? With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Dear Cousin Kate, I was indeed gaid to be enrolled in the "Cousins Society." I will really have seel a lot to telt you when we come to know one another better. Now the spring is coming on I am afraid I shall not have so much time to spare as to put it roughly, we shall be up to our eyes in milking, and often then there is one pleasure to look forward to, and that is our town consins generally come to visit us in the summer, and we have such a lot to teach them, and they the same to do for us. One of our fown cousins' name is Phil. I will tell you has surname next time. Well, Phil learned for ride when he was with us, but a sad accident happened to him one day. Just as he was doing so well, the horse played up and threw him off and broke his voice; poor fellow, he is only thirteen. There were but of things I hil did which I will tell you more next time unless I'hil objects.—I remaio, Your Cousis.

[Dear Cousis ——I hope you did not learn town and the pour land to the lands.]

Dear Cousin Kate.—I have not written to you for a good while. I have fort a steampted to, but I never Bushed. I went to "Jack and the Reanstaik" on Friday afternoon, and I enjoyed myself. The dancing and singing was lovely. There have some very protty dresses there, and there were some very clever men and little boys. We expect mother in two days, it is so fine. We play hopscoich at echool. Now dear Cousin Kate I must say goodbye.—With love from ORFILIA.

bye.—With love from ORELIA.
Thear Cousin Orella,—I am glad to hear
from you again. The Panhomine was very
pretty. I thought, and those little boys
were the dearest chaps, and oh, so clever.
All the dancing was pretty. With love.—
Cousia Kate.]

Kimbolton. Dear Consia Kate.—I suppose you will think I am a very poor correspondent. We have go accept a correspondent. We have go accept the solution of the solution o

[Dear Cousin Grace,—Many thanks for our nice little letter. Bon't you think a ortoles is an uncanny looking thing; they lways give me the creeps. There are

numbers of lambs on our golf links, such dear little things, and one is quite black. With love.—Coustn Kate.]

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My Dear Cousin Kate,—May I become one of your cousins? I am twelve years old, and am in the fourth standard. Will you send me a pale blue budge?—With dove. from DORIS.

[Dear Cousin Doris,—I am pleased to welcome you as a coosin. Next time you write you must fell me about your home life, and your nest fell me about your home life, and your sechool life. With love, Cousin Kate.]

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Bear Cousia Kate.—I must write and thank you for the preity badge you sent thank you for the preity badge you sent me. I am sure you will think I am a very poor correspondent. I have been so busy doing some home work. My pets are two dogs, a monkey, and a kitten, and they are all such good friends. One of the does got run over by a dray and I had does got run over by a dray and I had does got run over by a dray and I had does got run over by a dray and I had does not be a support of the cousing the state of the cousing the state of the cousing the state of the cousing the cou

(Dear Cousin Derethy,—I am glad to hear from you again. What a july lot of pets to have, and how quaint they must fook playing together. We have find a wonder-ful whiter so far. I only hope we won't laye to pay for it. With love.—Cousia Kate.]

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Dear Cousin Kate.—We get the "Graphic" every week, and I see my sisters and brothers writing, so I thought I would try to be a cousin, too. We have sold our farm at Taouni, and will be going to Feliding fo live. My mother and father are going to Australia for a holiday, and we hope they will have a good time. We have been having lovely weather lately, and the evening have been moonlight, so we go out and play games of all sorts till it is bed time. I sam siarting now to do all kinds of sewing to help my mother. I think I will now close, as I have been working hard all day. I would very much like to have a badge.—With live, from Cousin Alices.

[Dear Cousin Alice,—I am glad von want

Allos.

[Dear Cousin Alice,—I am giad you want to join our circle, but as you have not sent your full name and address I can't send you a badge, but will do so as soon as you let me know.—With love, Cousin Kute.]

