

of furniture which his ancestors had brought from Old Spain in 1797. Since the boys had said they had one more place to show her before siesta time, they soon left, after Marian had promised to dine with the mayor and his wife that night.

As they walked around the plaza toward La Calle de Las Rosas, the boys told Marian the history of La Cathedral de Nuestra Senora. She was intensely interested in it before she saw it, and when she did see it, she could do nothing but stand and stare. With the bright afternoon sun shining on it, the Cathedral looked all pink and gold, and showed all the carving

in detail. Marian slowly walked through the doorway, and in the quiet of the little Cathedral she hardly dared to breathe, for fear of disturbing the saints. She walked slowly up to the altar, stood for a few minutes looking at the carved figures of Mary and Jesus, and slowly knelt to pray. As she neared the end of her prayer she said, more as a question to herself than a plea to the Virgin, "Why can't all people be like these in this little town? If it were possible, greed and wars would be unheard of, and the world would be more as He intended it to be."

## Americanism

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*Americanism.* This is not a new word to me; in fact, it is one with which I have been familiar for several years. Yet it has not been long since I have come really to understand and appreciate it. "Americanism," to me, is the one word which symbolizes all of the ideals of a great nation. It signifies the ideals of which we are very proud, the ideals which our ancestors set up and struggled and fought to maintain, the ideals which we are fighting to preserve against our enemies today. It is the love of our churches and the free establishment thereof regardless of our religious creed. It stands for the principles and rights of a free people, the freedom of speech and of

the press, the freedom of opportunity and of enterprize, the right of the individual to seek the kind of employment he chooses, the right of the individual to sell his products to anyone at any time, the right of the individual to use the proceeds of such sales as he sees fit, the right of the individual to own private property, the freedom of election and assembly. All this is Americanism — the one word which symbolizes all of the ideals of a great nation which today, by the preservation of these ideals, stands as a guiding star for the conquered peoples of the world, leading them from the pit-falls of barbarism onto the road of peace, hope, and happiness.