

Mc Gill College, Thurs. June 25<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Anna,

Please excuse the above blots as I was trying to find a good pen.

I have not much to say as usual, but will try to think of something

We, who were to get prizes, assembled at the High School at 9 this A.M. and after Mr. Howe had written out the lists of the money each was to have, the 1<sup>st</sup> & preparatory, went down to Dawson's, at about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to choose their prizes. When ~~the~~ our turn came, I went down with the rest of the fellows who were to get prizes in the 4<sup>th</sup> form, for I was first in Drilling and Gymnastics, & had \$1.50 for my share. I, after looking round for some time, selected a book called "The Siderial Heavens,"



by Dick, for exactly the ~~price~~  
price, and delivered it up to Mr.  
Rodger who was there to take  
charge of the prizes. Was n't  
it a pity, for me at least,  
Taylor got the Geometry prize,  
~~above me~~, by only 6 places  
above me; & even if I had gained  
2 more, I would have been 1<sup>st</sup>  
with him!

~~The~~ Miss Freer, who ~~was~~ got  
the medal at Mrs. Simpson's this  
year, got the ~~end~~ end of yours to  
be presented to her, because hers  
was not finished, or something.

Tell Eva that ~~I~~ I tidied  
out my cupboard and had  
a great many things to give to  
Ranbine and her. I gave the  
following things to Eva, all  
of which are in <sup>her</sup> right hand  
clothes ~~cupboard~~ cupboard, at the  
end of the ~~hall~~ lobby;  
Man & woman weather house.  
Improved Scale.

Birch Bark canoe.

Wood-yard scale (not steel-yard)

Ornamental paper basket.

Game of Heads & Tails.

Varnished clay boat one mast.

(The above will sail.)

Two purses. (one with a big hole in it.)

A written note-book.

A covers of a note-book.

Top.

Two magic pictures.

The splendid white-painted ship "Nina".

A penwiper.

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Latest riddle, not original.  
~~this riddle~~ The answer to this  
riddle may have almost any  
question to it. "Why is a safe  
like a hickory tree?" Ans. "Because  
there is a l, in both;" Both is  
spelt l-o-t-h, therefore there  
is a l, in both.

Papa got a fine double  
barreled gun, for George to  
take down to Tadousac.

Mama, George, & Rainine



are going down to Tadoussac  
on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. in  
the morning.

Papa + I are going to stay  
till the 14<sup>th</sup>!

Please excuse the spelling,  
blots, bad writing, &c. because  
this pen is so bad + I am such  
a bad writer + speller.

yours &c

W. B Dawson.