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Dear Cousin Kate,—I should like to be one of your rousins. We lived in Dunedin until three mouths ago. Have you ever been there? It is a much larger place that this, and we found it vety strange and quiet when we first came here, but we are now getting used to it. I am eleven years old, and in the fourth standard at school. My little brother has a pet lamb, whose name is Kib. We take the "Graphic" every week, and I have been so interested in the cousins letters that I felt I should you kindly send me a pule bine badge?—With love from Cousin EVELYN.

[Dear Cousin Evelyn,—I am very pleased to welcome you among us. I spont two days in Dunelin some years ago, and founds it a charming place. I can well imagine you found Felbiling quiet.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousiu Kate, -I received the being and thought it very pretty. We are having fine fan up here just now with the rabbits. My brother, myself, and our dog Darkie dug out a burrow, and we got six rabbits, and just the other night we caught three. We have still the one cow milking, but in a fortnight's time we will have over ten. This week the haspector has been at our school examining the children. We have a long way to walk to school at present, but we will ride during the miking season. To morrow the Schwyn School buys are going to play against the Tiran how, -I will close now, with leve, from HADEN.

Dear Cousin Enden, -I don't putte under the present of the property of the rabbits of the present of the present

Boys' College, Nelson.

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Dear Cousin Kate,—May I become a member of your happy circle? I am thirteen years old, and am boording at the Boys' College, Nelson. I am in the sixth shoulard, and I like school very much. The games we play down bere are football, cricket, and tends. In the mornings you have to go for a run. I have two brothers, and they are boording at the same college. On Wednesday I went for a tramp with several other boys. I would like you to seen me a blue badge. With love from Cousin ROY.

I Dear Cousin Roy.—I am delighted to exactly you as a member of our circle. I think it must be grand fun to be at a boarding school, and it is such fun going bour for the holidays. How far have you to run each day? With tove.—Cousin Kate.}

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My Dear Cousin Kate.—Piense could I liave a red badge? I go to school, and I like it very much. Well, first of all, I will tell you what I learn. I think you will like to bear about lessons first, I learn Latin, French, bletory, geography, arithmetic, Buble, and drawing, with my brother, and writing, grammar, poetry, reading, football, cricket, spelling, end dictation. Those are all my lessons and games. I am nine years old, and my brother was cieven on Thursday. I must close now.—From CHARLES.

[Dear Cousin Charles.—I am Andrews.]

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From CHARLES.

[Dear Cousin Charles,—I am delighted to have you for a cousin. I think you man have to work very hard to learn so many things. Thank you, I am very well, and very happy. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Bear Cousin Kate. I was very pleased to see only letter in the "Graphic. I hope you will be a see that the property of the see that the property of the see that I would have answered your letter before, only I have had a cold. We are not milking any cows now, so we have to go up to the mext door neighbour's and get a bottleful or milk. I think this is all I have to say, so good-bye. Your loving counts, MONA.

[1] Dear Cousin Mons,—I am pleased to hear from you again, and don't mind the precit a bit. It must seem funny to have to buy milk in bottlefuls, when you usually see it in buckets. With love.—Cousin Kate J

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Dear Cousin Kate,—I was very pleased to see my letter in the "Graphic." We are going to have out examination on Priday next. I have some nice volots out in my garden. I am learning to play the plain. There was a social in the school last night. I have a foll; will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for it? Will you kindly give as a name for a side of the will close now with a riddle, "Why does a cow go over a hill?" With love to all the consints and yourself.—Cousin IVI. P.S. -I lithix the answer to Cousin Sather's siddle is the man had a dog called Yettle (yet he). riddle is (yet he),

(yet ne).
[Dear Cousin Ivy,—Violets have been very plentiful in Auckland, and such lovely life ones. Supposing you call your dolly Myrlle, I should think the cow goes over the bill because it cau't go through it. With Iove.—Cousin Kate.!

Kimbolton.

Denr Cousin Kate. I received my bathe, and was very pleased with it. We had very heavy showers of rain up here yesterday. I have got a parrot, and I call bim Jimmy.

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