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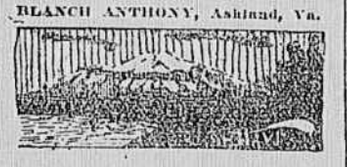

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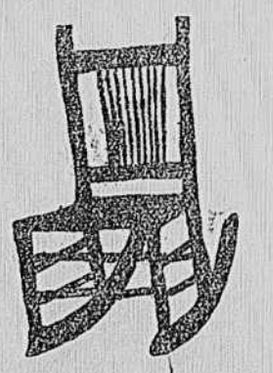

THELMA TIGNOR,

Correspondence Column

Understands What She Must Do.

Dear Editor,—I was glad to see some more information on the Child Conference, because I really did not undrestand it, but now I know just what you want us to do. We girls took a long walk yesterday. We had lots of fun walking the breakwater on the James River. We were sitting in a patch of clover on a green hill, and I found two four-leaved clovers. I haven't received my prize yet, and am just as anxious as I can be to know what they are. Your true member, EVELYN E. DYKE.
2813 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Thinks Book Is Fine.

Dear Editor,—I received the book you sent me and think it is fine. I feel very proud that I should be one of the members to win a prize when there are so many boys and girls among the T. D. C. C. Again thanking you, and with best wishes,
IDA LEE HUTCHENSON.
R. F. D. No. 1, Hanover, Va.

Interested in Conference.

Dear Editor,—My thoughts, as you see, have turned to George Washington, and I send you a short piece about him. I am very much interested in the conference and hope to be present. You are doing a good part by us, and am sure all of the children will appreciate your kindness. Very truly,
JOHN AYLETT WOODY.
Allen's Creek, Va.

Drawings for Exhibit.

Dear Editor,—I was very much disappointed in not seeing my work in the paper for two weeks. The exhibit is most at hand now I guess. I am sending some drawings that I hope to see in print. I was awful glad to see my letter in print the other week. Everything is just beautiful out-of-doors now; the trees and grass is so pretty, and the flowers are so lovely in bloom. I hope you liked those exhibit drawings we sent in the other week. I hope to win a prize soon, as I would be overjoyed to think that I was a prize winner once. I will close. From your old and faithful member,
VERA INEZ WILLIAMSON.
406 North South Street, Petersburg, Va.

Sends Puzzle to Page.

Dear Editor,—How are you? I haven't sent anything for the Children's Page for a great while, so please excuse me. I now send a little puzzle, which I hope will not go into the scrap basket. I remain your member, ELIZABETH H. LYNE.
Willow Grove, Route No. 1, Orange, Va.

Thinks She's Forgotten.

Dear Editor,—I believe you have forgotten me, but I have been busy at school for nearly a month and guess you will excuse me. I am sending you a picture and hope it will escape the trash basket. Your friend,
Toano, Va. LUCILE GEDDY.

Answers to Puzzles.

Dear Editor,—I received my Times-Dispatch last night, and I am sending the answers to seven of the puzzles therein, which I hope will be printed. Your true member,
F. LOUISE WINCKLER.
Phillis, Va.

Her School to Close.

Dear Editor,—I am at school now. Our school will be out the 19th of May, and I am not sorry either. We are going to organize a Junior School League. I have not received my badge yet. I am real anxious to get it. Most every one here has the whooping cough, but I have had it. I take music and I am going to play at close of school. With best wishes,
Virginia, Va. NETTIE TUCK.

Wishes Bird Printed.

Dear Editor,—I am sending two drawings for the T. D. C. C. and two for the conference. I am sending a bird and a landscape for the T. D. C. C. I send a hen and a rooster for the conference. All are original. If you cannot print but one be sure to print my bird. If you cannot print my landscape keep it for the conference. I was glad to see my puzzle and tramp in last week's issue. Well, I will close, waiting to see my drawings in print. From your true member,
Brookneal, Va. CURTIS G. ELDER.

From One of Old Members.

