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“Can’t I have that nice little puppy Joey Martin says he’ll give me, Ma? Their old dog has five and Joey says I can have my pick of them,—Can’t I, Ma?”

“No, you cannot, and that settles it! I’ve never had a dog in my house in all my housekeeping and I never intend to have one. Always on the wrong side of the door and barking to get out or in! And always under foot or—”

“No, they’re not always under foot, Ma. Joey’s mother is one of the biggest women in this town, and their dog has never been under her foot or it wouldn’t be alive today. Most everybody has a dog. Don’t see why I can’t have one. Can’t I, Ma?”

“No! And that ends it!”

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