



Snyder, Puff, Cuts and Bonnie.

horse. Ray has not written; I think I recognize him even by the few letters he has sent—he is a jolly good fellow. Eva Claiborne is strictly literary, I suppose—probably that and her "going somewhere" is why she is still at geography. Fred Swanson has raised a din about his ears. You will kiss the girls! If I were a boy, I'd "keep my peepers peeled" for a girl like Minnie Young. She is a good housekeeper.—[Pert, Indiana.

I am in high school and will graduate in two years. My favorite authors are A. J. Holmes, W. Clark Russell, H. W. Longfellow and Edgar A. Poe. I think Longfellow's Evangeline just fine. Poor little misguided Water Lily does not know that to be "fast" isn't anything to be proud of. The man who pretends to love you will betray you with a Judas kiss. He just likes you because you are fast. A very bright girl of our class in school was like you and boasted of being fast. She was expelled from school and the boys who pretended to care for her swore against her in her trial before the school board. [Little "Billie," Oregon.

Water Lily would not make love to my teacher in high school, for he is as cross as two sticks. If he sees a boy walking home with a girl he nearly takes a fit. I agree with Little Southerner that school days are the happiest. My author is Scott, and I think that Louisa. Alcott is fine. There is going to be an entertainment given for the benefit of the orphans, and we are going to dramatize Rose in Bloom. I am going to be Rose and my brother is going to be Prince Charming. I love music and play a great deal. I like the piano and violin best. My brother plays the violin and I the piano.—[Marguerite.

Elocutionist—I am an elocutionist and singer. Anyone would know that by my big, blue, melancholy eyes, but they're not so melancholy as they seem. I play an organ and ride a bike for amusement, and I love to skate. I do all kinds of housework and baking, and I live on a lovely farm, but I do love fun and a good time, and it's mostly always that way with me. Water Lily, I advise you to wait a few years before you keep company. It

would be better for you. I was rather dirty myself once, but I lived it down and I never regretted it, for I have a much better time now. Your time now should be devoted to your studies. [Blue Eyes (Sixteen), New York.

Snyder—A brindle and white English bulldog, seven years old, is Snyder. He is very intelligent, and knows lots of tricks: he will shake hands, speak, shake his ears, roll over either way we tell him, be dead, sit up and hold up his hands the way the robbers make people do out west, walk on his hind feet, be Jack Horner, open his mouth wide to show his teeth, catch food that is put on his nose, etc. He lives in the village in winter and on a farm in summer, and is as much interested in

farm work as anyone. They all say he is a hard boss: if the men don't work fast enough to suit him, he will bark. Snyder has killed 46 woodchucks this summer that we know about. He is fond of sweet corn and will go to the garden, pick an ear and bring it to his mistress to hush for him. He likes to have his picture taken and will sit perfectly still if the cat is not around with kittens, at other times they are good friends. In this picture he is afraid of being scratched. The large cat is Puff, the other is Cute. Bonnie is ready to play with her mother, Dixie would like a nap, and Snyder is not happy: he would rather be somewhere else.—[Etta M. Howard.

A Little Silly—I am going to try and be a teacher. Ever since I have been old enough to think that has been my choice. We also have the chronic disease of whispering in our school, and I am afflicted. It seems nearly impossible to resist the temptation to whisper. Hattie Swenson, I study Reed & Kellogg's

grammar and Rand & McNally's geography. I agree with you about geography, but grammar is my standby. Sweetness, I read a great deal. I like George Elliot for solid instruction and The Duchess for fun. Whittier is my favorite poet. Ray, with all my heart I congratulate you and wish for the time when I shall stand—a graduate. Please let's not be too hard on Water Lily, as perhaps we are all a little silly at times, and it will soon be over with Water Lily and she will wish she had not written such silly stuff. Water Lily, don't be offended at—[Edith.

Heartbroken—Water Lily, you dear little girl, you had better let that "teacher beau" of yours go, for I tell you when he goes away and meets some boys he will laugh and show your letters and your picture, if he has it, and then he will leave you for a sensible girl (if he is hunting a wife) and then you will be heartbroken.—[Flora.

Own Up—I would not like to be called fast or a flirt. I like to go out driving and like to go four in a buggy, two boys and two girls, because then you have a chance to sit on your companion's knee and he can put his arms around you, unless it is broad daylight, when such a thing could never be thought of. While if I went alone with him I would never once think of allowing him to put his arm around me unless we were engaged. Now is not that an awful confession to make, or at least for a modest young girl? But why not own up to what you think?—[Canadian Pansy.

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