

JUNIOR STORIES AND PRIZE WINNERS

AWARDED A WATCH
WALKING
RACHEL MAY BOLTER
Green Springs School, Seventh Grade.
Age 14 Years.

I live in the country, amid hills, rocks and trees, and walking is my greatest pleasure. I walk many miles from home, over rocks and hills, crossing creeks and small streams, and climbing hills is my greatest pleasure. A small crowd of boys and girls, including myself, in summer start out for a walk to climb a high mountain; we walk for some distance on level ground until we reach the hill and stop for a rest; then resume our walk up the mountain. In spring I pass my leisure hours by walking to a small grove of oak trees in a nearby forest to hear the singing of the birds far and near, and listen to the gentle moaning of the pine trees and rustle of the leaves of the oaks. One pleasure is walking just as the sun is setting to see the sky all tinged with gold, and at dusk when the stars are peeping from the sky and glitter like little diamonds. Many would rather ride than walk, but I prefer walking.

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WHAT IS THE MOST FUN
CLARENCE BIRON.
3724 Dolores Street, Marshall Primary School, A Fourth Grade—Age 10 Years.

Well, that is a very hard question to answer. With a world so full of things that are just as jolly as can be it is certainly a riddle to tell which one I enjoy most. I like to play a great deal. I like to go into the vacant lot next door to us and play with Jack, the pet dog of the neighborhood. But the very best of all is when I can get off into a corner and read. I like to get into a light corner of the dining room with my book in my lap, my knees under me, squatting on the floor. I have a better time than playing ball with the boys. I have some books that I read over and over—"Black Beauty" and "Beautiful Joe," and some of Otis', and every time I read them I seem to find new friends. Mother seems to like my reading, too, perhaps because I don't get so dirty while I'm doing it. Yes, I'm quite sure—the most fun is just simply reading.



A GROUP OF WESTERN JUNIORS WHO HAVE ORGANIZED A WALKING CLUB

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THE PLEASURE IN SCHOOL LIFE
ALYCE HAYWARD,
Port Costa, Port Costa Grammar School, Eighth Grade, Age 13 Years.

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FISHING FOR EEL
J. VANCE MATTESON,
Moss Beach, 11 Years.

I was raised in the city, and my idea of fun then was quite different. Now I live on the coast and my fun is almost entirely confined to eel fishing. My outfit consists of a heavy wire about four feet long, on the end of which I fasten my hook with a piece of line about five inches long. Abalone is my bait. From my shoulder I hang a bag. The papers tell me when the tide is low. Then I go to the reefs and by feeling under the shelving rocks with my rod I soon find Mr. Eel. He generally takes a good hold, and when he finds himself hooked he does some lively squirming before I bag him. Sometimes he wraps his tail around the rocks and then there is a tug of war between us. But he soon lets loose. The large ones I have to steer into my bag without raising them from the water, as my hook is not strong enough.

MY DOLLS
RUTH BUSHMAN,
555 Everett Avenue, Palo Alto, Lytton Avenue School, High Fourth Grade, Age 10 Years.

I think the most fun is to play with dolls. I had a rag doll given me when I was 2 years old which I named Peggy. I liked her because I could always have her with me when I was out playing, for she would not break. I now have nine dolls. I have such a good time making hats and dresses for them. I thought I would play barber one day, and I "barbed" one of my dolls' hair; then I tied a big bow on the left side. I have a friend by the name of Helen, and when she comes to see me we play house and it keeps us busy getting our children ready to go calling with us and to parties. I have a book that is called "More About Live Dolls." It tells of a doll that lost its legs. The little girl's mother put them on again—the heel in front and the toe in back, so when the doll came alive she could hardly walk.

MY CHILDISH PLAY
EDITH HEYNEMANN,
136 Santa Marina Avenue, San Francisco, Agassiz School, A Fifth Grade, Age 10

I enjoy playing rope more than any other game that I play, for it is a good exercise and there is much enjoyment in it. I have a good many toys and really I do not know exactly what I do like best. I very often play games with other children, but some way or other I enjoy playing rope very much better with them. My mother does not like me to jump rope because it wears out my shoes very quickly. When I was very young I did not like to do all the jumping because I was afraid mamma would whip me. Miss Jones, who is the principal of the school that I go to, said that it was good to jump rope and get strong and healthy.