Dear Editor,—You will undoubtedly be surprised to receive a letter from me, for a long time has passed since I wrote to you. You cannot imagine how grateful I am to you for letting my drawings appear on the Children's Page. I am very enthusiastic over drawing, so much so that it often causes me to neglect my music. I think the bookloves' contest is easy and very educational. I am very fond of reading, and Tennyson and Shakespeare are my favorite authors. I like to read standard literature. I have thought several times I would do more for our page, but my studies and music keep me employed almost all the time. I have very little time for recreation. I am delighted at the idea of the Child Conference. We will have an opportunity to meet club members there. I think our page constantly grows better. I predict it will in the near future possess some famous artists and authors. Thelma has been very sick, but am glad to say she is now convalescent. She takes a great interest in our page. My drawings are not good this week. I cannot draw well on this paper, but haven't any other at present. I wish the club and its editor much success, and am your enthusiastic member, HELEN A. TIGNOR.
Route No. 2, Ashland, Va.

Conference Contributions.

Dear Editor,—I am sending two drawings, and if you think either of them fit for the Child Conference keep it for the conference. Can our drawings be printed and be at the Child Conference too? I would like very much to know. Excuse brevity. I am yours, with best wishes for all,
BLANCHE ANTHONY.
Route 4, Box 20, Ashland, Va.

She Has Been Real Busy.

Dear Editor,—I am sending a story for the Child Conference. If it does not do for that I hope to see it in the paper. I want to send some drawings too. I reckon you have forgotten me. It has been so long since I wrote to you. I have been real busy though.
VIRGINIA VALENTINE WALKER.
Somerset, Va.

KIND DEEDS PAY.

One day there were three boys bathing in the James River. They had not been in long before the smallest boy gave a loud scream. The largest boy, looking around, saw that he had gone too far out into the water, and was now drowning.

As quick as he could he swam to the drowning boy, reaching him just as he went down for the second time. After a hard struggle he reached the shore, and in a short time the boy recovered. The smallest boy did not know how to thank the other for saving his life. A long time after this, when the largest boy had been married he had two children. One day one of them, who was sixteen years of age, ran away from home.

In two months after running away from home, and having many hardships, he finally reached Florida. He had not been there long before he was taken very sick. He had no friends or money, so he had to sleep out in the street.

One morning when he awoke he was so sick that he couldn't get up. He lay upon the ground helpless. A man who was coming along, going to work found him. He asked him several questions, and found out that he was the son of the man who had saved his life many years before.

Finding this out he at once had him taken to a hospital. The doctor said that he had the fever, and that he would be sick a long time. After a month the boy got well, and then the man gave him money to return home. The boy was very much surprised, and so he asked the man why he had been so kind to him. It was then that the gentleman told him that his father had saved his life when a boy in Virginia. (Original.)
HELENA WYATT.
3203 Monument Avenue, City.

"THE RULE OF THREE"

Three things to govern—
Three things to love—
Three things to fear—
Three things to delight in—
Three things to wish for—
Three things to avoid—
Sent by
CELIA WHITEHURST.
Tucker, Va.

GIRLS' PAGE

Editorial and Literary Department

Work Sent in to Conference Committee

Dear Boys and Girls:

The boards to which your exhibit of work has been affixed have been sent to the committee, and the exhibit at the Child Conference will be opened to-morrow in Mechanics' Institute. I have arranged your headings, drawings, letters, stories and puzzlise so as to make the best possible showing, and I am asking all of you who go as visitors to the conference and inspect club work to indicate that member of the club considered by you to have done the best work along any line to which your attention has been attracted.

I hope that all of you who can possibly do so will visit the exhibit with your friends, and thereby show your interest, not only in your personal effort and that of your comrades, but in work that is being done for children everywhere, to educate them better, to make them happier and of more service to others and to the world.

I do hope I shall meet many club members at the exhibit.

YOUR EDITOR.

WEEK'S PRIZE WINNERS.

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Miss Lena N. Faris, Farmville, Va.
Richard D. Gilliam, Jr., 18 East Fillmore Street, Petersburg, Va.

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	Woody, Zalia C.

AN OLD-TIME SCHOOL.

About a hundred years ago there lived an old schoolmaster named Thomas Peters. The boys called him "Old Peters." He taught school for six months in the year and hunted and fished the rest of the year. The house in which he taught was built of logs. It had one door and two windows. The floor was made of split logs and had large cracks in it. Between the logs of which the house was built was clay and sticks to keep out the cold, and in warm weather the boys would push the clay out to get fresh air.

