Charles Kauboodle Kiowa writes to his cousin Laura.

Dear Cousin:—I was received your most improved letter I was very glad to hear you. Now I must tell you, that you expecting to know about me, that you say are you sick? I was sick once when I was stayed there in hospital and afterward when I was quite well and I went down to black-smith shop and I was meet you with Miss Hyde and that you told me are you lazy do not work. I was felt ashamed of myself, because I guess think of me that is the way on that day. I was not able to work. At the next day I was able to work again and just same as well before.

Now I am sure I can do most every things part of wagon. I think I am learning very rapidly because I learn hard with all our might. I have made put in 12 wheels last month they are very nice done indeed. I had a letter from my mother and she wants me come home soon and I think of my poor mother made me felt bad, because I guess nobody care takes of her things. I wrote to her. I want to learn something here and know perfectly well that is what I came here for. I thought when I know how to work in black smith shop and may be able to work at our Agency and make money of it and so my mother may not get poor, that is my idea, that is the reason I don’t want to be lazy of myself either I don’t want to be ashamed, because I was orphan boy indeed. And I want to be industrious of myself as well the whites because that is the good for me. I don’t want to sat down and do nothing. I was very sorry to hear —— and —— I hope you would show them this letter. Why you are two girls not study hard as well Laura did. I was felt badly when I heard that you of two girls don’t care for your own business. What you come here for? I thought of you both were came here to learn about your books and I heard it was not so.

Did you both are feel ashamed of yourself, because you have been school most 8 years, now and yet not learn to read either writing too. I think Laura pretty smart indeed and I want both of you try to be same way. Also you must be kind to each other. I heard that both of you anger with Laura some time, you must not do that, because that is the not right I hope you be sure and to do. Don’t both of you remember what your own father told you so do don’t disobey own father. I am glad that Laura remember of her father’s words that is the way I do. That is all.

From your cousin.

Charles Kauboodle.

The Desert.

Desert is covered with sand and rocks and is nothing grows there because is no rain there and is very dry country and very hot and no trees no grass there and I think must so poor country and must stop I got sor figer I write. Jessa Bent.
PEACE.

We should all make peace both the white and the red man, when there is no more war of course we will not have any trouble, but when war is going on in some nations, every thing goes crooked. Peace makes people happy, cheerful and industrious and it makes every thing go straight.

The people of the United States should treat the ignorant Indian kindly. Our ignorant people are ready to make peace with the white people. They think peace is better than fighting. We are glad that war with most of the Indians is all gone if there was war yet, we think that by this time the Indians would hardly be many of them, but now peace is made with most of the tribes and we are glad that there is no more war. Every thing is quiet and every body is happy in this country because peace is made.

"I am specially glad to know that our Government is doing for them (the Indians) more that it formerly did and I trust it will do much more in the future. But after all their future is chiefly in their own hands. All that can be done for them is to help them to help themselves. This much is due to them and to common justice."

This above was taken from an interesting letter written to us by one of our Toledo subscribers and we think that man is trying to help the Indians along. The Indians must help themselves, the lazy ones too. It is not right to give food to the lazy ones all the time and they not do anything. Make them to help themselves.

—In one of the school rooms here a teacher told her class that plump means fat. She told them to write some thing about it and bring in the word plump. So one little girl writes, "I saw a little girl in the dining room eating plump."

—In one kitchen here three rats were caught by a trap. A little Nez Perce girl was in there so she took the rats and wrapped them in a cloth and played with them as her babies. She put them in a little bed on the ground three in a row, and covered them up.

—Robert American Horse's talk in the chapel at Sunday evening prayer meeting was about content. He told the children to be contented here be happy, for at home our people are so poor, they have no houses, no good beds to sleep on, but here every thing is good and you ought to be happy, and be contented.

—We have tried all we could and have studied so hard all the winter through to get our lessons well. Now the summer is coming that we may rest for a while. We are going to have our picnic on Friday at the same place where we went last summer at Pine Grove. We shall all have a nice time when Friday comes, we shall have a nice ride in the cars too.

—Boys, more about birds, Capt. Pratt and Mr. Standing have told us many times not to throw stones at them, but instead of that some of the boys are shooting them. You all recollect, I suppose, what Mr. Standing said in the chapel the other evening, that the birds were useful. They sing so sweetly for us every day and not only sing sweetly but do some other things that are useful. Boys please remember this not to throw stones at the birds.
About our School.

—We shall have a nice time when vacation comes.

—Quite a number of the boys were sick but now they are getting well.

—Who can make this sentence right "Teacher excuse me, I got a cold, I can write."

—Some of the boys are very anxious to go in the country and work on a farm for a little while.