WHAT'S THE MOST FUN?
RIGNOR NYGARD,
741 Capp Street, San Francisco, Agassiz School, Fifth Grade, Age 11 Years.

I once visited a large farm in Newark near Eden station. There were two girls and four boys. One day the farmer made a sled for us. One of the boys had a horse which the farmer gave him. The two girls and I asked him if he would let us have the horse to pull the sled. The boy was very kind and said: "Why, certainly." You can not imagine how happy we felt.

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WHAT IS THE MOST FUN?
IRVIN ANDERSEN,
Watsonville, Lindley School, Fifth Grade, Age 10 Years.

What I enjoy most is to go to the mountains. My father owns 163 acres in the mountains. I have a little fox terrier whose name is Tigge. He likes to go up there as well as I do. When he gets up there he will hunt around in the woods until he finds a rat's nest. The nests are about three feet high above the ground and have two or more tunnels under ground. The top of the nest is made of sticks a foot long, so that the rat can pile them on top of each other. The dog finds the opening and scratches away the earth and digs into the hole and catches the rat. I can help him to scratch away the dirt.

WHAT I LIKE TO DO BEST
CHRISTINA J. MCKENZIE,
633 Third Street, South Vallejo, Sixth Grade, Grant School, Age 11 Years.

I think that cooking and ironing are the nicest things to be done around the house. I often cook and iron. When I was smaller I ironed my doll's clothes, but now I iron my own.

A PICNIC
LOTTIE BULLIVANT,
Redwood City, Age 10 Years, Redwood City Public School, Sixth Grade.

One day some girls and I went on a picnic. We took a lunch. When we got to the place where we were going to eat, we put our lunch down. When we had put our lunch away we went

AWARDED A WATCH
STEAMBOATING
GEORGE H. THOMPSON,
Redwood City School, Sixth Grade, 12 Years.

I live in Redwood City, about 24 miles from San Francisco. We used to live out about three miles in the foothills, but my sister got hurt there and my parents thought they had better move to town, as it was too lonely out there for just mother and me. Father was an engineer on the Hercules, the boat owned by the Dupont powder company, so we sold our place and now live in town. So when vacation comes I go with father on the boat and I call it great fun. The boat docks along the front and I see all the shipping. I was on with father when the Russian Lena came in and we lowered a boat and were going over to get a good look at her, when the United States patrol of the Paul Jones stopped us, but we were quite close any way and saw her very well. Then when the fleet was here the Hercules made excursions and I saw the fleet fine; but that was fun. Then it's great sport to go steaming up the bay past Angel Island, Red Rock and the Brothers, get to Pinole and go up to the works and see them make powder. I just hate to go home when Saturday comes.

AWARDED A WATCH
HORSEBACK RIDING
KATIE MICHELSEN,
1237 Potrero Avenue, Age 14 Years.

One day while I was in the country another girl and I went horseback riding, which was our first time. We rode a little distance when a boy came and gave the horse a good crack on the back, which made me very angry. I was on the saddle and the other girl was in back of the saddle. I told the boy to stop hitting the horse, which she thought was fun, and I laughed so much that I fell off on one side and the other girl on the other side, while the horse was jumping and kicking. I hurt my leg very badly, while the other girl sprained her wrist. We thought this great fun.

A VISIT
ALMA DAVIS,
Yountville, Oak Knoll School, Sixth Grade, Age 12 Years.

I like best to go visiting. Once I went to one of our neighbors' houses, as Harold had invited me to come and play with him. When I got up there he saddled and bridled a horse for both of us. We both rode to the neighboring town on an errand for his mother. When we were on our way back we noticed that his dog was missing. So we went back to the town and found him tied to a man's wagon. We untied him and went to the house on the wagon. Then we left to his home and had our dinner. After dinner we took a walk up to one of their hills. We gathered some wild flowers and ferns. On our way home we found a pigeon with its wing broken, and we took it to one of Harold's pigeon houses and put it with his pigeons. That evening Harold saddled one of his horses and he took me home. The next Saturday he came down to our place and stayed all day.

