

Young America.



HOME, SWEET HOME.

GOOD TIDINGS.

Warm Maple Sugar—I agree with Chester Honnold that it is all right for the little folks to talk about their pets, and ever so much better than it is for the older ones to write so much about beaux and kissing. I do not think I would like to live in the city, there is so much noise. I am always glad when it comes sugaring; we have a sugar bush of about 150 trees. When it is sugaring time we have all the warm sugar we can eat. I have a bicycle. I think it is fine fun after the work is done summer evenings to take a ride on the wheel. I think it is fun to skate, too, when it is not too cold. I am not much of a hand to read books. I would rather make fancy work. Since Christmas I have made blocks enough for a quilt, and two dollies besides helping quilt seven quilts and helping sew 33 pounds of carpet rags.—[Ruby Cheney, New York.

"Wrought Up"—I see books are the talk of the day. I possess three books which are my very own. I haven't a very large library, you see, but I shall have more some day. The choicest one of these is *The Song of Hiawatha*. The second best is *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which was presented to me. The last one is a book for girls which I won't name, because there are different opinions about books in the Council. When I was a book of innocent pleasure I read *Nights with Uncle Remus*. I like to read Hugh Miller's works on geology. Miss Minnesota, what kind of books will you write? Vernon Mangun seems to be all wrought up about deceitful girls. Please write and tell us what the matter is, Vernon, especially if you have had an interesting experience with some deceitful girl. I've run across deceitful boys, but they have never wounded my feelings up so.—[Hattie Swenson, Illinois.

A Nuisance—I go to school in winter and like my teacher this winter. His name is Clyde Baso. I think grammar is a nuisance. My school is afflicted with that disease which some of the girls call chronic whispering. It has got it bad, and I had to stay in one day at recess for whispering. I felt ashamed of myself. There was one girl as old as I am. She had to stay in, too. She didn't care, but I did. I never had to stay in since.—[Vernie A. Buckley.

Thousands of Hills—In Barber, where I live, you will see thousands upon thousands of small hills, resembling great cones. These are along the river courses. The first time I saw them was when I moved out here from Missouri. When I came in sight of them I thought I never did see such a sight before. This is a farming community, where lots of Kafir corn is raised. Some wheat and corn are also raised, but not much.—[J. B. Pearce, Kansas.

Doll Children—I have three dolls. I call the oldest one Trecey Lee, the next one Mary Jane and the other one Rosilla. The oldest one is five years old. I have a brother 12 years old. He can drive a team; that is what he likes to do, to work horses. He would rather work the horses than to go to school. I like to go to school. I am in the fourth grade. I like grammar the best of all my studies, but I like all my

books. I live in Tennessee, but I get my mail in Maryland. I live just above the line. I help mamma on Saturdays. I clean the lamps and do the dusting in the sitting room and in the kitchen, and I always put the separator together of evenings.—[Mamma's Pet (Eight).

Teacher—I would like to say to Eva Claiborne that we also have some chronic diseases in our school. But we find the teacher has some of them as well as the scholars. For he has had the sore throat for six months, while ours is only whispering.—[Old Hickory (Twelve), Illinois.

Various Remarks—I like girls better than boys, anyway. Johnny Boy, I like cycling, too, and all the other athletic sports. I have a horse, a bike, a boat, three guns, about a dozen pairs of skates and a kodak.—[Archer.

My sister Bessie I think will be a farmer; she likes stock. I have got two subscribers for F & H and I like my knife and croquet set.—[Frank S. McDuffee (Eleven), New Hampshire.

I enjoy good company of boys and girls and quite often go about in company with a boy classmate of mine. The boys and girls in our town go about together and have jolly times without being silly.—[Aveline.

I think myself, as Louis Ford says, that if the girls would let the boys kiss them more they would feel a good deal better.—[Berwick Boy.

I like to read, but I never look to see who it is written by. I am 14.—[Cowboy, Illinois.

I was seven years old last Fourth of July, so I celebrate my birthday and our national independence on the same day.—[Ruth Morris, Washington.

Whistles—I love to sit on the bank of the river and see the cars as they pass by, and catch fish that swim up and down the river, and I love to go into the woods

which stand by the railroad and cut willows and take them out and sit down on the bank of the river and make whistles out of them as I watch the cars pass by.—[Charles C. Smith (Eight), Michigan.

What Ma Says—I think I should like to be in South Africa mopping my face and writing letters to ma. Strictly speaking, I should not be "in it," as I am too young for a soldier, too tall for a hod carrier and not tall enough for a statesman. Ma says I am just about the right size for a chore boy.—[Earl La Vanway (Twelve), Michigan.

Experience—I like to go to parties and don't blame Water Lily. There is an old gentleman who likes to kiss the little girls and hug them, but he doesn't kiss me. I don't let him.—[Susie (Nine).

Because a girl falls in love at 14 she is not fast. I know a girl that fell in love at nine years of age, and she is not fast either.—[Thomas McLoughlin, Wyoming.

I think a girl of 14 is not too young to have a sweetheart. I have tried it and think it is lots of fun to fall in love. [Violet.

Not Nice—I have two little dolls. One is nearly two years old and the other nearly a year. I like to go to church, but I don't like to go to dances. I do not think it is nice for young ladies and gentlemen. I think they ought to go to church. If they don't want to go there, why don't they stay home and go to bed?—[Amy Thamarus (Ten), Pennsylvania.

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