

Correspondence Column

Dear Editor:—The enclosed booklet will explain itself. I have just received a bunch from the publisher, and thought I would send you one before they get all gone. I prepared the manuscript about a year ago, but for some reason the publisher has been unable to get the publication out of this. There is not much to it, but I believe that there is sufficient information within the covers to start a booklet in Philadelphia in "the way he should go." I am the T. D. C. C. page every Sunday, and occasionally see the work of some member that I know through either correspondence or recognition resulting from a number of the work, I regret that I am unable to use my pen as I was wont. With kind personal regards and wishing the club all possible success, I remain one of your oldest members, J. LEO ANDREWS, The News, Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Editor:—I am sending the second part of Thomas Parson's "Column," and I do hope it gets in all right. I had to send it in three parts it was so long. I thought Hamilton White's story was fine. Harry Phillips, I think I know the address. Our puzzle—President Lincoln. I had just a round time Halloween playing games and different things. I threw the book at some over my head and it made a distinct "click," but there I am letting out Halloween secrets. Dear Editor, your letters were read and duly appreciated by an "old" member. I am never disappointed when my work does not appear, I know there was no room, then all must share alike and have a little in at a time; that's my way of looking at it, and I'm sure it's the other members, too. I surely would have liked to have seen the picture at the fair; I know they were grand, I have been told sick, had nervous crises, and my writing is "here," which I hope you will excuse. Your old member, WILLIE C. CHADWICK, Halifax Street, Petersburg, Va.

Dear Editor:—I thank you very much for the badge I sent to Buffalo Bill's circus last night. It certainly was good. I saw Japanese, American soldiers, cowboys, Russian, cowboy girls, Arab, Chinese and Indians I saw the man who represented Buffalo Bill. I would like to get some from some of the members. I certainly do think the Chadwick's are marvelous. There were some very good stories in last Sunday's paper. I was glad to see my story in print. I include a story called "The Difficulties and Success." It is original. I hope it will appear in the paper. Your member, EVELYN E. DYKE, 2512 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Dear Editor:—Please forgive me for not writing sooner, but I have been so busy that I have had very little time to work on my page. I still read it every Sunday. There were some fine illustrated stories in last Sunday's paper. Enclosed you will find a picture drawn by myself, which I earnestly hope you will put in the paper Sunday. Please excuse this writing, and an hoping to send more work to the paper in the future. I remain, yours respectfully, J. HOWARD DAVIS, JR., Box 205, Buena Vista, Va.

Dear Editor:—You must think that I have been in the club for a long time, but I haven't written to you since June. I have read the T. D. C. C. page every Sunday. I spent most of the summer in Richmond, and school started since then. I have not had time to write to you, so I have not found time to write. Walter has been sick, and had to stay at home most of the week. We have had very roses and chrysanthemums, but the frost killed them all. I am sending the answers to your puzzle. I hope they are right. I will close for this time and try to write again soon if I have time. Your little member, NORMA RISQUE, Buena Vista, Va.

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to see my letter and drawing in print. I am going to school every day, we have a basketball club, and we have a very nice time playing basketball. I have just finished J. Hamilton White's delightful story, and I am sure that he was born an author. I am trying to answer your November puzzle, but I do not know whether it is correct. I certainly would like to know some of the club members, and our editor, too. I would certainly like to win a medal and am going to try. I have had a very good ride yesterday, which I enjoyed very much. Well, I will say good-by, as I have to study my Latin. Your member, POLLY BERRY, Green Bay, Va.

Dear Editor:—I have written in the club paper before, but have never received a line or any acknowledgment. I will, if you please, print the rules again, as I have forgotten them. I am twelve years old and go to the public school. I have a nice teacher this year. I live in the country about one and one-half miles from town. I hope all the children of the T. D. C. C. had a nice Halloween. Must close now with love for both you and the club members. Vicks Branch, Va. MARGARET PROCTOR, 214 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Dear Editor:—I read a lot about the T. D. C. C. and would like to join it. Will you please send me a membership badge? Your new friend, PENelope WEDDELL ANDERSON, Rio Vista, Va.

