

## Young America.

## ANTICIPATION.



We can hardly wait till Wednesday.  
And are saving every dime.  
We intend to buy a cannon  
And to have a splendid time.

We will shoot with giant crackers.  
And you bet we'll make a noise.  
We will shout and raise the echoes.  
For we're patriotic boys.

There's no holiday that's grander  
Than our Independence day.  
And you'll find we'll celebrate it  
In the good old-fashioned way.

MARGARET LEE.



## FROM OUR YOUNG AMERICANS.

**History Is Best**—I work in the summer and go to school in winter. I like history the best of all my studies, although I like them all. I also like to read novels. I have Dr Talmage's *From Manger to Throne*, and a history of Spain and Cuba and I like to read them very much. I am 13 years of age, am five feet six inches tall and weigh 150 pounds.—[Rosa Stamper, Kentucky.]

**A Treat**—Yes, Sweet Seventeen. I have read Uncle Tom's Cabin, and I think it just fine. Although I have Scottish Chiefs, I have never read it yet, but I am going to, just because you said "those who have never read it have missed a treat." I like entertainments, and I am awfully fond of reciting. Can any of the girls or boys tell me where I can get a "real good" recitation book?—[Young Canada.]

**Orphans' Home**—My father and mother are dead, and my sister also, so you see that I have not got a sister to play with like some of you. As I stood beside the grave and saw the men let her down, tears came into my eyes. I thought of the past, but I could recall it. So, friends, be kind to mother, for you will never find one that will take the place of her. I am 17 years old. I have been at the orphans' home four years. There are not many girls here. I am left-handed. There are many of those left-handed fellows around, are there not? And I cannot see but what they are as good as anybody, are they not? All the left-handers will agree with me, won't you? [Albert G. Miller, Michigan.]

## HIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

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**Grand Old Sierras**—Eddie Reno, I envy you of your good time while you were camping upon the mountains. Among the grand old Sierra Nevada is the grandest place in the United States, and many a happy day I spent roaming over their wild rugged sides. In my dreams sometimes I fancy I am back in old California, standing on some wild, lonely spot of the Sierras, and around me are the mighty walls of granite towering toward the sky. In fancy I hear, and the sound of my voice echoes and re-echoes until I fancy I am in some grand cathedral listening to an echo of some beautiful strain of music.—[California Boy (Seventeen).]

**Plow Girl**—I am a girl 13 years old and live in the country. My mamma is a subscriber to your paper and I can hardly wait till it comes. I just love to work out of doors. I plowed last fall with three horses. I think if a boy 12 years old can't handle a team, he isn't worth much. My papa is not at home. He comes home about every three months. Uncle Tom's Cabin is my favorite book.—[Bluebird, Kansas.]

**A Broken Arm**—I have been to school four years. I like to take the cows to the pasture about half a mile away. I was riding on a horse one rainy night, and it threw me off and broke my arm. A man came along and brought me home. I got 25¢ for the starving people in India. Everybody ought to give money.—[Mabel More (Eleven), Kansas.]

**Chats**—I, too, read Ben Hur last year's summer vacation, and 36 other books besides. The summer before I read 41, but practice more on my violin this summer.—[Pansy, New York.]

**How many of the girls like cooking?** I do not, and am not ashamed to say that when the need comes I can help my brothers out in the field.—[Alice, North Dakota.]

I am very fond of reading. My favorite books are *Camp Fires of the Revolution*, *Beyond the Mississippi*, *Achievements of Stanley*, *John Halifax*, *David Harum* and *Our War with Spain*. [New York Boy (Thirteen).]

I am only a country girl who likes to read better than to eat. I read everything I find, novels excepted. I have been reading the works of Washington Irving. I like all of his works

but the legends. We have a violin, guitar and organ, but I do not like to play.—[Estelle, Missouri.]

I love the woods and flowers. My father is a fruit grower. I have three brothers; only one lives at home now. He rides a bicycle. We live just a little ways from the lake.—[Rosebud (Fifteen), Michigan.]

My ambition and love is to be an actor, and when I read F. H. Morse's letter, I thought I would like to correspond with him. I like him, am 16 years old.—[F. M. B., Iowa.]

**Stock Raiser** Last fall I worked on the onion marsh, topping onions, and earned some money. I took the money and bought a pig for \$1.25 and sold it this spring for \$13. My papa put \$11 in the bank. I expect to buy sheep with it this fall. I now have two lambs and one chicken.

I go to school in the winter and work in the summer.—[Johnny W. Holdeman, Indiana.]

**Fine Cakes**—My favorite study is Latin. I have to study in the evening, but when I have spare time I make fancy work or practice on the piano. I would like to become a musician and think I shall some day. How many of the readers like to bake cakes? I do, but I do not have good luck baking them, so I get my sister to bake them for me, for she can bake fine ones.—[Just Fifteen, Nebraska.]

**"April Fool Ben"**—I have a cat with a kitten born on April Fools' day, and so we call him "April Fool Ben," but he is the smartest fool you ever saw. He eats with a spoon if I hold it. I swing him to sleep in a little hammock, and put him to bed with my doll. I live in Florida and I am eating (May 29) ripe peaches, sweet corn, potatoes, beans, onions and cabbage and everything that is good. I am nine years old. [Maude Merryweather.]

**He Found It**—One day sister and I were sketching and she drew a picture of our teacher, and I wrote beneath it these words:

"We are happy little children,  
And we love our pleasant school.  
We love our gentle teacher,  
And obey his twelve-inch rule"

I threw it in the waste basket, but he found it. My, wasn't he mad! He made us both stand on the floor. Think of that! He just taught the winter term and I am teaching the spring term. I am glad to say my scholars do not be-



## OUR PRISON PLACE.

Johnny Jones goes to the attic when he's been awful bad.  
A closet 'neath the stairs is where they punish Tommy Schad.  
They stand Rob White in a corner; to bed goes Jamie Hard.  
But Dick and me are sent to the umbrella in the yard.

It's awful, it's just awful, for the neighbors come an' stare.  
An' giggle, an' they say things just as scornful as they dare.

There's not a mamma anywhere in all the Thirteenth ward.  
That keeps a prison place like the umbrella in the yard.

The very toughest thing in life's to be two little boys.  
Whose mamma's head is splitting and who cannot make a noise.  
It's just whisper an' go thip an' be upon your guard.  
Or it's the awful, shameful, old umbrella in the yard.

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have the way his did. This is my first term of teaching, and I enjoy it very much. Toots, my motto is, "Do right and help others all you can." Are any of the Councilors interested in politics, palmistry, botany, history or astronomy? If they are, couldn't we have a talk on these subjects? I am interested in all of them and read all I can get on those subjects. We are going to have an exhibition the last day of school, and I am preparing an essay for it. The subject is, "To the stars through difficulties." [Goldenhair.]



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