

Letters to Aunt Laurie From Nephews and Nieces

SCENIC AND CIVIC ADVANTAGES

Man and Nature Have United in Making Desirable Place

(First Prize)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I LIKE Riverside because it has no saloons.

It has a fine hotel named the Glenwood, which is said to be the most artistic in the United States. It has a room which has many carved figures in it made in Switzerland. It has a Dutch room and a Japanese room. The chimes ring every day before 12 o'clock and before 6.

Just east of the town is a rocky hill called Rubidoux, or Huntington park, since it has been made a park. It has a drive around it two miles long.

Our parks are Chemawa park, which is an animal park; Fairmount park, which is a picnic park, and Victoria hill, which is a hill with a drive around it.

We have fine roads, two of which are named Magnolia avenue and Victoria avenue, and we have many fine streets in the town.

We have the greaterst orange raising district in the world. We have the two navel orange trees which were the first to be planted in the United States. One is at the head of Magnolia avenue and the other in front of the Glenwood hotel. Mr. Roosevelt helped to transplant the latter.

We have six schools and a manual training building. We have carpenter work for the boys and sewing for the girls. We have good stores, good banks and a good water supply.

Riverside population is about 15,000. Its transcontinental railroads are the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe. It also also has the Salt Lake railway.

PERRY BYERLY.

Grant school, 6th grade. Age 11 years. 1240 West Seventh street, Riverside.

PROXIMITY OF OCEAN

AND MOUNTAINS IS GOOD

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I OUGHT to be able to tell you a great deal about Anaheim, having lived in it all of my life.

It is about twenty-seven miles from Los Angeles and about twelve miles from the ocean, with a space of four miles to the foothills. This is in Orange county.

It is not often frequented by low, heavy fogs, as the other towns, but instead the days are clear; in the summer the days are cooled by a refreshing sea breeze.

This town is supplied with fresh vegetables and fruits which are brought in from its suburban acres of fertile soil. A species of almost every plant in this part of the United States is grown here.

There are two transcontinental railroads going through Anaheim, the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific.

Anaheim is an incorporated town, with a population of 4500 people. It has a postoffice whose receipts are nearly \$10,000 a year. It has its own municipal electrical and water works, a newly built Carnegie library, nine churches both of English and German denominations, fine schools ranging from primary to the high school, and three banks whose total deposits are over \$600,000 per annum.

It is also the home of the California Folding Crate company, which has orders enough to keep it busy night and day. It also has three packing houses, each one being able to handle oranges, walnuts, peppers and cabbages. I hope some day you may see Anaheim—the garden spot of Southern California. REINHOLD STOCK.

Anaheim, grade 9, Anaheim high school.

CLIMATE AND TOWN

UPBUILD GOOD IN MAN

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I think my town, Del Rosa, is the best, because it is away from any large city where they have saloons, and is consequently away from that temptation.

It is up next to the mountains, and the people can go up there on picnics and have very nice times. There is a large hotel about three miles from here, and is situated among the hills. The people go up on electric cars and spend Sundays there.

Our town is very beautiful and it has many beautiful flowers. The birds are always singing and the flowers are always in bloom. We raise very nice fruit.

There are many kind people who are



GRANDMA'S GARDEN

Oh, how I do love grandma's garden,
And through its winding paths to walk
To smile and nod to every flower,
That to me fairly seems to talk.
The round and laughing pansy faces
Are always waiting for me there,
In their yellow and purple dresses,
The kind they always like to wear.

Oh, the gorgeous big red poppies!
Of silk they must be made;
But grandma dislikes imitations,
And in the hot sun they would fade.
I will ask her all about them,
If they're fall or if they're true;
If they're silk or if they're cotton,
If they're false or if they're true;

And then the lady slippers,
Of all sizes and many hues,

The fairies come and help themselves
When they need a pair of shoes,
For I have seen their old ones
Lying on the ground,

Just where they sat to change them
Whenever they'd been around.

Grandma has some morning glories
Climbing up a trellis high,
They grow and run so very quickly,
I think they're racing to the sky.
But in the morning they're a glory,
When their funnel flowers are out,
Shouting through them to the others
That it's time to be about.

