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THE LESSON OF LIFE

(Continued.)

"There is a broken spot, there, in the picture-muhding!" she exclaimed. "In what?" he asked, puzzled.

"The picture-muhding," she repeated. "What?" he said again.

"In the picture-m, o, u, l, d, i, n, g-muhding," she replied severely. It was then his turn to say "Oh!" and feel humble.

Sometimes he, being also young, assumed an air of calm superiority that maddened her. One night, when he had been driven into anger by a series of ingenious insults, he said sharply:

"Perhaps you would prefer giving up your work so that you could spend your evenings down stairs in the parlor again!"

He was thoroughly exasperated. "Oh, I wouldn't—you know that I wouldn't!" she declared.

"Well, then?" he said interrogatively.

"I don't want to go back to that, but I wish I did!" she answered fiercely. "You have robbed me! Oh, you've robbed me!"

"What do you mean?" he asked, startled by her vehemence.

"I had a good time with the other boarders until you came," she replied. "But now I see how different they are. You've shown me. And if you're going to send me back to them, you had no right to show me! Oh! Oh! You! I hate you—hate you!"

But for the greater part she showed a keen desire to learn and an almost embarrassing appreciation of his kindness in acting as her teacher. It was only occasionally that she

"raised high hollers" (the term was her own), and she almost always begged his pardon before the following evening had ended. She never begged his pardon the same evening.

After an episode of this sort it was with especial grandeur and an air of good-natured patronage that she would sweep from the room when the work was finished. Sometimes she even bowed with ceremony, curtsying to him at the door, and said:

"Good night, Perdue!"

Then she was as a mother who, having been injured by a child, shows her superiority by treating it with more than usually honeyed sweetness. But she never said "Mister Perdue," with that emphasis which

most young girls use when they wish to be scathing beyond words. Perdue became absorbed in the task of teaching her. Sometimes he stayed at the office for whole, hot evenings, working at the invention of new schemes on which she could

"help" him in such a way that her "help" would teach her details of some point on which he had found her information to be particularly defective.

Her arithmetic was carried far beyond the regions of mere addition and subtraction, clerical work at ar-

chitecture offering especially fine opportunities for her instruction; and with infinite ingenuity, he introduced geography into the science of designing and constructing buildings.

"Let me see," he would say, as they were going through some book which he had brought up from the office for the purpose. "This is a very good cottage style, isn't it? It is the sort they build in southern France. Hand me the atlas, Bat, and let's see what the region looks like on the map."

Often, he would tell her to look it up herself, to see what towns were there to be made up of such strange houses.

Grammar he taught her openly, because he said his own was so imperfect that it made him feel ashamed when he talked to Mr. Callahan, the contractor. To have heard this statement would have paralyzed Pat Callahan.

One evening, with foolish lack of caution, he ever dipped a little into natural history, making a weak excuse that it was well for the human architect to know something about the instinctive methods of the builders in the lower worlds. She flashed him after he had discoursed on the tailor-birds' nest and the beaver's dam.

"I suppose some client of your firm wants a swinging house to live in, up a tree!" said she.

He looked up sharply. "And, maybe, there's another chap shouting for a nice wet home upon the bottom, outside of Sandy Hook!" she ventured.

An instant later, while he stammered, blushing, she begged his pardon prettily, said that it all was very interesting, and begged him to go on.

She understood just what he did these things for, and appreciated his devotion. Her sarcasms were not many. And he worked cautiously as well as hard, for, you see, there was ever in his mind as he made his plans for her, and executed them, the pathos of the small girl's life. When she showed her pride, he gloried in it.

The grandmother, apparently, paid small attention to the situation. To her mind, Perdue's interest had advantages.

In the first place, Bat now had money enough to buy all her own clothes, which was something of a benefit, although precious little had been spent upon them in the past out of the profits of the boarding-house.

In the second place, the work kept Bat and her sometimes sarcastic humor out of the parlor evenings.

Bat had ever been a healthy-minded little girl, prone to make game of sentimental boarders who spooned in public places, thus annoying them.

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A BAD WRECK

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The steamer left Sydney last week with a cargo of coal for Wabana, and left there to return at 1 p. m. on Saturday. It is not definitely known whether she was loaded or light, but it is thought that she had a cargo of iron ore for North Sydney when she foundered.

The Regulus was 1,367 register and 854 net tonnage, and was owned by Harvey & Co. of St. John's (Nfld.), where she was registered. She carried a crew of twenty-three.

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THE HIGHWAYS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

(Sackville Tribune.)

At the session of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities last week a resolution was moved setting forth the importance of good highways to the people of the province and urging the local government to construct permanent roads. The resolution suggested that the money necessary to make such highways be raised by the issuing of debentures.

It is interesting to notice that this resolution was moved by a Conservative councillor from Westmorland County Mr. M. G. Siddall. Everyone will agree with the mover of the resolution that good roads are of prime importance to the people of New Brunswick. Every fair-minded person will also agree with what Mr. Siddall evidently believed, though he did not put his belief into words, namely, that the condition of the provincial highways is so bad as almost to make the roads a disgrace to the province. Despite the increased taxation under the present administration the roads are exceedingly bad in very many districts. And they will be bad so long as the present system of mis-management and caring for party friends rather than for the welfare of the people as a whole is followed.

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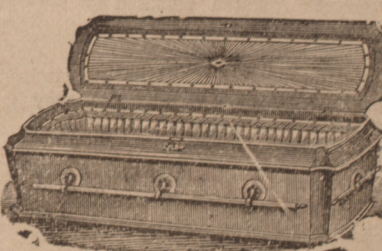
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