There was little furniture in the rooms. The teacher's table, which stood in one corner, benches without backs placed here and there for the pupils. The younger children had to do without desks.

One day "Old Peters" came into school with a frown on his face. The boys and girls began to feel uneasy, and kept watching the bundle of switches in the corner.

"Get you spelling lesson," said the master, and every child began studying his lesson aloud. When one boy had finished he moved back and forth with the rest, but instead of pronouncing the words, he was saying, "Old Peters, Old Pete, Old Peters, Old Pete."

The end of the lesson was soon reached, and the class stopped, and before this pupil could stop himself he was still saying "Old Pete." All the children laughed, and "Old Peters" called the boy to his desk. He gave him a crack across the head with the switches, and made him stand in the corner on a stool and put a dunce cap on his head. One of the children held his books to catch the tears.

And this is the way "Old Pete" taught school long ago.

Written by LOUISE BROADDUS.
R. F. D. No. 1, Box No. 69, Highland Springs, Va.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

To Sir Walter Raleigh is due the credit of having aroused the English to the necessity of making settlements in America.

One day when Raleigh was walking in Queen Elizabeth's garden he came to a place where the rain had made it muddy. He at once spread his beautiful new plush coat over the mud, upon which the Queen trod without spoiling her dainty slippers.

I think Raleigh was a good man, and should not have been killed, because they could not prove he was guilty of plotting with the Spaniards to drive King James from the throne.

GAY B. LEWIS.
Hanover Courthouse, Va.

THE INFANT MUSICIAN.

When he was five years old, Wolfgang could play almost any piece after hearing it once played. When he was six years old his father took him and Anna Maria to Vienna, and there Wolfgang played the organ in the Church of the Franciscans, and played it so beautifully that the Franciscan fathers gathered around and listened with the utmost astonishment.

The little musician and his sister were now famous. Wolfgang played before the Emperor and the Empress, who were much delighted. "Tell me, my little man," said the Empress, taking the boy in her lap, "how did you learn all this?" "All from my dear papa," he said.

The father visited some of the principal cities of Germany with his children, and everywhere little Wolfgang excited great astonishment by his musical performances. At last he was stricken down by an attack of scarlet fever, from which it was long before he fully recovered.

The Mozarts went to Paris, and there before he was eight years old, he published two works. Then the family went to England, and in 1768 returned to Salzburg.

I cannot tell you of all the great musical works which Mozart composed. The most famous was an opera, called "Don Juan, or Don Giovanni." He was very industrious. He was thirty-six years old when he died. His fame as a musician is still very great. (The end.)

HATTIE M. GEBHARDT.
Michaux, Va.

A STORY ABOUT GYP JONES.

Gyp Jones was a little fat dog, and just loved to pry into all bags, holes, baskets and pockets. He pretended he was in search of rats, but that was not so. He was in search of cakes, crackers and candies. All of these things Gyp loved as well as his master Jim did. He and Jim had often ate many cakes and candies together.

Well, one day Gyp was all alone in the house, excepting that he had the company of Growler, the mastiff, and he thought it would be a good time to go around and smell of all the bags and baskets and closets.

Now, Jim and his father and mother had gone away in a hurry to catch the excursion train, and they had left many doors open, and so, as Gyp thought, it was really a good time to see what there was in the house that he would like to eat.

He first went into the pantry, but all the cupboard doors were shut, and the box covers were on even and tight. So he skipped up the stairs, and Growler came behind. It was a good thing for Gyp that Growler did follow, as you will see; for what did Gyp do in the very first closet they entered? He poked his nose into his master's father's tall stiff boot, and then his head and then his body. What he expected to find I do not know. But crawl in there he did, and when he found there was nothing good to eat in the boot he tried to draw back, but he could not do it.

Well, how do you suppose he got out? Why, Growler first took hold of the little rogue with his teeth and shook him out. RYLAND BLAKEY.
305 West Grace Street, city.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born 1807 and died 1882. He lived at Cambhridge, Mass. Mr. Longfellow was a great poet, who loved children. He lived in the house that was General Washington's headquarters when he was fighting for his country.