Buttercups and daisies
Are blossoming everywhere,
Truly, cups of yellow butter,
And daisies white and very fair;
Yes, daisies white and daisies yellow,
Marguerites are called the white,
Black-eyed Susans are the yellow,
With their eyes as black as night.

always trying to help each other and are kind to those who are sick.

Every one goes to church, which is a little way above the station. The school rooms are below and the church rooms are upstairs.

LEEOTA GREENE.

Mountain district school, grade 7, Del Rosa. Age 11.

Quaint Windmills

Dear Aunt Laurie:

My town has some of the best buildings and advantages for a town of its size. It has water pipes and electricity. Some of the houses have windmills, from which they get their water. There are a good many stores and gardens.

There are several halls and a moving

picture show. The Soldiers' Home is about a mile from here.

A short car ride will take you to most of the beach towns on this electric line. There is a postoffice and a concrete depot. The main avenue is paved with oil. Several oil wells are near the outskirts. A good many eucalyptus and pepper trees grow around here. The hills are not far away.

The streets are kept real clean.

We have several banks, hardware stores, real estate offices, barber shops, a lumber yard and several brickyards are near the city limits.

The town is named after a Mr. Sawtelle.

DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY.

Sawtelle city school, grade 6.

GREAT NATURAL ADVANTAGES

Situation and Climate Unite in Giving Los Angeles Eminence

(First Prize)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

LOS ANGELES is the best town for people who work outdoors. Here they can work all the year round and they don't lose any more time during the rainy season here than they do when it rains in the east.

Then, again, there is not such a great amount of fuel needed here, and the wages are better, as a rule. We have many churches, theaters, beaches and mountains and have very good schools.

We will soon have an unlimited amount of good water from the Owens river, and in three years, with the completion of the Panama canal and our San Pedro harbor, we will be in closer touch with the east, when transportation by water will be cheaper and no doubt we will have regular lines of steamships plying between San Pedro and points on the Atlantic ocean in European ports.

MAUDE EDWARDS.

Hobart school, 5th grade. 3027 West Tenth street.

DELIGHTFUL CLIMATE AND LOVELY SCENES

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I LIKE my city best because the climate is nice and warm. Los Angeles has some very nice parks—Eastlake park, Westlake park and many others.

I like Eastlake park the best because there is a nice big lake to go rowing on, animals, flower beds and hothouses.

There are very many interesting places in Los Angeles, and I think the city is growing very fast. There are some very nice buildings here, and I think the new postoffice is going to be beautiful when finished.

ALINE KAGE.

Griffin Avenue school, A6 grade. 520 South Avenue 19.

MOUNTAINOUS OUTLINE SURROUNDS THE CITY

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

ALTHOUGH I was not born in Los Angeles, I have spent most of my childhood here, and therefore consider it my town.

Everybody considers their town best, because they love it most; but in Los Angeles we have more than that, for



Drawn by Irwin Haines, 2515 South Main Street, Thirtieth Street School, Grade 7B

WRITERS' CONTEST

Los Angeles, first prize, \$1.00—Maude Edwards, 3027 West Tenth street.

Honorable mention—Aline Kage, 520 South Avenue Nineteen; Leo Longstreth, 2207 East Fourth street.

Out of town, first prize, \$1.00—Perry Byerly, 1240 West Seventh street, Riverside.

Honorable mention—Leota Green, Del Rosa; Reinhold Stock, Anaheim.

LIMERICK CONTEST

Los Angeles, first prize, book—Leroy Reese, 718 East Fiftieth street.

Honorable mention—Marguerite Stickney, 443 O'Farrel street; Martin E. Pollard, 3031 Minnesota street.

Out of town, first prize, book—Lois Wise, Corona.

Honorable mention—Florence Smith, Highgrove; Vera Higbee, Lompoc.

UNFINISHED STORY

Prize story, book—Charlotte Kirby, Corona.

Honorable mention—Velora Peltier, Montecito; Bertha Wardell, 1309 Rich street.

YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST

Prize picture, \$1.00—Margaret Bennett, 1401 El Molino street.