

A SCHOOL STORY ALPHABET

A's for an Abbey - the school's always old -
B's for the morning Bath, usually cold.
C's for the Classroom - of which we hear least;
D's for the Dorm. and the Dark Midnight Feast.

E's for Exams, where some cheating takes place
And the cheat gets the heroine into disgrace.
F's for the Friend who sticks by her throughout
And also For-giveness when Cheat is found out.

G is for Games - and the Goal which is scored
By our Heroine playing back, centre and forward;
Though her ankle's been Hit by the Hard Hockey ball-
Making the scorer the Idol of all.

J's for the Japes which the Irish colleen
Invents - and on which all the rest are so Keen.
When they're in the Laboratory, all L breaks loose -
Mamselle cries "Vous méchantes filles!" turning quite puce.

N is the New Girl whom nobody knows:
The poor girl's an Orphan, or so we suppose
Till her father's found safe and sound - what a surprise!
Or perhaps she's a Princess or Queen in disguise.

Now we've got to the climax - the Rescue's at hand
For the San. is on fire or the Tide's on the sand.
And the Cheat is in danger - the story's so gripping!
But Up goes our heroine - isn't she ripping!

Our Heroine's Vict'ry's an absolute rule,
And the cheat's Wicked Wiles are exposed to the school.
X-posed as a villain! X-pelled straight away?
No! Y not? Well, our Heroine begs "Let her stay"!

Our alphabet's come to an end, as it must,
And I hope that you think the descriptions are just.
But where has the Z gone? I see your blank looks -
It's the Zeal with which all of us read the damn books!



Dorita Fairlie Bruce
Turned quite puce
When a friend referred to someone she didn't fancy
As "A proper little nancy!"