WHAT I LIKE BEST
LIONEL SMITH,
1015 M Street, South San Francisco, Bay View School, A Eighth Grade, Age 11 Years.

I like to be in a room by myself working out an invention. I do not like a rough life. If I were working out an invention, and it should become a success, may be it would yield a fine lot of money. Would it be any good if you were out walking around, running and jumping, could you make money then? Why no. It is the boy what sets his mind to work trying to

HOW WE ENJOY OURSELVES
FRANK DAVEY,
111 Rutland Avenue, Rose Lawn, Burbank School, Third Grade, Age 10 Years.

We get up early in the morning and go in the back yard and get our kites and fly them. One day when I had my kite up I had four balls of string out and my brother and sister were helping me fly it. They jerked the string so

SKATING
ELISOR MALIC,
2158 Clinton Avenue, Alameda, Porter School, B Fourth Grade, Age 10 Years.

There are many pleasures that I like, and one is skating. It strengthens the muscles and is good exercise. But the most important reason is that a prize was to be given to the boy or girl who skated six blocks in four minutes. There were seven of us that tried and I was among them. I had almost reached the goal when I slipped and fell. When I got up the children had all skated past me and it was of little use to try to continue the race, as my foot had been badly bruised. I tried not to cry when my eyes caught sight of something bright, and there in my skate wheel was a gold bracelet. I thought afterward that if I had cried I might not have found it, and as no one claimed it, it is in my possession.

WHAT I CALL FUN
ETHEL PIERCE,
217 Second Avenue, San Francisco, A Eighth Grade, Richmond Grammar School, Age 15 Years.

I am not a studious girl, who thinks the school hours are the most fun. Although we often have good times at school, I prefer outdoor exercise.

THE SNOWSTORM
ZALENE MARRICON,
Santa Rosa, S. R. District School, Seventh Grade, Age 11 Years.

What is most fun to me is a snowstorm. One morning two years ago I woke up to find the earth mantled in its most beautiful robes.

SEWING SCHOOL
MARIE JOHNSON,
Redwood City, Fourth Grade Redwood City Public School, Age 12 Years.

When I started to go to the sewing school I learned how to make home made lace, and I thought it was great fun. Some of the girls learned how to do hemstitching and some made shawls, and some learned to sew. On the third Saturday we recite and sing and dance, and have a great time. We have cake and lemonade and all kinds of things to eat, and when we are through we go to our work again, and while we work we sing and talk and have quite a fine time. Sometimes it rains and my mother won't let me go.

MY FUN
HELEN SMITH,
2527 Mission Street San Francisco, Agassiz School, A Fifth Grade, Age 11 Years.

One day my mother took me to the park. When we got there I saw some children that wanted to play with me. I asked my mother if I could play with them. My mother said that I could. Mamma gave me a nickel and I ran off with the little girls and bought some candy. After that we had a ride on the donkey, then we had a ride in a boat on the lake. It was getting late and my mother said, "We must go home." I said "goodby" to the little girls and went home. I told my father what a good time I had with the girls. I want mamma to take me to the park again.

THE GAME I LIKE BEST
KENNETH GALLAN,
233 North F. Street, Tulare, Sixth Grade Tulare Grammar School, Age 12 Years.

One day six of us boys met on a baseball diamond that we had made. There were three boys on each side. One of the boys on the other side was in the eighth grade and another in the seventh, and the other in the second. I was in the highest grade on my side, and I was only in the fifth, but nevertheless we beat them. That day mamma made a big coconut cake for all of us to eat after the game and you bet we did eat it all right.

