



"Call November Dull an' Dreary? I Don't. No Sir-ee!"

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[Written for Farm and Home.]
Some folks seems ter think November's
Saddest month of all the year;
Mourn for the departed summer,
Talk of days as dull and drear.
I don't! No sir-ee, sir, bob, sir!
Yer can bet yer don't hear me
Sayin' nothin' 'gainst November!
Me an' some folks don't agree.

Call November dull an' dreary?
Jes' yer cast yer eyes out where
Lies yon pile o' yaller punkins—
Concentrated sunshine there;
Jes' a shinin' golden promise
Yer can carry in yer eye,
O' the comin' o' Thanksgiving!
An' no limit on the pie.

Chestnuts droppin' in the woodland.
Burs a-openin' more an' more,
Barrels full o' red-cheeked apples,
Cider suckin' thro' a straw,
Quail a-whistlin' in the stubble,
Whir o' partridge in the wood
An' to crown it all, Thanksgiving!
Some folks don't know what is good.
T. W. B.

A THANKSGIVING STORY.

The puddings and pies on the pantry shelf
(I know it was so, I saw it myself)
Had a falling out on Thanksgiving day.
And I heard every word they had to say.
I think I was just about six years old,
And shut in the house with a horrid cold.
The rice pudding began counting his
plums,
And calling, "Children, come put in your
thumbs!
My face is some blistered and burned, I
know,
But my heart is sweet and white as
snow."
Then the Indian pudding cried, "I am
chief."
And then shouted as though they all were
deaf,
"I'm as full of soul as I can hold,
And all the way through as yellow as
gold."
"Yellow" are you? Well then sir, so
am I."
Quoth a grave and motherly pie,
"And just as happy as a pie can be,
For everyone chuckles who looks at me."
"It's me they're looking at," said the
squash
"Beside a squash pie a pumpkin is doah."
"I shall not last for a very great while,"

The mince pie said, with a broad winning
smile,
"Lucky for me it's Thanksgiving day,
For I'm so rich I should melt away."
"Itch!" cried the apple pie, wagging her
head,
"You'll be in the stomach heavy as lead,
So I heard it said, but all say of me,
That pie is wholesome as wholesome can
be."
The custard pie shook, attempting to
speak;
But the chicken pie crowed—an awful
shriek—
"We all looked quite well till our faces
to pick
The girl took a notion—she ought to be
sick."
At that I awoke, beginning to cry,
And heard mamma say, "She's had too
much pie."
[Mrs. Annie A. Preston.]

FROM OUR YOUNG AMERICANS.

School Team—Dear Y A's, I want to
join your happy band. Of course I am
a country boy. Am 17 years old and
in the fifth grade. My greatest amuse-
ment is playing baseball. We have a
team at our school that always wins.
Elizabeth Browning wanted to know
how many like to play croquet. I do
for one. I have a question and want all
the Y A's to answer it or give an idea.
How can we win friends and keep
them?—[Lumber Jim, Arkansas.]

Through Many States—I am a farm-
er's daughter, but have lived in town,
and I do not like country life at all.
I have traveled through many different
states and enjoy traveling very much,
and Ohio is my favorite state. I ride
horseback for amusement. I do not
care much for music, but I have taken
lessons. I like to recite real well, and
I also like to read. My favorite au-
thors are E. P. Roe and Mary J.
Holmes, and my favorite poets are
Whittier and Longfellow. How many
of the Y A's have read Ruth S. Stand-
ish's works? I think they are fine.
Vernon Lamar Mangun, your poetry is
excellent. Just keep on with it. I en-
joy reading your letters, for I believe
you try to do what is right, and that

you are a very sensible boy. Annie
Rooney. I agree with you that if we
all will give our experience in love af-
fairs the advice may be quite a help to
us some day, and as you say, we do
not have to sign our real names. Jer-
emiah Cornstassel, will you please tell
us what state you are from? Mamie of
Ontario, I would say to you that if the
company that invited you out is good,
and your parents do not object, I would
go, for there are always some people
who will talk when you start out in
company, no matter how old you are.
And we might as well have a good time
while we are young, for we will never
be young but once. Do any of you
know where I could get the song, "The
Upper Ten and Lower Five"?—[Jerusha
Teachblossom (Sixteen), Ohio.]

The Great Pacific—I also think that
an exchange of opinion on the books
and topics of the day would be of in-
terest. I am 17 years old and a senior
in our high school. My home is only
a few miles from the great Pacific. I
wonder how many of the Young Amer-
icans have seen it or ever will? I live
in sunny California, and although even
here life is not all sunshine, yet I
doubt if any of you can lay claim to a
more beautiful spot as a home. Our
little valley is settled down among low
hills. The land is very rich, and when
we have plenty of rain, our products
are unsurpassable. Our apples are of
world-wide fame. Through the Young
America column of F & H I have made
two of the dearest friends I have ever
known.—[T. E. Murray.]

About Books—My favorite study is
arithmetic. I have read Uncle Tom's
Cabin and think it is very nice. I
would like to be a teacher or bookkeeper.
[Pearl Champ (Fourteen), Missouri.]
I am a girl of 14 years old and live in
a coal-mine town in Washington. I am
in the seventh grade at school. I love
music and am taking music lessons on
the piano and organ both. My favorite
poets are Louisa M. Alcott and Susan
Coolidge. I have read others, but they
are not as good as the ones I mentioned.

I like to live in a big town, but this
does as well.—[A Blacksmith Girl.]

How many have read David Harum
and To Have and to Hold and liked
them? Some of you I see are musical-
ly inclined. I play the guitar, mandolin
and piano. Lady Prue, if you like mi-
nor music, I think Ma Lady Lu would
please you.—[Pauline C. Ellington, Ohio.]

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