There was a large open field in front of his home, running down to the Charles River.

Among the poems he wrote was one called "The Village Blacksmith," whose smithy stood under a great chestnut tree.

After many years the great tree blew down, and the school children of Cambridge had an armchair made of the wood, and was given Mr. Longfellow on his birthday.

He was so pleased that he wrote a poem about it, and whenever a child visited him he put him in this chair and gave him a copy of the poem.

RUTH CHANDLER.
548 West Washington Street, Petersburg, Va.

"THE BATTLE OF THE CRATER."

On the 30th of July in '64
The earth opened up with a mighty roar,
Sending horses, cannon and men
Up in the air, only to come down again.
There they laid on the ground,
While Yankees poured in from all around.
It seemed as if they'd take the town;
But from Petersburg Mahone came,
Winning for himself a glorious name,
And putting Grant's army to shame.
God bless Mahone and his men,
Who saved "Old Peterstown." Amen.

Composed by
RICHARD D. GILLIAM, JR.
15 E. Fillmore St., Petersburg, Va.

WHAT HAPPENED TO TOM.

Tom's father sent him to the mill and told him not to stay.

When he started from home the sun was shining, but when he started from the mill it was snowing. He got lost in the woods, but fortunately he had his faithful horse. He had heard his father say that if you left the horse to himself he could come home.

He whispered to his horse that they were lost. The horse immediately started for home, and soon got there. After the father heard the whole story you would know the horse was well rewarded.

(Original.)
HAZEL ANDREWS.

"THE STAR THAT WOULDN'T SHOOT."

Ever so many years ago, long, long, before either you or I were born, if one had looked up at the great round moon and then a little to the left, they would have seen in the clear, black sky a very tiny star. This little star was the moon's little baby, and after ever so many years this little star became king of stars.

LENA N. FARIS.
Farmville, Va.

Illustrating "The Star That Wouldn't Shoot."
By LENA N. FARIS, Farmville, Va.

DIANE AND DIANA COUNTISS.

Diane and Diana Countiss were little twin girls of six years. Diana was a beautiful dark-haired child, who deserved her name of "Tomboy Di" or "Tommy." Diane was fair, with red-gold hair and big blue eyes. She had a very haughty, dignified air and such imperious ways that every one who knew her called her Countess Diane instead of Diane Countiss.

One day harum-scarum "Tomboy Di" came down with a headache and sore throat, which ended in measles. Di could not remember where she had been to catch them, but the "Countess" said that they had played with the Willard baby, who had them. Diana was soon well, but Diane had stayed with her all the time. She had had the measles when she was a baby, and Mrs. Countiss thought there was no danger, so the two were allowed to be together.

A short while after Diana had recovered from the measles Diane, who, sewing by her mother's side, complained of her eyes. "They ache and burn," she said.

"You have been straining your eyes, Diane. You had better stop until the lights are lit."

"O, just let me finish this and then the whole thing will be done." So she sewed on until dark. All night she was feverish and the next day her eyes itched and burned so she could hardly stand it, and Mrs. Countiss sent for her doctor. Examining her with a few questions, he said:

"More measles, madam. You should have kept them apart. I'm afraid she'll have trouble with her eyes. You had better watch them."

Although they tried to keep it from her, Diane knew that her eyes were in danger. She cried so that the danger was increased, and every one thought the gentle little "Countess" would be blind. Everything was done, but it seemed to do no good. Mrs. Countiss was almost wild, but at last the good doctor made Diane see how every one was grieving about it, and that if she did her part all would be well. So the crying was stopped, and one bright day the hated bandage came off and soon every one knew that Countess Diane could see! That day was the happiest one Diane and her mother and Diana could remember in all their lives.

MARY ANDERSON GILLIAM.
200 South Jefferson Street, Petersburg, Va.

THE SOLDIER OF THE SHADOWS.

