



## 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).