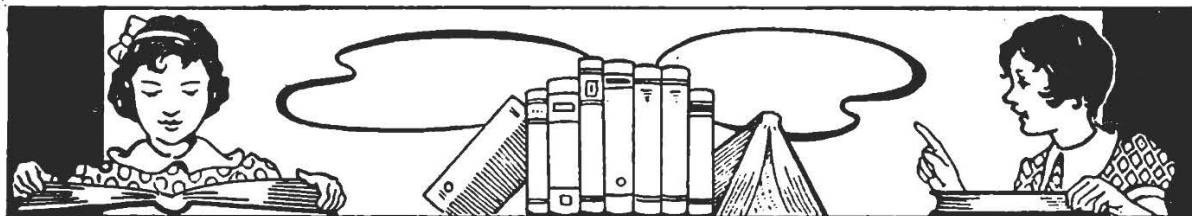


## Maria's Companions

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WHEN Anita had finished reading the two books she brought from Maria's home, *Black Beauty* and *Heidi*, she wanted to return them. One of the neighbors was going to see Maria's father, and Anita asked him to take the books and a letter to Maria. The neighbor was glad to do this for Anita. This is the letter she wrote to Maria.

Dear Maria:

Mr. Gomez is going to your house and is kind enough to take your books to you. Again I want to thank you for loaning them to me.

Mother, Pedro, Lolita, and I read *Black Beauty* together aloud. Pedro told Emilio about it, and Emilio wanted to read the book. I remember—you said that part of the fun in book companions comes in sharing them with friends, so I knew you would be glad for Emilio to read *Black Beauty*. He asked me to thank you for him.

*Heidi* is a lovely story. The day I finished reading it Lolita happened to

be having a birthday party, so I told the children the story of Heidi and Clara. They were delighted with it.

I want to send you one of my books to read. I think you do not have the *Philippine Twins* by Lucy Fitch Perkins. I believe you will like it. When you have finished reading it, if someone happens along who wants to read it, I'll be glad for you to pass it on.

You might be interested in hearing that I have copied several poems in the book we made while I was with you. Here is one you might like for your own book:

### LITTLE THINGS

By Ebenezer Cobham Brewer

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand  
Make a mighty ocean  
And a pleasant land.

Thus the little minutes,

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Humble though they be,  
Make the mighty ages  
Of eternity.

Pedro and Lolita each want a loose leaf book for pressed flowers. This afternoon I am going to help Lolita with hers, and tomorrow I'll help Pedro.

This vacation got started off so well for me that I think it is going to be best one I have ever had. Can't you come into town and spend a while with me? We would like so much to have you.

Your friend,

Anita

If you have been reading *The Young Citizen* during the past year you will remember that we introduced Maria in January, 1938. Each month throughout the year we have told you something about Maria's companions. These companions are the characters in her books. She is so well acquainted with her books that the people in them seem like real persons to her.

The first of her companions to be introduced to you were Kit and Kat in *The Dutch Twins* by Lucy Fitch Perkins. Next came the four girls, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy in *Little Women* by Louisa M. Alcott. You read about the birds in the *Album of Philippine Birds* by Dr. Canuto S. Manuel. Then there were the poems, and you learned to make a binding for a loose leaf book in which to copy your favorite poems.

Among Maria's companions are plants. She told

you how she used the book *Philippine Plant Life* by John W. Ritchie and Julia P. Echavarría. And you remember Bobby and Sister Sue in *Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax* by Ethel Clere Chamberlin. How would you like a horse like Black Beauty as he was described in *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell?

Perhaps one of Maria's most interesting companions is Heidi, the Swiss child of the Alps. Anita told the story of Heidi and Clara after reading *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri. Just now you heard of *The Philippine Twins* by Lucy Fitch Perkins, the same author who wrote *The Dutch Twins*. We hope that we have made these books seem interesting, and that you will want to read each of them.

Now we shall give you a list that may help in selecting books for yourself and for your friends. Perhaps you, like Maria, can find real companionship in your reading.

There are many, many good books for girls and boys—hundreds of them, but we can give you the titles of only a few. Here they are:

*Paz and Pablo* by Mitchell.

*Philippine Folklore Stories* by Miller.

*Little Wooden Doll* by Bianco.

*Peter Pan* by Barrie.

*Juan and Juanita*.

*Pinocchio* by Collodi.

*Jack O' Health and Peg O' Joy*.

*Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson.

*Story a Day Book* by Holt.

*Jack and Susan Stories* by Darby.

*Climbing Twins* by Clark.

*In Animal Land* by LaRue.

*Nixie Bunny in Far-away Land*.

*Fil and Filippa* by Thompson.

*Adventures of Sonny Bear* by Fox.

*Favorite Mother Goose Rhymes*.

*Grimm's Fairy Tales* by Grimm Brothers.

*Hans Brinker* by Dodge.

*The Hiawatha Alphabet* by Holbrook.

*Kipling's Boy Stories* by Kipling.

*Little Brother to the Scouts* by Watson.

*The Little Lame Prince* by Craik.

*Kittens and Cats*.

*Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe.

*Swiss Family Robinson* by Wyss.

*Treasure Island* by Stevenson.

*Dolly and Molly on Christmas Day* by Gordon.

*Mother Cary* by Lamont.

*Tommy Tad and Polly Wog* by Trick.

*Tiny Cottontail* by Hinkle.

*Little Men* by Alcott.

*When I Was a Girl in Mexico*.

*Piang, the Moro Jungle Boy*.

*Philippine Insect Stories* by Buñag and Belting.

*Our Wide, Wide World* by Craig and Baldwin.

Now we have ended our story about Maria's companions. You have the list. Make them *your* companions.

(The End)