

92. So far as you can see, do they treat the other girls in the same way?—Yes.
93. Do you get all the food you want?—Yes.
94. Have you enough bedding in the winter-time?—Yes.
95. And plenty of clothes?—Yes.
96. You have your own clothes kept in your own locker?—Yes.
97. Have you been punished at all?—Yes.
98. What for?—I was sent to bed with dry bread for not learning my lessons.
99. Since you have been in the Home, have you been happy or unhappy?—Happy.
100. Do you like being here?—Yes.
101. You know you are here for your own good?—Yes.
102. Does the Matron treat you in a motherly way?—Yes.
103. And is kind to you?—Yes.
104. Do you go to her if you have any complaints or any troubles?—Yes.
105. And when you leave here will you regard this as your old home?—Yes.
106. And if you were in trouble, to whom would you go?—To the Matron.
107. Do you give any money to the church?—Yes, 2d. per month.
108. Would you like that reduced to 1d.?—No.
109. *Mr. Salter.*] You would rather be here than anywhere else?—Yes.
110. Have you ever seen girls having their ears boxed?—Yes.
111. By whom?—By Matron.
112. With both hands, first one side and then the other?—Yes.
113. Has that happened often?—Not very often. Only when they deserved it.
114. Do you know why you were brought here?—For stealing.
115. Are you amongst the first- or second-class girls?—First class.
116. How long were you in the second class?—A year exactly.
117. You say you are not tired after the wood-chopping?—No.
118. Have you driven in the wedge with the maul?—I did it when I was on the second side, but not since.
119. Did you find that rather hard?—Yes.
120. That was the hardest about the work?—Yes.
121. Did you ever do kitchen-work?—No.
122. Have you seen any utensils in the pantry or kitchen for keeping jam and salt and sugar in?—Yes.
123. What are they?—Jars.
124. Are there not bedroom utensils there with jam in them?—No.
125. Are you sure?—Yes.
126. There are some?—Yes.
127. Have any of the other girls ever complained to you about the food?—Yes, that they did not get enough to eat.
128. You have always had enough to eat?—Yes.
129. You are quite sure?—Positive.
130. Do you know anything about the reception-room?—Yes, but I have not been there.
131. The girls here do not always tell the truth?—No.
132. Have you always told it?—Not always.
133. You are telling the truth now?—Yes.

A— A— W— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—Fourteen years.
2. How long have you been here?—Twelve months next June.
3. How many afternoons altogether do you get in the week for play?—Mondays and Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 3 p.m. until bedtime.
4. During these times you can play and do whatever you like?—Yes.
5. What do you play at as a rule in the summer-time?—Sometimes we go out to the tennis-court.
6. Do you do wood-chopping occasionally?—Yes.
7. Do you like wood-chopping?—Yes.
8. You would rather do that than be inside?—Yes.
9. What part do you do?—I chop the blocks that the other girls saw.
10. They are not very big blocks as a rule?—No.
11. Do you find the work tires you very much?—No.
12. Who of the staff goes out with you?—Sometimes Miss Hunt and now Miss McPherson.
13. Are they severe or kind to you?—Very kind to us.
14. And to all the other girls as well?—Yes, they treat us all the same.
15. Are you allowed to rest yourselves if you are tired?—Yes, if we are very tired.
16. Does the staff ever drive you?—No.
17. What about your food?—I get plenty to eat.
18. In the winter are you warm enough in bed?—Yes.
19. Do you get enough clothing for yourself?—Yes.
20. Do you do any scrubbing in the winter or summer time?—I have not scrubbed in the winter yet.
21. Is there plenty of hot water for anything that is wanted so far as you know?—Yes.
22. Have you been punished at all since you have been here?—I have been put to bed once for not knowing my lessons, and once for not having my work done.
23. Do you like being here?—Yes.