

Young America.

FROM OUR YOUNG AMERICANS.

A Big Farm—I think as Bluebird about a boy handling a team. Our farm is quite a large one for two to take care of, 268 acres, 18 cows, four horses, etc. I took second prize in the boys' class at a plowing match last fall. No 8 plow. I would like to know Bluebird, for she is the kind of a girl I like, not like some I know that would sneer if you asked them to hold your team while you got a drink of water.—[Farmer Jack (Seventeen), Canada.]

Lots of Work—We have two acres of pickles this year. We pick them every other day, and it takes lots of work to do it. But we have a large family to work. There are 12—10 children (six girls and four boys), and my mother and father and grandmother. She is 75 years old and takes care of the baby most of the time, so we all can work. We have 250 chickens, five horses, six cows, four geese and 25 pigs. My brother Charley has 15 doves, three dogs and five cats. I am 13 years old. If I see this letter is printed I will write again. [Water Melon.]

THE SPANISH WAR.

Our war with Spain.
Was started in 1898.
And in fighting with the Spaniards
We kept right up to date.

The crafty Spaniards thought they'd win
By treachery and stealth.
But they soon found when Dewey came
'Twas most too hot for health.

They blew up our best battleship,
Killing hundreds of our men.
But Dewey gave them such a flogging
They'll not try that game again.

Alone with Father—I am a farmer's daughter, living on a ranch of 450 acres in southern California. (I fear I am rather large to be called a Young American. I am still in my teens and feel young besides.) I think it is lovely to live in the country. At present I am all alone with father, but I don't get lonesome. We live about 35 miles from a city and that is the county seat, San Diego. It well deserves all the praises it gets for its pretty harbor and the "famous Coronado" lies across the bay. I do not like to live in the city but expect to, intending to attend the state normal this fall.—[Kittie Griffin]

Favorite Books—I want to drop a word of sympathy for Albert Miller, although I know not how it seems to lose any brothers or sisters, father or mother. Goldenhair I know what it is to stand on the floor for the benefit of the school, but I don't care about that. I have read Uncle Tom's Cabin and think it nice, but I call the Scottish Chiefs a rather poor treat. I like John Halifax, The Last of the Mohicans, Prince of the House of David and all others in that line. I read all kinds of books and papers. If any of the Young Americans think they want to know what became of the three men that sailed in the tub or the cow that jumped over the moon, just write to—[Mother Goose (Seventeen)]

My home is on a bank of a river and it is very pretty here. I like to live in the country. It is so pretty. What nice letters Grace Miller writes. Write often, Miss Grace. I do not know who is my favorite author. I have so many. I do not like Thackeray and Cooper at all. My favorite poets are Longfellow, Riley and Whittier. I don't want to be a poet. I would rather be a prose writer. Winifred Moody. I hope you will be able to get the education you desire. I think it is about the grandest thing to have a good education.—[Ariadne.]

The last day or two of school here (that is, in the public schools) is field day and the boys engage in almost every kind of athletic sport and the best racer or jumper or whatever it might be gets the first premium. The girls look on. Sometimes we get so excited we almost wish we could join in with them. My favorite poet is Longfellow.—[Corra, General Delivers Day.]

Books seem to be all the talk nowadays. I like Little Women best of any

that I have ever read. I have read Quo Vadis about half way through but don't like it very well. Nobody's Darling, I am sorry for you, you surely must have a very lonely time. Mabel More, do you know there is a song about you? I have one entitled Sweet Mabel More. Flighty Fifteen, I suppose you will have all the oranges you can eat when you get to California. How I wish I could be there, too! But what is the use to wish for something you can't get? Are any girls or boys anywhere in the U. S. bearing the name of Maxwell? My father has or rather had relatives in the east and has not heard from them for years.—[Maud Maxwell (Fourteen), Woodland, Wash.]

I am 5 ft 3 in and weigh 99 lbs. How many of the Y A's like to play croquet? I would like to have a camera. I have one sister and two brothers. My favorite author is Mary J. Holmes. I think Lena Rivers the best I have read.—[Elizabeth Browning (Thirteen), Robinson, Ky.]