Miss Letitia looked around the south chamber of the boarding house in which she had decided to make er future home, with a critical eye and settled herself in a large rocker. Being a school teacher, she had looked at things with a critical eye so long it came natural to her. Her gaze took in at once the soft golden-brown tone of the room. Carpet, furniture and picture frames all matched one another. One picture particularly caught her eye—a life-size engraving of a young captain of infantry. His wavy dark hair fell across his forehead, and his handsome eyes met hers in a boyish gaze. "Well," exclaimed Miss Letitia, "I'd vow that was Les Warrick. I think it——," but here she broke off and a mist came before her eyes. I don't think old maids are proverbially hard-hearted. The big clock on the mantel slowly ticked the hours away, and still Miss Letitia sat thinking, thinking. Twilight deepened into night, and the open fire threw long shadows that danced along the wall, and at last he came, the soldier of the shadows. He did not say anything, only looked at her, but when she started toward him with a surprised cry, he moved away and vanished among the shadows.

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Was it the scent of roses long since dead, or was it merely a common impulse that caused Miss Letitia to stop at her own door on her way from the veranda to the dining room? She herself never knew, for she had no reason, but nevertheless she opened the door and looked in, and a cry of horror froze on her lips. There before her lay a snowy casket with the Stars and Stripes laid across it. Upon it and all around it were white roses, and the air was heavy with the perfume of the crushed flowers. And through the glass cover she saw the face of a young captain of infantry, the same in the engraving on the wall. Miss Letitia turned and fled. During the meal she did not say much, but when she started for her room, she asked: "Mrs. Bailey, who was the last occupant of the south chamber?" "Law!" exclaimed Mrs. Bailey, "it's been five years or more since any one occupied it, but I think ——. Yes, I'm sure, the last person in it was Captain Les Warrick, of the Twenty-third Infantry. He died there. You're not afraid, are you?" "Oh, no," replied Miss Letitia, and was soon at her own room. When she did not appear at the supper table, Mrs. Bailey was surprised, and an hour later found her knocking at the door of the south chamber. As no one replied she knocked again, and turning the handle walked in. Miss Letitia was seated before the fire with her gaze fixed upon the picture of the young infantryman, and when Mrs. Bailey called her she made no reply. She had passed into the land of shadows with her soldier-lover.

Composed by
HARRY CHADWICK.
Care Wm. Chadwick, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va.

THE BRAVE HERO.

Once upon a time I used to know a big dog named Rover. His master was a boy eight years old.

Now I will tell you a queer thing about this dog. He would eat candy, figs and apples. One day this little boy went out to fish in the river. The little boy fell into the river, and Rover jumped in after him and dragged him ashore. After that he was called a hero.

Composed by THOMAS COX.
911 W. Cumberland Street.

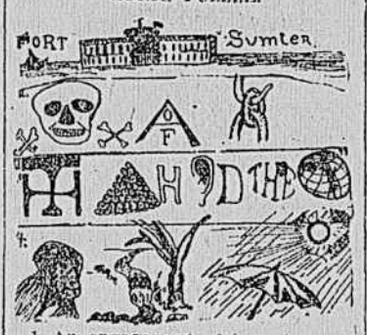
Puzzles.

My first is in bitter, but not in sweet.
My next is in butter, but not in meat.
My third is in eat, but not in drink;
My fourth is in daisy, but not in pink.
My fifth you will find in every mood.
My whole is an article used for food.

LOUISE L. WALKER.
Barboursville, Orange county, Va.

Puzzle Department

APRIL PUZZLE.



1. An engagement of importance. 2. One of the most deplorable events of American history. 3. A saying uttered in reference to a war that began in April. 4. Something that frequently occurs in April.

J. HOWARD DAVIS, JR.
1216 West Cary Street.

Puzzle Picture.

This picture represents the name of an old-fashioned flower. The name of the flower is——

NORINE FINK.
690 Roane Street, Petersburg, Va.

Beheadings.

1. Behead something that means to express joy and kindness, and leave a measure of distance (5,280 feet).
2. Behead to struggle for breath and leave a kind of snake.
3. Behead a machine for grinding and leave something that means sick.
4. Behead a boy's name (with four letters) and leave a color.
5. Behead a sweet flower and leave a writing fluid.
6. Behead to bubble with heat and leave something that people burns and it gives a good light.
7. Behead a fruit and leave something people work on.

