



G L O S S A R Y

amateur: One who practices an art for the love of it; not a professional.

anniversary: A day separated by a year or an exact number of years from some past event.

apprentice: A beginner who is learning a trade; usually not a paid worker.

autobiography: One's life story or history written by himself.

bald: Without hair.

biography: A life story.

board, boarding house: Meals at a fixed price, usually at a house in which one also has a room.

cathedral: The chief church which is the seat of the head of that religious group in a certain region.

celebrated: famous, widely known.

coarse: Susy's misspelling of "course."

coffin: The box in which a dead person's body is placed for burying.

crutch: A support which goes under the arm, used to help in walking.

disk: A flat circle-shaped plate.

dome: A cuplike cover to a building.

elevation: A raised place.

epileptic: A sufferer from epilepsy, a nervous disease.

excursion: A short journey, usually for pleasure.

exterior: On the outside. Being or occurring without.

extrodinarily: Susy's misspelling of "extraordinarily."

fathom: A unit of measurement equal to six feet, used in figuring the depth of a river or other body of water.

fifty: Five times ten. Adjective—**fiftieth**.

fourteen: Four plus ten. Teen means to add ten to a number.

gingerbread: A light sweet cake flavored with ginger (a highly seasoned flavoring) very popular in the U.S.

hymn: Song in praise or honor of God, a nation, etc.

interrupt: Susy's misspelling of "interrupt."

invalid: One who is in bad health.

legislative: Law-making.

married: Susy's misspelling of "married."

measles: An illness with fever and spots on the skin.

meningitis: A disease, especially affecting the brain.

mesmerism, -ist, -ize: Based on the theory of a man named Mesmer, that one person can produce in another a condition like sleep in which his mind is subject to the will of the operator.

minstrel: A singer of Negro tunes; a minstrel show was a favorite entertainment where jokes were told, with one man acting as a sort of director for the others.

Negro: A brown or black person of African blood.

phrenology: A system which believes in a relation between brains and character and the formation of the structure of the head.

quack: One who pretends to medical skill; a false doctor.

royalty: A share based on a percentage of the earnings.

salon: A reception room in a large house.

superintendent: One who directs or manages.

surgery: The branch of medicine involving operations or instruments.

sute: Susy's misspelling of "suit."

syndicate: An association of people; in newspaper business, formed to sell one story to a number of journals.

temperance: Not to drink alcohol or smoke tobacco, etc.

tenor: The highest adult male voice; a singer having such a voice.

tropics: Hot regions of the earth midway between the North and South poles.

twain: old word for two.

villa: A house, particularly in Italy, with some suggestion of wealth.

vineyard: A place where grapes are grown.

ware: Susy's misspelling of "wear."

watermelon: A very large edible fruit with watery, sweet, red juice.

whisky: An alcoholic drink usually made from grain.

yacht: A ship specially built for pleasure (instead of war or commerce).