—A company of little girls were marching and were keeping step with the country organ a few evenings ago.

—Agent Crissey from Dakota visited our school some time ago. The Sisseton children were very glad to see him.

—The carpenters are fixing up the roofs of the shops and gymnasium, they have been working at it for several days.

—Two of our boys, Miles, a Cheyenne and Carl, a Kiowa both went to farming near Philadelphia. We hope they like it there.

—We are glad to hear that one little girl said "The Sioux boys don’t talk Sioux any more at the table in the dining room. They talk English."

—Mrs. Russell Sage, who gave the students the hymn books visited our school on the 29th of May. She spoke in the chapel to us very nicely.

—One boy writes in his home letter that he is well. He has learned a few big words so this is what he said. "I am distinctly, splendid, best well always.

—Mr. Curtin and several of the boys are painting the boys’ quarters, and some of the boys have taken the gymnasium for their home till the quarters are finished.

—Peter Charko, writes to his friends out west. “Now please you tell my people not to think about me, I came here to this Carlisle school to learn, I want to stay here few years.”

—Here is one more crooked sentence, who can make it straight? "Some boys have sore eyes not many I guess these some boys the sore eyes will soon we have been not sore eyes."

—We have published this little paper one year now and we would like the people to take it for another year, if they like it. Please let us know if you want to take it for the next year.

—On the 30th of May some of the students at the Carlisle school took part in the parade in town. The sun was very hot when we were marching around the town and in the grave yards.

—Boys when your parents ask you to come home tell them that you want to stay here and that you wish to get a better education. Tell them that you have not enough knowledge in your head yet.

—Boys do any of you remember what that man said to us about saving our money? We must all do what he said. Save your money and not spend it for foolishness, buy some thing that is useful.

—M. A. Longstreth of Philadelphia sent us one dozen pairs of roller skates to this school. The children are enjoying the skates very much and have great sport with them. They fall down a good many times.
One of the Osage boys writes to his friend after the visit of the Duke of Southerland at our school.

**Dear Friend:**—I have something to tell you what I have seen. I saw some good men. The men I guess came from ocean. He come to visit us. I guess he like to see us, that man is very good man, his name Duke. Them men looking all school rooms, he look how they learn, they see some boys learn pretty good, did not come our room. Good bye, Joe CHETOPAH

Celia Pikard, Wichita, six years old, writes about a horse.

The horse is a very large animal. The horse can draw us in the wagon. The horse likes corn and hay and grass. The horse are very useful and good and kind to us. The horse can run faster than the dogs and cat and hens. It is very good to have it. It like wheat and corn. Men can ride on the horse back, it will run. The horse is good, better than the donkey. The horse are kind to us and we must be kind to them, men like horses.

Frank Cushing's description of his visit to a cave about a mile from this school. He is a Pueblo, and has been in school but nine months.

I saw a cow very large horns, and red cow very run fast, boys run and jump up the gate and boys swims. We have a good time to play and big rock hole very black and he get Mr. Newman, candle gives boys light go out big hole. I saw flower red and white and yellow every thing very large river. All boys swims and little boys swim and boys make arrows. Other big boys very quick swam way beyond river swim. Other little boys not come back way beyond river very good time play, and very good place.

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My dear friend:—I am going to write to you this morning very good school. All Indian boys play the arrow shooting up birds trees very nice sing yellow bird. Very beautiful rain down ground, green grass very nice. I very happy in Carlisle school very kind write letter me. Indian boy not much write letter, my hand write very nice to learn. John Shields, Pueblo at school nine months.

**CLOUD.**

By Gilbert, son of Iron Shell, Sioux.

The clouds make rain, grow green grass, grows leaves and tree, grow everythings. I think the cloud is very useful, but too, who they so wet they get ill. The clouds rain who wet get so sick. I am thinking the rain is bad but again very good because so grows everythings. The clouds are raining it cleans grass and leaves and cleans ground and cleans everythings but I don't want my feet wet because so I stay in my room, because so I never my feet wet dry my feet all the time, and the rain makes sickness but some boys wet feet because for it ill.

**DOGS.**

Indians like dogs very much. Because good to drive for and horses, and then I know some bears are afraid of the dog, and the dogs can run fast as he could because it has four feet, and it has a long round tail it has four legs. The dog has a head and two ears. The dog has two eyes and a nose and a mouth, so can eat them and can eat bread and meat. But I guess can not drink coffee and Indian's dogs can not eat fruit. I think white people's dogs can eat fruit. Soms dogs are very good for us, some dogs are Newfoundland dog, find some are shepherd dogs. The shepherd dogs can make watch horses and can watch sheep and ox.

**Luther Standing Bear.**