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THE LESSON OF LIFE

(Continued.)

He smiled and, with a swish of the long skirts, she disappeared into the blackness of the alley.

As he went up the front steps of the boarding-house and stopped to talk for a minute to the four young women and the one young man who were sitting there on sofa-pillows, their chaffing seemed very witless to him, and somehow the girls—good, hard-working girls they were, too—seemed a little vulgar in their choice of jokes. He was glad they did not know that he had taken Bat out to the theatre.

It was a real relief to escape from the young women, who pretended to block the doorstep with their pillows and their persons, and to get into his own room with the door shut tight behind him. In some way they had struck a false note in what had been a very pleasant evening. He rejoiced that Bat was not as they were.

The moonlight shone in through the window of his room, and he sat in it for half an hour before he lit the gas, although he knew that on the table there was work which he must do before he went to bed. He was thinking about Bat.

She had never had the slightest chance in all the world. And yet, with no schooling, and from a youth spent as a mere boarding-house drudge, somehow, she had grown into a young womanhood that seemed better to him than that of the girls whom he had glimpsed at the theatre—certainly better than that of those who had beset him on the porch.

She had her old shoe-top frock on now; and, somehow, this relieved him. There was an alteration in her manner, too. She was nearer like the old Bat than she had been at any time throughout that evening.

"Oh, I had such a good time, Perdue!" she exclaimed.

"I am glad," he answered, smiling. "I could hug you!" she remarked.

"All right!" said he.

And she made a motion toward him, as if she really would take him at his word; but, of course, she did not.

He wondered if she would not, really, have hugged him merrily, and if he would not have taken it as a bit of good camaraderie, before she had worn that grown-up dress. He began to wonder if—

"Anything to do tonight?" she asked hurriedly, almost as if she were suddenly embarrassed.

And he colored.

"No," said he.

This was not the truth. He had intended to tell her that they must make up for the time spent in merrymaking by working for an hour. But in the old frock she looked very little, and he thought he could see by her eyes that she was tired. He decided that he would work alone.

A moment later she left him, and

he did work, with terrific diligence, until almost sunrise. He could not have explained this unusual energy, even if he had thought to ask himself about it.

When he went to sleep, finally, short frocks and long ones. Bat and his sister—when she had been of Bat's age—were mixed up in his dreams; although, no matter how long a frock it might be which his visions of Bat wore, the face which looked out from over it was a child's face—impudent, alluring, sweet.

The episode had a good result, for it set Perdue's thoughts about the little girl into an even more serious channel than they had been following. He told her grandmother that it was a shame she had never been in school. The idea seemed to bewilder the old lady.

"Why," said she, "there has been too much for her to do here."

"How much does she save for you in servants' wages by working for you about the house?" he asked.

She was not a bright old woman. A lifetime of keeping boarding-houses is not likely to sharpen one's general intelligence, no matter how much it may rub up certain especial wits, and she blinked at him.

"Why," said she, aggrieved, "it would cost me full twelve dollars a month to get any one to do all she does."

"Would it?" asked Perdue, somewhat dashed.

But the idea was in his mind, and presently he talked bravely with his employer, who had been expecting it for some time. Afterward he said to Bat, one evening:

"Bat, you've got to go to school."

"How?" she inquired.

"Your grandmother must hire to take your place around the house."

"That's how."

"She won't."

"It will cost her twelve dollars a month," explained Perdue. "I have found a way in which you can earn enough to more than pay the girl's wages."

"Perdue!"

He had had no idea that she would be so greatly pleased.

CHAPTER IV.

THE SKEIN IS TANGLED.

So Bat went to the grammar-school. She was distressingly "under grade," but Perdue literally forced study on her; and, besides, she was ambitious.

There was a detail about the new arrangement which was hard on Perdue, but he did not mention it. The evenings which Bat had used at helping him were now devoted, mostly, to his helping her, and so he did not earn as much extra money as he had in the old days. Indeed, his few hundred dollars of bank savings began to dwindle.

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Dear Editor

I would like to write you a few lines giving you my views on the following:

I think the government is violating the game law by indiscriminately selling hunting licenses to anyone paying \$2.00 whether they are bona fide residents or not. It looks as though the government wants the money, not caring what game is killed.

There are some strange things happening down here. When Christopher Monahan hung himself, the manner in which they handled the case is altogether different to what they do in Carleton County; they put his remains in what appeared to me to be an old dry goods box, and the overseers bought one pound of black paint to paint it, and he grumbled that it was not enough, and I thought, by the way he spoke, that he had expected to have enough left to paint a hog yoke. In Carleton County we have paid \$200.00 to hang men, and have always given them a decent burial, but down here they don't give a man a decent burial even when he does his own hanging. When the Overseer put the remains in the box described above, the ceremony would strike a person as being similar to the meeting of the Baker and the Chimney Sweeping, when the Baker said "Good Morning Mr. Devil, what's the news from your country?" I might also add, it has always seemed strange to me that York County always saddles Carleton County with its paupers. York County is not behind Carleton in churches, or socially, so I have come to the conclusion that it must be in politics.

When icing runs, put it back on the stove, on top of an asbestos mat, and stir until proper consistency is restored. This can be done after syrup is added to the white of an egg.

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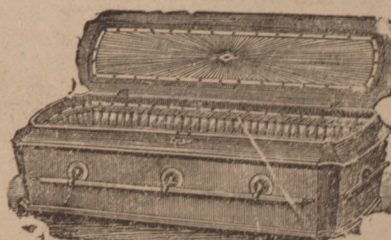
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