GLADYS R. BARROW.
Barrow's Store, Va.

Answers to—
Charade: "Mistletoe."
Misplaced sovereigns: King of England, Emperor of Russia, Sultan of Turkey, Mikado of Japan, Shah of Persia, Khedive of Egypt, Bey of Tunis, Ameer of Afghanistan.
Hidden abbreviation of States: Massachusetts, Illinois, Mississippi, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, Maine.
Jumbled names of States: Arizona, Nevada, Virginia, Maine, Texas, Florida.
Charade: Norfolk.
Flowers' names in figures: Hyacinth, violet, daisy, tulip, chrysanthemum, pansy, poppy, sweetpea.

SAMUEL CONNER.
2001 Littlepage Street, Richmond.

Answers to—
Misplaced sovereigns, by Thomas W. Brown:
1. King of England.
2. Khedive of Egypt.
3. Ameer of Afghanistan.
4. Sultan of Turkey.
5. Bey of Tunis.
6. Mikado of Japan.
7. Shah of Persia.
8. Emperor of Russia.
Hidden abbreviations of States:
1. Massachusetts—Mass.
2. Vermont—Ver.
3. Mississippi—Miss.
4. Oregon—Ore.
5. Ohio—O.
6. Pennsylvania—Penn.
7. Washington—Wash.
8. Utah—U.
Jumbled names of States, by Latitia Shand:
1. Arizona.
2. Nevada.
3. Virginia.
4. Maine.
5. Texas.
6. Florida.
Charade, by Will Shands: Norfolk.
By Ryland Blakey:
1. Hyacinth.
2. Violet.
3. Daisy.
4. Tulip.
5. Chrysanthemum.
6. Pansy.
7. Poppy.
8. Sweetpea.

LOUISE L. WALKER.
Barboursville, Orange county, Va.

Answer to charade, by W. Shands: Norfolk. F. L. WINCKLER.

Answer to puzzle picture, by C. G. Elders: Turn the picture upside down and it is very easy to find the other smoker. LOUISE WINCKLER.

Answer to champagne at night: Turn the picture upside down and you will see very quickly the pain in the morning. F. LOUISE WINCKLER.

Answers to flower names in figures: 1. Hyacinth. 2. Violet. 3. Daisy. 4. Tulip. 5. Chrysanthemum. 6. Pansy. 7. Poppy. 8 Sweetpea

LOUISE WINCKLER.

JOHNNY MOUSE AND SUSIE RAT.

I.
Johnny Mouse and Susie Rat
Were very bad indeed;
To Mama Rat and Mama Mouse
They paid but little heed.

II.
They would not wear their rubbers
When they went out to play;
They would not go to bed at night;
They often ran away.

III.
They would not learn their lessons,
To school they would not go;
And well-behaved young rats and mice
They did not care to know.

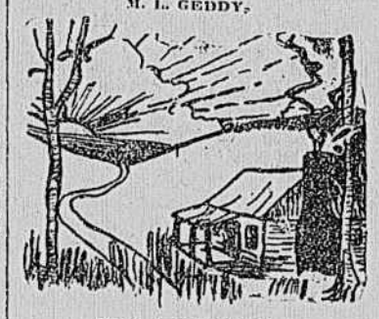
IV.
So Papa Rat and Papa Mouse,
To teach them to do right,
They spanked them every morning,
And spanked them every night.

V.
In spite of all these spankings,
The naughty things grew fat.
"They'd make a toothsome dinner,"
Said Granny Tabby Cat.

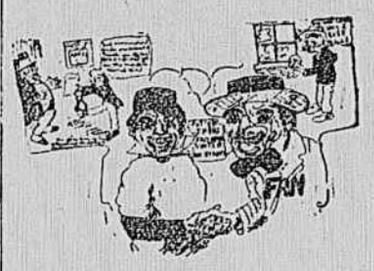
VI.
She hid behind the pantry door—
'Tis sad, I do declare;
But Susie Rat and Johnny Mouse
Have gone—can you guess where?

Selected by SUSIE C. FARISH.
317 W. Marshall St., Richmond, Va.

M. L. GEDDY.



FITZ S. BEVERLY.



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