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A WEEKLY LETTER

FROM THE

Carlisle Indian Industrial School To Boys and Girls.

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WHEN I AM A BOY.

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If, when I'm a boy,  
I am lazy and shirk  
My work upon some one that's smaller,  
The chances are good  
I shall do the same thing  
When I have grown older and taller.

If, when I'm a boy,  
I am always behind,  
And never make any advances,  
When I am a man,  
Some one else, and not I,  
Will be sure to get all the best chances.

If I use, when a boy,  
Cigarettes and talk slang,  
Without either thinking or caring,  
You will probably find me,  
When I am a man,  
Chewing navy tobacco and swearing.

If, when I'm a boy,  
I drink cider and beer,  
And persist, against reason and warning,  
You may find me in rags,  
And as drunk as a sot,  
Fast asleep in the gutter some morning.

Now, that's not the kind  
Of a man I would make;  
The world has too many already;  
So I will begin,  
Right away, while a boy,  
To be temperate, honest and steady.

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"HORROR OF HORRORS!"

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Our interviewer had a little talk with Miss Anthony soon after her return from Indian Territory this week, and in reply to "How do you like the Indian camp?" she exclaimed in the words of the above heading.

"Did you ever see an Indian camp before?" was asked.

"Never. This is my first visit west. You know I went to take poor Fanny Shortneck home, who was very sick."

"Yes, I understand that is why you went," said the interviewer. "Has Fanny a comfortable home?"

"Oh, no, and it nearly broke my heart to find no hospital at the agency, and after every comfort here received to see Fanny obliged to go into a small tent to sit or lie on the ground as the rest of her people do."

"Did she seem to mind it?"

"She was brave about it and was glad to see her friends, who were very kind to her. They did all they could for her and when I went the next day I found her sitting up by a small fire in the centre of the little tent. She said she felt better, and that she was going to get well and go back to Carlisle."

"The filth, the squalor, the sore-eyed children and dogs tumbled together with meat and food of different descriptions, in the ordinary Indian tent are simply terrible. How \*can\* they live thus, and be content?"

"But have you not something brighter to tell us about your visit?"

"Yes, indeed," said Miss Anthony, laughing. "It is not my habit to tell the disagreeable things first, but you began by asking such questions. I visited the Arapaho and Cheyenne schools, of eighty and seventy pupils respectively. They are doing very good work, both of them, and are bright spots at the agency.

They say they have a great deal of trouble to keep the children at school. They would run away, but when they could keep them they learned fast, and this I saw for myself. The school-room recitations showed bright minds on the part of the pupils and good teaching on the part of the teachers.

'But we labor under many disadvantages,' said the superintendents, and several of the employees were emphatic in the request, 'DON'T send your boys and girls back. \*Don't sent them back here!\* It is a terrible place for them. There is nothing here for them to do and every influence in camp is evil.'

"What did you hear of the returned Carlisle boys and girls?"

"Most of the employees at the schools were new and did not know many of the returned pupils, and having but two days at the agency, I did not learn of many.

I saw Casper Edson.

He is disciplinarian at the Arapaho school and they told me he is doing well.

He seemed very glad to see me."

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The Indian Helper.

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paper from the Post Office, for fear a bill will be presented.

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--> S T I Y A ! <--

Stiya, a story of a Carlisle Indian girl at home, is now out. Fifty cents a copy.

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The child likes law and order when he gets used to it.

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The pictures alone in Stiya are worth the fifty cents.

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Stiya would be a most excellent book for returned pupils to read.

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Word comes from Indian Territory that Edgar McCassey is dead.

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Boys and girls who wish can buy the book "Stiya," from Miss Luckenbach.

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Howard Logan writes that he has gained ten pounds since he went home and feels comparatively well.

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G: "What is the matter with Moses' foot?"

Small Boy: "One big boy stepped on it and took the finger nail off."

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Every boy and girl in the school should own a copy of Stiya; read the story again! It is more interesting than before.

