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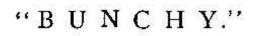
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PREFACE.

I HAVE allowed my young heroine, Bunchy, to tell her own story, because I feel sure that you, my dear little friends, who read it, will greatly prefer to hear from Bunchy herself all about her pretty home at Scarsbrook, her father and mother, her brothers and little sister, her aunts and grandmother, the pony she rode, the dog that loved her, the pigs, whom she reckoned amongst her best friends, than to hear it from me.

I hope you will like my Bunchy, for I am very fond of her myself; but you must love Marmaduke and little Winifred also. Bunchy has one grave fault—she is selfish. But what child who reads her story, if he or she were relating his or her own everyday life, could truthfully picture it faultless?

And though Bunchy has her faults, she has her good points, too.