Dear Editor:—This week I am reading a sketch of the church across from my home. I hope you will think it good enough to print. We took a long walk up the beach yesterday, and had a fine time. We took twelve pictures and while we were coming back we saw the sun set over the James River. It was a beautiful sight. Yours truly, EVELYN E. DYKE, 2512 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Dear Editor:—I intended to write to you before, but have been unable to find time. I have been at the beach for the last few days and in bed, but I have been up and about today and I thought I ought to write to you, thanking you for the prize which you sent me, and I received about a week ago. I hope you I am delighted with it. I will be a long while before I see it, and I will be glad to see it again. I am pleased to see by the children's page that the State Fair exhibit did so well, and I hope you will be a thing for them going all over the state, wishing you and the club success. I remain your club member, WILLIAM LORD, 121 Prince Edward Street, Fredericksburg, Va.

Dear Editor:—I am sending answers to your puzzles today. We had an Indian and I was in it when there were two other boys. The "Obscene Family" and the "Man and the Maid." I certainly did have a good time. I hope you enjoyed it. I was sorry not to see anything from the Chadwick girls today. Emma Chadwick certainly draws beautifully. Will close now. Your devoted member, BARBARA W. LEWIS, Hanover, Va.

Dear Editor:—I became a story, which I hope you will be able to publish. I have been taking much interest in the children's page and I am now reading something in your paper. I am sure it will remain with you. My dear mother, ANNIE GILLIAM, 217 William Street, Petersburg, Va.

Dear Editor:—I was so glad to see my letter in today's paper. I have been writing a thing except animals, I do not know what to write. MARGUERITE BROADRUP, Lorraine, Va.

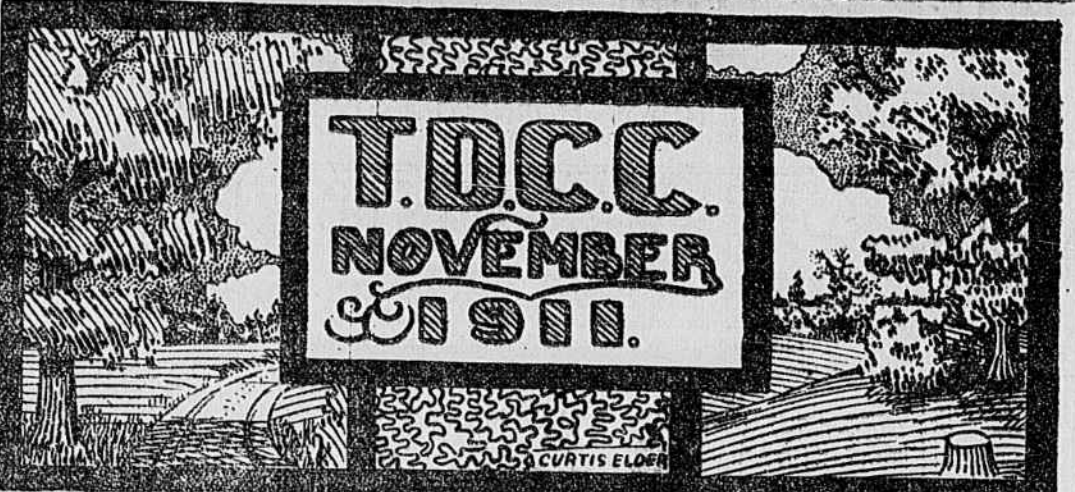
Dear Editor:—I have been in this club for about a year. I like it very much. I enjoyed my holiday very much. I put on my pretty coat and my jacket and his cap. I had a fine time, and I hope you enjoyed it, too. It was 10 o'clock when I got to bed, but I usually go to bed at nine. I will not write any more of my new members, EVA ROSENBERG, 408 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

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Editorial And Literary Department

Do Not Write Stories or Letters on Both Sides of Paper.

Dear Boys and Girls: I am going to give you every inch of available space, and so I am merely saying to you howdy do, good-by, and telling you that if any of you send a story or letter written on both sides of the paper it cannot be published. So don't expect to see it in print. This from YOUR EDITOR.

PRIZE WINNERS OF THE WEEK. Miss Evelyn Dyke, 2812 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va. Harry Glass, 220 North Seventeenth Street, city. Bruce Wilkins, Lawrenceville, Va.