Here comes a Michigan gal who lives on a farm. I am 5 ft 3 in, have brown hair and dark eyes. I am in the eighth grade at school. The study I like best is grammar. My favorite author is Louisa M. Alcott. I just read a book called An Old-Fashioned Girl. It was fine.—[Bertha A. Spaulding, Pewamo, Mich.]

I live in the land of big red apples and strawberries and among the beautiful scenery of the Ozark mountains. I live near the largest strawberry patch in the world, 310 acres in one field; this is at Fayetteville. I am a subscriber to the dear old F & H and am always ready to read the letters. I enjoy reading very much. My favorite is the Story of Cuba.—[Lilmer Jim, Arkansas.]

Albert Miller, I am left-handed, too, but write with my right hand. Well, here is another girl that if she had books piled before her to read, a person would not know she was around. Estelle, so you are not the only one, are you? I am auntie seven times, so I will choose for my pen name.—[Little Auntie (Sixteen), Michigan.]

A Farmer Boy's Lay—Let it be understood that I have not been inspired to write this poem by what farm life is but by what it should be. If farm life was what it should be, this would be the lay of every farmer boy. Then Roy Morris, boys would have no desire to leave the farm.

The life I live, the life I love,
An attribute to that above,
Where angels' voices sweetly sing
"Gloria Patri" to the heavenly king,
I live secluded from all harm
Upon this loveliest spot, the farm;
And could I here forever reside,
I'd ask for nothing else beside.
But in this sacred place abide
And be in some aspiring way
Better to-morrow than to-day
[Vernon Lamar Mangum (16), Iowa.]

Actress (?)—Miss D. M. Scott, you were so frank in saying you wanted to correspond with me that I think I shall send you my address simply to learn why you wished to do so. I propose that we of the "mandolin club" form a circle and call it the Success Circle. Katy Did, you did not help me in the least in the way you mention, for it is something I've practiced my lifetime. I was thinking of the many who have yet to learn the lesson. As to whether I am really an actress or not it couldn't possibly interest you in the least.—[Coddie's Sister.]

Hobbies—Young Canada, I, too, like to recite very much. Do you prefer comic or dramatic? Werner's Readings and Recitations No 20 is a very good book of humorous recitations. Goldenhair. I am interested in botany and history. Are any of the Y A's interested in photography? If so, please write about your experiences.—[Young Oregon.]

I am a country girl of 14 summers. My chief amusements are reading, music and reciting. Do any of you know where I could get the piece entitled Her and Her Annuity?—[Casey MacKay, Rock Creek, Minn.]

Raises Ducks—I am a farmer boy of 12 and cannot put words together as I would like to, for a great paper like yours. I live on the Ozark mountains three-fourths of a mile from Greenfield, the county seat of Dade Co. My father owns a farm of 37 acres, 25 of which

are in nice woods, pasture, with fine spring water always running through. Oh such a nice place for boys to go swimming and sailing. I am now raising ducks. I think it will be fun to see them swim. My father runs a dairy and I get up at 4 to help milk. He takes the milk of mornings and I deliver it of evenings. We have plenty of fruit, plenty to eat and wear and lots of rocks, which I am getting tired of picking, but father says it helps digestion. I am left-handed.—[Otto Wilson, Missouri.]

Start the Ball—I live in central Michigan. It is a very pretty country here. The nearest village is Maple Rapids, 34 miles. I go to school every day when there is any. My father has just got through harvesting. Working about 1000 so much is all very silly. I think we might better vote about where we live and such things that are interesting. My father raises wheat, oats and corn. Besides horses, cows, sheep and hogs. I have three brothers and one sister named Lewis, Layton, Mabel and Wade. I belong to an I A H circle, which I think is very nice. I think its founder is David C. Cook. If anyone wants particulars, address—[Ethel Rice, R F D 1, St Johns, Mich.]

More Than Satisfied—I received rifle No 8 and it is a real nice one; they cost \$4.50 here and the paper and rifle cost only \$3, express and all. I am more than satisfied. I will send in some more subscribers soon.—[Ernest Averitt.]



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