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Louise came over for supper and told us all about their weekend and we sat around in lazy fashion and played with Peter the Pup. Louise says she wants a dog but she knows there could never be another as cute a Pete and she would never be happy with any other kind.

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Dorothy went to the meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs to hear Mrs Frances Parkinson Keyes. She reported a very stupid meeting since Mrs. Keyes had an enlarged ego and distinctly talked down to her audience.

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