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"Civil, that means polite," said a teacher in answer to a question. "Civil war," said Frank, musingly. "Was that a \*polite\* war?"

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The Chiefs' photograph, showing seventeen of the most prominent of the Sioux tribe, is sold for thirty cents cash, or will be sent for fourteen subscribers.

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A large number of boys from the higher departments of our school are urging to go on farms the 1st of April but it is not considered best to break into their school period. They will have a chance later.

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Letters have been received from William Morgan since he arrived home in Indian Territory. He is feeling well and is living temporarily with Frank West. Susie Gray, one of our girls and George Howell, one of Haskell's boys and brother of our Rose, were married recently and are getting along well.

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Invitations exceedingly artistic and unique in style, hand-painted on Japanese paper and ensconced in dainty and beautifully decorated envelopes were received by the faculty and officers of the school for Saturday evening to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pratt on the second or paper anniversary of their wedding. The occasion was one of the most brilliant of the kind ever given by Mrs. Pratt, and there have been many memorable evenings before. Some of the guests on this occasion were in full dress. The costumes of all were brightened by the pretty bouquets given to each guest as he or she entered.

The rooms were trimmed with paper roses, lilies, pinks, etc., some of which were so natural that more than one person was seen to slyly touch a flower to become thoroughly satisfied it was really made of paper. The bride was dressed in delicate white costume of paper, trimmed in flowers, and looked very sweet. Misses Merritt and Moore wore becoming papercaps and aprons as they served coffee from a table laden with good things tastefully arranged on generous cloth of paper. After refreshments toasts were entered into by Mr. Standing, Mr. Mason Pratt and Captain Pratt. Music was listened to, chatting and a general social time experienced, then the company broke up having enjoyed a most delightful evening.

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Samuel Townsend seems to be having a hard siege in his college life, having been severely sick a number of times, and now has just recovered from an attack of Pleurisy. He goes at his studies, however, with as much determination as though he had not lost ten weeks. Townsend speaks in a recent letter of an Alaska Indian who has joined their college ranks. He says that conversation shows him to be a well informed man and capable in every way. He stands high with the professors. See? "The Indians are coming, Hurrah! Hurrah!"

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One of the boys went into the office to speak to Miss Ely. As he stepped up to her and saw she was reading a letter he immediately fell back so that he could not see over her shoulder. "That young man is a

natural born gentleman," said a person soon after he left, "or else," she continued "he has been studying Washington's rules of politeness, in which special mention is made of not looking over the shoulder of a person who is reading or writing."

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Josie Vetter, one of our girls who has been employed for several years at the Kickapoo Mission, Kansas, while east and in a family at Newville, joined a Missionary Society. She has kept p her dues ever since, and only recently sent three dollars to be applied in that way. We shall always remember Josie as one of the kindest and most helpful girls.

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At the Carlisle Indian school, is published monthly an eight-page quarto of standard size, called THE RED MAN, the mechanical part of which is done entirely by Indian boys. This paper is valuable as a summary of information on Indian matters, and contains writings by Indian pupils, and local incidents of the school. Terms: Fifty cents a year, in advance.

For 1, 2, and 3 subscribers for THE RED MAN we give the same premium in Standing Offer for the HELPER.

Address, THE RED MAN, Carlisle, PA.

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Spring begins tomorrow.

Sunday will be Palm Sunday.

The days and nights are now about equal.

Charlie Bird at Pine Ridge sends two subscribers.

Liberal Discounts will be made on orders of ten or more copies of "Stiya."

What are those little white things stuck up in the corners of the parade?

Philip Lavatta can sweep a dirty floor and make as little dust as any person we ever saw. That is science!

"Richard Davis and family" makes a most interesting picture. Will be given for five subscribers and a 1-cent stamp extra.

The story of Stiya is founded on fact. We use the name "Stiya" because it is pretty, not because it is the name of one of our nice little girls here now.