THE WEEK'S CONTRIBUTORS. Andrews, Joseph L. Hattorf, Alvin Anderson, P. W. Lord, William C. Lewis, Barbara W. Berry, Polly Brogdrup, M. Naylor, Dorothy Childress, Marie Cox, Thonus Chadwick, Harry Cooper, W. E. Cooper, Rebecca Davis, J. H. Jr. Drake, Evelyn E. Elder, Curtis G. Eicklin, J. B. Gilliam, M. R. Gilliam, Anne Glass, Harry Hawkins, Edward Hancock, Aletha Whyte, I. H. Jr.

HOW FRED TAUGHT SCHOOL.

Fred Alston had attended college scarcely a year, when he was suddenly called home, for his father had fallen in business. His own desire had been to complete his college education, and although his father had financially failed, he was determined to execute his wise desire. He lived in Centerville, a large manufacturing town; and on its outskirts were many small villages. He had heard that a teacher was wanted in Stone Hollow, one of these little villages, and being declared competent to teach he applied for the position. The president acknowledged the young man's ability, and then remarked: "I am afraid, Mr. Alston, that the school will scarcely suit you. You are probably used to a different set of boys than those of Stone Hollow. The last teacher left on account of their rudeness."

"How long has the school been vacant?" Fred asked. "Nearly two months," was the reply. "I will keep it open," Fred determined. "When shall you want me to begin?" "Why, just as soon as possible," the president replied, and he proceeded in giving Fred directions how he could reach the school. In order to have the school opened, Alston received these directions. Fred set out to find the place, and arrived in the neighborhood of the school in half an hour. He found the snow lying thick upon the ground, no attempt being made to clean the streets, the houses were low and dirty, and Fred himself was invited to a noisy apartment in the neighborhood. It was not long before a party of five or six rough looking boys who were standing on the corner caught sight of him. "Oh, I say, John, look at the dude," remarked one. "Ain't he a daisy, Wilt? I wonder where he came from?" another joined in. "Say, Jim, let's snowball him!"

THE LITTLE RUNAWAYS.

"I wish mamma would turn and detain me, but she says she has no time," sobbed Bertie Gordon, a little girl of four. "Let's run away. I don't like the way they treat you. Mamma said for me to take care of you and so I shall," with flashing eyes. "Yes, let's do it, she agreed." "Let me out of your curls and then your auntie won't know you, she'll think you're Nelson and Betty Denton." Cyril went off the long curls, and together they hurried out of the door. They ran under the cover of bushes, and then out of sight of the house, and then as it grew darker they ventured out to the road. After walking about a half a mile, Bertie said, "Cyril, I'm tired and cold. Take me home." "No, we won't go back. They will whip us and send us to bed. Come let us walk faster. I see a light. Let us run. That will keep an warm." They ran until they reached the light, which proved to be a cottage. A covered cart stood before the

lunch he had brought with him.

When he awoke, he found that he had slept longer than he should, and making his preparations, he started on his way. He had ridden for an hour, perhaps, when he noticed that Fido was no longer trotting at his side. Drawing rein, he looked back of his shoulder, and saw the familiar little figure come tearing out of the woods. But what could have happened to the dog? He came circling round and round the horse, barking and yelping with excitement. Could the heat have driven Fido mad? Again and again he attempted to start, again and again Fido snapped at the horse, seeming to grow more excited and vicious, he started on. At last, feeling sure that the dog must be mad, and fearing that his valuable horse would be bitten, Mr. Barnes regretfully drew a small revolver and fired. Fido gave one cry and ran back again into the woods. Mr. Barnes rode on for a mile, sadly enough, when he happened to touch his horse's side. He uttered an exclamation of dismay. The saddlebags were gone! Oh, he saw it all now. He had left them at his resting place, and Fido's faithful friend had been trying to tell him. Turning his horse, he dashed back into the woods. There, sure enough, lay the saddlebags, all untouched. And there, his little, cold nose resting upon them, lay faithful Fido—dead.

Green Bay, Va. POLLY BERRY.

"AN OLD FASHION HOUSE."

