

Letters to Aunt Laurie From Nephews and Nieces

RESOLUTIONS ARE BENEFICIAL

Some Suggestions Which Are Sure to Be Helpful

(First Prize)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I AM going to make New Year's resolutions for you. You do not need any, but I don't know for whom else to make them.

Resolution number one: To visit all the H. J. clubs once a month. I am sure they will all be glad to have you.

Resolution number two: To try to give interesting topics in all contests. You don't need this one at all, as you always give nice topics.

Resolution number three: To get the pennants for The Herald Junior made as soon as possible.

Resolution number four: To take a vacation once a year, and when you come back tell all the Herald Juniors about it. I hope you will adopt this resolution, because we should like a letter from you, and you need a rest sometimes like everybody else.

Resolution number five: To make The Herald Junior larger and to give the artists more space.

I think I have given you all the resolutions you will need for the coming year. I have also given you some you do not need. Affectionately yours,

SHIRLS ELIZABETH SILK.

419 North Dright avenue, age 12, B7 grade, Balley street school, Whittier.

Thank you, Shiris, for saving me the trouble of making New Year's resolutions for myself. You did not put in all the resolutions I should make, but I will try to follow these as well as possible.

SOME RESOLUTIONS FOR RUSSIA'S RULER

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

IF I were Czar Nicholas II I would try to turn over a new leaf when little 1910 comes to earth. If a man had a certain religion, belief, or in fact any way to worship God I would try and be just with him.

I would not torment him in some dreadful way or banish him to dark and dreary Siberia.

To be intimate and friendly with my people would be very important, for it would make a better country and more progressive. I think if the czar would let a congress or a parliament decide on the laws they would be less severe and not so hard to obey.

In the way of peace with the great powers or the United States I would try to be neighborly. This would make trade and commerce more extensive, and Russia would be a better and more civilized country.

To be barbarous in most ways makes a country slow and uncontrollable. I think if the czar would amend his ways Russia would be more favored by the other nations.

ESTELLE REICH.

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CONSIDERS SPANISH KING TOO NEGLIGENT

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I AM going to tell you about some good resolutions I would keep if I were the king of Spain.

I would stop all the bull fighting of the country. I would not allow it any place and would punish anyone who encouraged it.

I think it is dreadful to kill the poor animals for pleasure. There is no pleasure in it that I can see. The poor bull gets so frightened he does not know which way to turn.

Next I would provide wholesome amusements for my people, and I would teach them how to be good men and women.

There would be schools for the children and colleges for the young men and women.

The people would take an interest in things and be energetic if I could get the right kind of amusements for them. I would punish any person helping the bull fights. I think it is one of the most brutal of amusements—if it can be called an amusement.

Now I will close, Aunt Laurie, hoping you will approve of the resolutions I would make and carry out.

HELEN SMITH.

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Would Improve Los Angeles

Dear Aunt Laurie:

If I were Mayor Alexander I would try to do what I think is right and best for the city. I would establish



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more schools and colleges, so the girls and boys will have a good chance to have an education. I would establish fine, wide highways and boulevards, so the roads wouldn't be so muddy in the rainy season. I would build fine bridges over the Los Angeles river. I think it would add a great deal to the beauty of the city. I would have playgrounds built for the children to play in. Besides playgrounds I would have more public parks. I would build more public buildings, such as gymnastiums, public libraries, museums, art galleries, etc.

I think if all of this was done Los Angeles would be one of the prettiest cities in the United States.

I hope this letter will please you, Aunt Laurie.

ALINE KAGE.

Critic of H. J. C. No. 1, 520 South Avenue 19; Griffin Avenue school, grade A7.

WOULD MAKE NUMEROUS CHANGES IN STUDIES

(Honorable Mention)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

IF I were so lucky as to be at the head of the California board of education one of the first things I would do would be to slash out all the nerve-racking examinations and tiresome studies that make us burn the "midnight oil."

Arithmetic, that nightmare of so many girls, I would put in the Never Never land. History books with their

puzzling dates I would burn in an enormous furnace, so that children in the future would never have to bother over whether Washington was the first president or the last, and whether King James was the twentieth or fiftieth king of England.

Then grammar, that harrowing ghost of object complements and prepositions, I would "modify" to a complete nothingness. I would send the geographies down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, where the Gulf stream would carry them out to mid-ocean. Spelling books I would send to Roosevelt in the jungles and let him and the lions simplify them for their own use.

Then at school the children would play basketball and indulge in hot tamales and butter-scotch. These things would head the roll of my New Year's resolutions if I were, if I only were, at the head of the board of education.

MARCELLA MAHAN.

Monterey road, South Pasadena, age 13, 7th grade.

Suggests Club Colors

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I like your colors, crimson and gold, and think that they are the best colors for the Herald Junior pennant. They are very rich and pretty colors, and, as you say, would look very nice in a banner. Your nephew,

ARTHUR NOBLES.

824 East Twenty-seventh street. Twenty-eighth street school, grade B3. Age 13.

WOULD MAKE BEAUTIFUL CITY

Natural Advantages to Be Enhanced for Los Angeles' Advancement

(First Prize)

Dear Aunt Laurie:

I WILL write and tell you of some new resolutions I would make if I were Mayor Alexander.

I would resolve to try to make Los Angeles the most beautiful and attractive city in the United States.

I would resolve to put the money for the harbor and Owens river aqueduct to the best possible use.

To try to annex the nearby towns and cities to Los Angeles would be another resolution. By doing this I think the taxes would be less because there would be more people to pay them. I would resolve to veto all bills that would not benefit the city, and would give every one a square deal.

I would resolve to do all I could to promote the state division sentiment because I think that the north has treated the south very unjustly by laying such a heavy tax on the people of the southern counties.

ARTHUR NOBLES.

Twenty-eighth Street school, B3 grade. 824 East Twenty-seventh street.

Resolutions for Zelaya

Dear Aunt Laurie:

If I were Senor Zelaya, president of the small republic by the name of Nicaragua, and the person in the limelight just now, I believe I could think up many New Year's resolutions.

Number one: I would quit the spirit of hunting for trouble, which is usually followed by getting more than was looked for.

Number two: I would memorize this one, "It does not pay to shoot American citizens, and, as the old maxim wisely says, 'You can only learn by experience.' I have found out that it does not pay, so will profit by my experience."

Number three: Another old maxim says, "Do not keep on trying for more when you have enough." I did this when I tried to be president over all of the Central American countries. I was president over one of the largest.

My choice of colors for the HERALD JUNIOR PENNANT

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 Signed.....  
 School.....  
 Address.....

If you have not already voted, fill in lines upon this ballot and send to Aunt Laurie, care Herald Junior, before Thursday, December 30.