There is science in every kind of work we undertake. Let us find the true science of it and do the work the best way.

As he who digs deep with a spade comes to a spring of water, so the student who humbly serves his teacher attains the knowledge which lies deep in his teacher's mind.

A subscriber writes "Have moved from Easton. Hereafter send the HELPER to 3527 N. 17th St. Tioga, Pa., but signs no name. Our hands are tied.

Miss Luckenbach has charge of "Stiya." Address Miss Luckenbach, Indian School, Carlisle, Pa. Fifty cents, with seven cents extra for postage.

The game of chess playing by cable between parties in Russia and America, and published in the \*Phila. Press,\* is being carefully followed by Misses Ely, Botwsford and Wood.

Miss Luckenbach gave a pleasant little party to a few of her friends among the pupils. It was an "observation party" and there was much fun elicited from the various "observations" tried.

Mr.Stapler, of Newtown, one of our good patrons, visited the school this week and engaged George Baker as a farm hand for the year. George is to be foreman of his place, and will receive good wages.

Some of the nice things said about Sitya: "how pretty!" "The print is elegant." "The pictures are fine." "The story is most interesting."

Send fifty cents for the book, and seven cents extra to pay postage.

The clouds that sped over our heads on Saturday seemed direct from the Dakota blizzard and bent on making the tour around the world to Dakota again in as much haste as possible so as to get back we thought to make another blizzard. We prefer that they do not come this way next time.

The boilers at the laundry suddenly gave out and the machinery has had to go by a threshing machine engine brought up from the lower farm. Those whose rooms are in the dining-hall have been greatly inconvenienced by the lack of steam heat, but we have heard very little complaint. The boilers were repaired as soon as possible.

Exhibition tonight.

Mr. Forney has been quite sick.

The Standards are getting up a banquet.

The Invincibles are preparing for an entertainment.

The Y.M.C.A. are getting ready for some sort of a special meeting.

Miss Seabrook and Mark Evarts have gone to Emmitsburg for a few days.

Now all may have a chance to read the bitter experiences that girls going home are apt to meet. Read Stiya!

The Schubert Quartette favored the school with a little entertainment last Thursday. We get the very best there is going.

Plans are making ready for quite extensive building operations this Spring. The new barn will be the first to commence.

Only one answer to questions of last week about Indian scout. Are there not any in school who would like to answer the question? A pound of candy will be given for the best.

Malcolm Clarke has been obliged to have his toe amputated to the first joint. The Dr. thinks it will not make him lame, and Malcolm is bearing it with the patience and bravery of a hero.

Rev. E.P. Dunlap, Missionary from Siam, delivered and illustrated lecture at our school Tuesday evening. The talk and pictures were exceedingly interesting, giving and insight into the customs, peculiarities and growth of the Siamese, which years of reading could only disclose. Mr. Dunlap is enthusiastic over the good results of the work of the American missionaries in that far-off land.

The girls' debate last Friday night on the question, "That more pleasure can be derived from money than knowledge," was entered into with considerable spirit.

It is now proposed, by people of influence, too, to send the badly-behaved or incorrigible Indian boys and girls to houses of correction until they learn to behave instead of sending them home, from Training Schools.

The Man-on-the-band-stand was pleased to be invited to the "Rhetoricals" held during the first twenty minutes of each session in No. 10 school last Friday. The pupils do their own drilling for them. The written examinations of this room in Hygiene, Geography and spelling are finished and certainly are neatly done and as far as examined, correct. The writers are anxiously waiting to know if they have passed.

As the M.O.T.B.S. passed through school room No. 8, the pupils were having an interesting Grammar lesson, each member of the class illustrating by actions the use of the past tense, and then giving the several verbs in sentences. The pupils of the A.M. section have all passed in their examination papers in language. Some prettily drawn designs were on the teacher's desk. We hope to send out some day Indian architects and designers. Why not, when even the little folks in the normal room can put such neatly drawn figures into their drawing-books.

