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(Continued.)

"I am sleepless and exhausted; I'm heartsick, but I am well as I ever was. Answer me, Elnora, would you?"

"Answer nothing!" cried Mrs. Comstock. "Hang your coat there on your nail, Phil, and come split some kindling. Elnora, clean away that stuff and set the table. Can't you see the boy is starved and tired? He's come home to rest and get a decent meal. Come on, Phil."

Mrs. Comstock marched away, and Ammon hung his coat in its old place and followed. Out of sight and hearing she turned on him.

"Do you call yourself a man or a hound?" she flared.

"Mrs. Comstock, I came here to ask Elnora to marry me."

"The more fool you, then!" cried Mrs. Comstock. "This time yesterday you were engaged to another woman, no doubt. Now, for some little flareup you come racing here to use Elnora as a tool to spite the other girl. A week of sane living and you will be sorry and ready to go back to Chicago or, if you really are man enough to be sure of yourself, she will come to claim you. When you patch up your affairs and go sailing away together, where does my girl come in?"

"I am a lawyer, Mrs. Comstock," said Ammon. "It appeals to me as beneath your ordinary sense of justice to decide a case without hearing the evidence. It is due me that you hear me first."

"Hear your side?" flashed Mrs. Comstock. "I'd a heap sight rather hear the girl!"

"I wish to my soul that you had heard and seen her last night, Mrs. Comstock," said Ammon. "Then my way would be clear."

He gave his version of the previous night.

"Do you believe me?" he finished.

"Yes," said Mrs. Comstock.

"May I stay?"

"Oh, it looks all right for you, but what about her?"

"Nothing so far as I am concerned. Her plans were all made to start to Europe today. I suspect she is on the way by this time. Elnora is very sensible, Mrs. Comstock. Hadn't you better let her decide this?"

"The final decision rests with her, of course," admitted Mrs. Comstock. "But look you one thing! She's all I have. So far as I know you've always been a man and you may stay. But if you bring tears and heartache to her don't have the assurance to think I'll bear it tamely. I'll get right up and fight like a catamount if things go wrong for Elnora!"

"I have no doubt but you will," replied Ammon, "and I don't blame you

at the least if you do. I have the utmost devotion to offer Elnora, a good home, fair social position, and my family will love her dearly. Think it over. I know it is sudden, but my father advised it."

They prepared and ate supper. Afterward they sat in the arbor and talked, or Elnora played until time for Ammon to go.

"Will you walk to the gate with me?" he asked Elnora as he arose.

"Not tonight," she answered lightly. "Come early in the morning if you like, and we will go over to Sleepy Snake creek and hunt moths and gather dandelions for dinner."

Ammon leaned toward her. "May I tell you tomorrow why I came?" he asked.

"I think not," replied Elnora. "The fact is I don't care why you came. It is enough for me that we are your very good friends and that in trouble you have found us a refuge. I fancy we had better live a week or two before you say anything. There is a possibility what you have to say may change in that length of time."

"It will not change one iota!" cried Ammon.

"Then it will have the grace of that much age to give it some small touch of flavor," said the girl. "Come early in the morning."

She lifted the violin and began to play a dainty fairy dance.

"Well, bless my soul!" softly ejaculated the astounded Mrs. Comstock.

"To think I was worrying for fear you couldn't take care of yourself!"

Elnora laughed as she played.

The month which followed was a repetition of the previous June, with moth hunts, specimen gathering and perfect nights filled with music, save that Philip was now Elnora's avowed suitor.

Edith Carr, sick at heart, sailed for Europe. At the end of a month Philip asked Elnora to be his wife, but she pleaded for more time, saying she must be absolutely sure of herself and of him before she could say yes. But she consented to wear a beautiful emerald ring which he had had sent from Chicago.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Wherein Chicago Comes to the Limberlost.

HONK, honk, honk! Hart Henderson set the alarm of the big automobile going as it shot from behind the trees lining the Brushwood road. The picture of a vine covered cabin, a great drooping tree, a green clad girl and a man bending over her very closely flashed into view. Edith Carr caught her breath with a snap. Polly Ammon gave Tom Levering a quick touch and wickedly winked at him.

Several days before Edith had returned from Europe suddenly. She and Henderson had called at the Ammon residence, saying that they were going to motor down to the Limberlost to see Philip a few hours and urged that Polly and Tom accompany them. Mrs. Ammon thought it better to have Polly along to support Philip than to allow him to confront Edith unexpectedly and alone. Polly was full of spirit. She did not like Edith and did not relish the thought of her as a sister. Two days before her father had extracted a promise of secrecy, given her Philip's address and told her to send him the finest emerald ring she could select. Polly knew how that ring would be used. What she did not know was that the girl who accompanied her went back to the store afterward, made an excuse to the clerk that she had been sent to be absolutely sure that the address was right and so secured it for Edith Carr.

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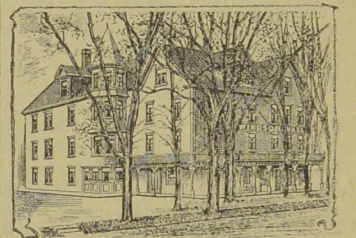
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