There is an old fashioned house ten or twelve miles from Jarrets that has been there for about 200 years. Mr. Bailey owned it for some time, but he sold it to Mr. Hale. Mr. Hale has owned it for some time. It is a seven-story house. Up in the top story is a small room where the slaves were put when they disobeyed their master. Up in the top of one of the rooms in the third story is a large bell the masters used to ring when they wanted the slaves. The yard is about two acres of land, with three trees in the front and back yard. Out in the front yard stands a large tree, a wheel is lying on the ground. In the summer the children have lots of fun cutting and eating watermelons. The old wheel has been lying under the tree for many years. I like to go out there in the summer and spend my vacation with my cousin.

MY TRIP TO VIRGINIA BEACH AND CAPE HENRY.

It has been my pleasure to spend a week of my vacation at the seashore. We left Richmond by the C. & O. at 9 o'clock A. M. and reached the Arlington Hotel, Virginia Beach, at 2 P. M. Each day after eating dinner and resting a while, we went bathing, which we all enjoyed so much. I wish our editor could have been with us, for I am sure she would have also enjoyed the fine sea breezes and the salt water. Sunday my father came down and spent the day with us. We ran up the beach walk way to meet him, and such a happy time we had together, that I was so sorry when we left for Richmond. On Wednesday during our stay at the beach we went to Cape Henry to see the lighthouse and other points of interest. The superintendent of the lighthouse was very kind to us. He took us through and explained it all to us. This lighthouse is 157 feet high, can be seen at sea for eighteen miles, and is one of the finest on the Atlantic coast. The lens alone cost \$15,000, and it took two years to build it. The view from the very top is simply grand. You can see where the steamer go up the bay to Baltimore and through Hampton Roads to Old Point and Newport News. Our party returned to Virginia Beach, after spending a most interesting morning. I shall always remember my visit with pleasure and with many thanks to the superintendent. I could write more, but am afraid my story will be too long, so will end. JEAN FRANCES CRAIG, (Seven years old), 507 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va.

CUPID—EROS.

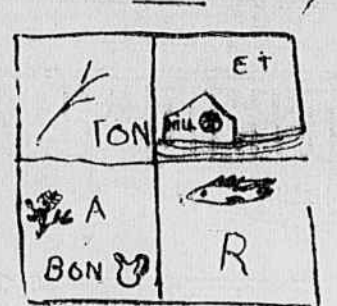
Cupid, the god of love, was the son of Venus. He was her constant companion, and, armed with a bow and arrows, he shot the darts of desire into the bosoms of both gods and men. This god was usually represented as a plump, rosy-cheeked boy, with light curls hanging on his shoulders. The god of love did not escape the influence of the passion with which it was his office to inspire. Enamored of a beautiful maid called Psyche, he sent a zephyr to convey her to a splendid home, where he became her husband, but never let her behold his form. Her sisters, who were jealous of her happiness, persuading her that he must be some odious monster, the imprudent Psyche took a lamp to gaze upon him as he slept. She let a drop of oil fall upon him. The god awoke, and flew away, leaving her in despair. After undergoing a long persecution from Venus, who had also imprisoned Cupid, Psyche was found by her lover, who had made his escape. He interested Juno in her favor, and Venus is at length prevailed on to lay aside her resentment. The marriage of Cupid and Psyche is celebrated in the palace of Jupiter, and Psyche bears a son who is named Pleasure. FLORENCE KUPER, Lorraine, Va.

A FAITHFUL FRIEND.

Mr. Barnes had a faithful dog, of whom he was very fond, whose name was Fido. He was a small fellow, with shining black eyes, and he generally accompanied his master wherever he went. One day Mr. Barnes, who lived in the one country home, was going through the woods to take some valuable notes and papers over to the bank in the town, twenty miles away. Fido was to go along, of course, and as he put the saddle bags, with their valuable notes and papers, on the fine gray horse, Mr. Barnes said to Fido, "We must look after those carefully, Fido. Do you understand?" And Fido wagged his tail as if to say, "Of course, I do." It was a fine, clear summer day, but the sun was hot, and, traveling slowly, they were still some miles from town when dinner time came. Mr. Barnes tied his horse, and sitting down in the shade of a large tree, at the

Puzzle Department

GREAT ARTISTS.