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Casper had much to say and asked many questions about his Carlisle friends.

Percy Kable was the first to meet me, and seemed delighted to see a Carlisle representative.

Percy has married Susie Vanhorn and works at the Cheyenne school, doing well. His wife attends school.

Ethel Blackwolf now goes to Chilocco.

I went to see Leonard Tyler who married Jennie Black - both Carlisle pupils. Jennie keeps her house in very neat order. Her floor is carpeted, her bed is covered with a neat calico spread and the chairs and boxes and wash-stands and tables are the pink of neatness.

'It is very hard, though, Miss Anthony,' said Jennie pipifully, 'to keep the floor clean, when so many camp Indians are coming in all the time, and they spit all over my floor.'

Leonard is clerking in the store and is as good example of thrift and industry and earnest Christian effort to do right, and is esteemed as a good reliable man.

Paul Boynton is working at the Agency.

Elva Medicine Water has gone back to camp.

Rosa Lewis and Lulu Blind are at the Mennonite Mission.

I saw Richard Davis' relatives and friends.

Mary North and Ada Bent wear Indian clothes. Julia Bent's father urges that we keep his daughter as long as we can I saw Harry Mann's father - a good man.

Moore Vanhorn has married one of the school girls and is doing very well. Is employed at the school, I think."

"Fannie, when bidding good-bye at the other end of the line said 'I will always remember how good you were to me,'"

"Then Indians \*have some gratitude,\* you think," said the interviewer sarcastically as a last remark of appreciation of the interesting news received for the readers of the HELPER.

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#### HOW ARE INDIAN CHILDREN NAMED?

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A subscriber writes the following inquiry:

"Would you please tell how Indian children are named? They have such funny names and I have heard that some person went to the door after a birth and the name of the first object seen was given to the child. Is this true or not?"

The above questions was given one of our Sioux girls to answer. She says:

"This may be the case with other tribes of Indians but with my people it is not.

This is the way with the Sioux:

When a child is born it is not immediately named, and when it is, it is named after an ancestor - a grandfather or grandmother or grand aunt or some other relative.

If not named as above it is named whatever the father or mother or uncle wants to name it.

It is mostly the father or uncle of the child who names it.

Whenever a great or good thing has been done or a brave act performed the child is named by the action, the name meaning whatever the deed has been done by the father or uncle, or grandfather.

And this is the \*time\* when they are named.

The sun dance is a well-known dance of our tribe.

The child is taken to the sun-dance and dressed very gay and fine in beads and red paint and highly trimmed moccasins, and oftentimes with a buckskin dress with beautiful designs made with beads of different colors.

Taken then by the parents the father of the child brings three or four ponies and rides around the camps. He prepares a feast for the people.

The feast consists of meat and bread and soup of some kind.

And then the child is taken by the old chief who talks awhile and tells the people the name of the child and why it has been given this name.

This is the way the Sioux name their children."

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Enigma.

I am made of ten letters:

My 4, 5, 6 is a place to keep lions and fierce animals.

My 9, 5, 10 is a short answer.

My 7, 8, 6 is a boy's name.

My 1, 2, 3, 4 is the name of a yellow precious metal.

My whole is the name of a popular weekly paper for boys and girls. -[Subscriber.

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: The robin.

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STANDING OFFER: - For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 17 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card 4 1/2 X 6 1/2 inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, Two PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after, or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents a piece.

The new combination picture showing all our buildings and band-stand, (boudoir) will also be given for TEN subscribers.

(Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For FIFTEEN, we offer a GROUP of the whole school on 9x14 inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

For FIFTEEN, the new combination picture 8x10 showing all our buildings.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please send 6 cents to pay postage.)

For TWO Subscribers and a One-cent stamp, we send the printed copy of the Apache contrast. For ONE Subscriber and a Two-cent stamp we will send the printed copy of Pueblo contrast.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once.

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