San Francisco Cosmopolitan Schools



GROUP OF STUDENTS AT THE ADAMS COSMOPOLITAN SCHOOL

Helen F. McFarland, Principal Adams Cosmopolitan School

THE promotion of the foreign languages in the San Francisco public schools is largely due to the untiring energy of Professor Adolph Herbst. For more than thirty-six years principal of the Adams Cosmopolitan school, or as it was formerly called, the South Cosmopolitan, this scholarly gentleman was forced through ill health to retire from active service, not without great regret on the part of his former colleagues and pupils.

Professor Herbst is a graduate of the University of Giessen. Although thoroughly German in his instincts and tastes his pupils were never inferior in English or in any of the other languages taught in the school.

Americans today are not able to compete with European agents in securing Spanish-American trade because Americans do not know Spanish. Now more than ever before the opportunities for business from Mexico and Central America are very great, and South

America with the completion of the canal will offer a wide field for Spanish speaking young men.

We should be ashamed to have this trade go to France and Germany because Californians are not familiar with the rudiments of Spanish.

Since our acquisition of the Philippines many of our young men have desired to locate there and to establish themselves commercially.

One who attained distinction in our volunteer army during the Spanish-American war told me not long since that a knowledge of Spanish would have been of the greatest value to him in interpreting conversations between Americans and Filipinos.

In the Adams Cosmopolitan school an average of thirty minutes a day is given to each of the three foreign languages—French, German and Spanish. The child is allowed the choice of one language; he is held responsible for his work here just the same as in all the other branches. He follows the same course in English subjects as is required in the other public schools of this city with the advantage of a foreign language.

The taking up of a language is optional, but we find that it is the exception where the child wishes to omit it. It is noteworthy that the graduates of the cosmopolitan schools have always distinguished themselves by a creditable standing in the high schools and universities.

Among some of the former pupils of this school are Frank Happersberger, the sculptor, creator of the Lick monument on City Hall Avenue; Henry Raschen, the noted artist; Prof. Michelsen, of the University of Chicago, who won the Nobel prize in science last year; Julius Kahn, member of congress, and Judge Max Sloss, of the supreme court, not to mention hundreds now prominent in social, professional and business circles.

Of late it has been our privilege to have the public exercises in this school presided over by School Director David Oliver, a graduate of the Adams Cosmopolitan school.

The old fashioned opposition to cosmopolitan schools has given way to the pressing need of the times, which admits that they are of the greatest benefit to the community.

MY FAVORITE AMUSEMENT
HELEN WEIHERMER,
202 Baker Street, San Francisco, Grant School, Seventh Grade, Age 13 Years.

Some girls may like to play with girls, but I do not care for that kind of amusement. My favorite amusement is cooking. It may seem peculiar for me to say, but though I am fond of reading, I am never happier than when around the stove since I have gone to cooking school.

Whenever a rainy day comes and I am compelled to stay in the house I enjoy making candy. Though I am not always successful, I am not discouraged yet. I think every young girl should be able to cook, and it is always best to begin early.

WHAT I LIKE BEST
ELIZABETH HOYT,
Birds Landing, Solano County, Fifth Grade, Age 11 Years.

The things that I like best are to ride horseback and to read. I have an old, white horse called Diamond that I ride.

When I was 3 years old the roads were so bad that my brother and I had to ride horseback to school. Sometimes my horse would get cranky and would stand still in the middle of the road, and then he would bolt and go as fast as he could. Sometimes he would make me cry, I got so provoked at him. I can manage him now, and he does not do it any more.

I have read a great many books. I have also read Kirk Munroe's books. I have also read Oliver Optic's, and like them, also I like Miss Alcott's, and have read a number of them twice. I think that all the juniors should take the St. Nicholas, for it is a very good magazine for children, and I read it from cover to cover.

GOING TO THE THEATER
GRACE SERVASIS,
Benicia, Cal., Age 13 Years.

Going to the theater is the best fun I have and making candy also. Benicia is a very little town, so there is no place to go on Sundays, only to the theater, which has been erected lately. I do like to see the comical pictures which they have every day. It changes three times a week.

I also like to make candy and go to sewing class every Saturday. On rainy days, when I can not go out, I make candy so as to keep me busy. Some girls like to do housework; I like it sometimes, but not often. I suppose all girls have their own fun.