MARGUERITE BROADRUP, MARGUERITE BROADRUP, Lorraine, Va.

PRIZE ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.

(By Harry E. Chadwick.) Its Name and Meaning. Upon my breast a jewel gleams, A golden emblem, pure and fine; To tell its name and what it means, And make the Jewels' symbol thine. Answer: Topaz. Fidelity.

Samson's Puzzle. "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness," Judges xlv:14. Answer: When Samson was going to Timnath he killed a young lion, but said nothing about it. On his way back he found a swarm of bees and honey in the lion, and he ate the honey, giving some to his mother and father, but did not tell them where he got it. At his wedding feast he put forth a riddle to the Philistines, saying: "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth honey." If they gave him the answer in seven days he would give them thirty sheets and thirty changes of garment; but if not they would give the same to him. For three days they could not find the answer, and on the seventh day they instructed Samson's wife (who was a Philistine also) to ask him for it. This she did and when he gave it to her, in return, gave it to them. This was the Philistine's riddle, and enabled Samson's wife to answer Samson's riddle. The eater and the strong referred to were the lion. The sweetness was the honey which was left in the lion by the bee.

"She looked down to blush, And she looked up to sigh, With a smile on her lips, And a tear in her eye." Answered by Harry Chadwick, care William Chadwick, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va.

Its Name and Meaning? Upon my breast a jewel gleams, A golden emblem pure and fine; Go tell its name and what it means, And make the Jewels' symbol thine. Answer: Topaz. Its meaning is fidelity. NORMA RISQUE, Buena Vista, Va.

"Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." Answer: "The eater and the strong" referred to by Samson was a young lion which he killed in the vineyards of Timnath. The sweetness was the honey Samson found in the carcass of the lion when he was going to get his wife. It was put there by a swarm of bees. NORMA RISQUE, Buena Vista, Va.

Answer of puzzle from Bible, by editor: "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." The eater and the strong was a lion that Samson killed on his way to Timnath. The sweetness was some honey in the carcass of the lion, and the bees had put it there while he was at Timnath. Answered by MARGARET PROCTOR, Drake Branch, Va.

Answer to "Jewel puzzle": Topaz. "Fidelity and friendship." Answer to "Samson's Riddle": Samson was the eater, and the lion was the strong. Samson killed a lion with his hands and left it. Some time after, he went back and found that the bees had made a hive in the carcass and filled it with honey.

Answer to "Ballad" question: Lockinvar. BARBARA W. LEWIS, Aged twelve years. Answer to Samson's Puzzle. 1. The eater and the strong was a lion. 2. The sweetness was honey. 3. A swarm of bees had gone in the carcass of the lion and made honey. Your member, LANDON PERDUE, Chester, Va.

From What Ballad? From what ballad are the following lines taken? "She looked down to blush, And she looked up to sigh, With a smile on her lips, And a tear in her eye?" THE EDITOR.

The above are lines four and five in the fifth stanza of Sir Walter Scott's poem, "Young Lochinvar." MASTER EDWARD HAWKINS, V. S. D. B. Stanton, Va.

What Did Befall Him? You did so well with your first Bible puzzle that I am giving you a second, contained in the following directions sent by a Boston clergyman to his mother, when he desired to inform her of a domestic event of importance. He said: "From sweet Isaiah's sacred song, ninth chapter and verse six, First thirteen words please take, and then the following affix; From Genesis, the thirty-fifth, verse seventeen, no more, Then add verse twenty-six out of Kings, Book Second, chapter four. The last two verses, chapter first, First Book of Samuel, And you will learn, what on that day, your loving son befell." Now exercise your ingenuity and reproduce quotation by directions. The first correct answer received will win the prize. You will note that to-day's honors go to Harry Chadwick.



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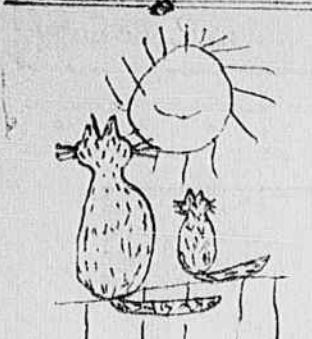
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