

## The Family Circle.

## The Two Homes; or, Earning and Spending.

CHAPTER IV.

THE YOUNG ARCHITECT.

(Continued.)

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

Mr. Stearns, whom we left confined to his bed by a broken limb, had been compelled to abstain from work under the care of the doctor; but long before he was able to visit his old haunt, Turner's store, he obtained from it a supply for his use at home.

It was a great triumph to Mr. Turner that he had been able to enclose Mr. Stearns in his coils; and he looked confidently forward to the time when the large farm, formerly the best tilled in the town, should pass into his hands. For two or three years this seemed to be as far from his grasp as ever, for Mr. Stearns never ordered a glass of toddy without putting the money on the counter to pay for it, though Turner often said—

"Don't trouble yourself, Mr. Stearns. Let me set it down on the slate, and pay once a week or so."

But at length the land, for want of care, did not yield as much as formerly; the rye and wheat crop utterly failed, the potatoes rotted in the ground, and the money did not flow into the pockets of the farmer as in other years. Not having the cash in his pocket, of course he could not pay it out, and so it happened that Mr. Stearns's name began to appear in Turner's book of accounts, and there it was likely to remain until his whole property was consumed; for at this time he was so beset by the constant use of rum that he could do no business, and indeed passed the most of his days at the store.

This being the state of his father's affairs, of course Gilbert had long given up the idea of receiving aid from him when he should attain his majority. Within a few months he had engaged himself in marriage to a showy-looking, shrewdly-dressed milliner who was worth a thousand dollars. He had met her at a country ball, was much fascinated by her beauty and gay appearance, and after a few weeks' acquaintance proposed marriage. The offer was accepted, and Stearns was voted by his club to be a lucky member.

The evening before his birth-day, Mr. Morse invited both his apprentices to his house, when he expressed his full satisfaction with their conduct during the whole term they had been in his employ, and ended by proposing to take them into partnership with him on very favorable terms.

Henry could scarcely express his gratitude at this unexpected offer.

"You forget," said he, "that I have still nine months to serve you as apprentice."

"My memory is better than you think, my young friend. I have watched your progress so far with much satisfaction; and it is with great cheerfulness that I give up three-fourths of a year in the hope of retaining you for life. Don't decide to-night," he added, as Henry began to express the pleasure such a connection would give him. "Consult your friends; and let me know to-morrow evening, when I have taken the liberty to give a few persons to meet you here."

"Miss Weston received her card to-night," he added, turning to Gilbert; "for your sake I shall be happy to make her acquaintance. As for you, Henry, in return for your want of confidence in me as to the name of your lady love, I have omitted to invite her; but tell your grandmother I cannot take a refusal from her, and shall send a carriage to the cottage at an early hour."

"I accept in her name as well for the other lady you spoke of," answered Henry, with a rosy blush.

The next evening the young man walked into the parlor with old lady Hooper leaning on his arm, the good woman wholly unconscious of the envy she was exciting by the tenderness and care she was receiving from one acknowledged to be the handsomest man in the room.

Gilbert appeared, evidently, not quite at his ease, though he tried to imitate the confidence and self-possession of the tall, richly-dressed lady by his side. For the first time Henry was introduced to Miss Weston, though he had often met her in the street. Under the circumstances it was natural that they should regard each other attentively, and the young man, after a short conversation with the lady, turned away with a sigh of regret that his friend should have made such a choice.

On the contrary, she was piqued with herself that her hand was not free, supposing it impossible that Mr. Appleton could be insensible to her charms, and having discernment enough to realize at once that he was every way superior to his friend.

During the evening the company were more than once startled by a loud laugh, proceeding from Miss Weston's lips, followed by the expression of sentiments not the most refined. Henry, meanwhile, was secretly sympathizing with his friend at conduct which he thought must be extremely mortifying to him; while Gilbert was regarding him with much complacency as having been the means of introducing to his company one who excited so much attention.

In the course of conversation with Mrs. Hooper, Mr. Morse repeated his wish of taking in his young apprentices as partners in business.

"There can be but one answer to such a proposal," returned the old lady, gratefully—"certainly not in our case. My grandson was so much gratified at your unexpected kindness that he talks of nothing else."

"I hope it may be equally advantageous to both of us," added the gentleman. "I confess I am somewhat selfish in the offer; for I foresee that Henry will take a high stand in business. He has talents of the best order, and under good cultivation, too."

"And how is the other apprentice?" inquired the lady, glancing toward a group where Miss Weston, with Mr. Stearns by her side, was talking in a loud and excited tone.

"A very steady, industrious workman of the common order. He can accomplish more of rough work in a day than any other man in the shop; but cannot be trusted with nice jobs. Just the man we want for a certain part of our business."

The evening passed, and Gilbert evidently avoided being alone with his master; but just before he left he approached the gentleman, and said—

"I have not yet decided in regard to the subject of last night's conversation, but will call upon you in the morning."

The truth was this. Never suspecting that Mr. Morse would make so generous a proposal, he had partly engaged a shop at the other end of the street, intending to set up business for himself. He felt sure that it would be greatly for his interest to join with Henry in the new firm; but he had now another to consult, and the lady at once vetoed the partnership. Wholly ignorant of business, she yet considered herself qualified to decide on the merits of the case.

"Why, don't you see," she urged, "that if you are in Mr. Morse's shop, the profits will be divided between you and them; whereas if you are alone, you will have the whole? Then it's a great deal more respectable to be the head of the firm; you take at once a good standing in society. Besides, I have often heard you complain that Henry was slow and pattering, and ought not to have equal profits with yourself."

In return, Gilbert endeavored to convince her that, if he went in as one of the partners, he should be sure at once of a good run of business. He had long been established, and his name was known in the community, but if alone he could not obtain jobs; and that

Henry was slow he was nice, and sure to give satisfaction to his employers. All was in vain. The lady had made up her mind to be married to Gilbert Stearns, carpenter and jobber, and not to Morse, Stearns & Appleton; and she could not be turned from her purpose. She pouted, twined her rings, reverted to her thousand dollars, and finally prevailed. Gilbert was therefore obliged to go and impart his decision to Mr. Morse.

The gentleman was somewhat surprised, and endeavored to turn him from his purpose; but of course the young man felt obliged to be firm. He was much gratified, however, to receive the assurance of good wishes for his success, and a promise of sending him jobs they were unable to undertake.

For nearly a year there had been talk in the village of the necessity of a new Town Hall, and also a building for the High School. A committee had some months before this time been chosen to report upon the subject, and also to examine similar edifices in other towns.

Without imparting his intention to any one, save his grandmother, who entered into all his projects with great interest, young Appleton had been devoting himself with great assiduity to drawing plans which would at once meet within the probable limits of expenditure, and at the same time be an honor and ornament to the town. It was to prepare himself for this undertaking that he had been so eager to purchase the new book. Now the plans were completed, and lying together ready to be submitted to the committee. The young architect examined them carefully again and again, to be sure that all was right, that nothing had been omitted, and that his estimation of the expense was accurate and fair. His form expanded and his cheek flushed as he could imagine the surprise of the gentlemen when they were assured he was entitled to the whole credit. Of course if he was successful in persuading them to adopt these plans, he would be employed to do the job, and his reputation would be established.

Meanwhile, his first duty was to consult his new partner, and inform him of what he had done. He therefore took an early opportunity to invite him to pass an evening at the cottage for the transaction of business.

Mr. Morse's curiosity was quickly changed to astonishment and delighted surprise as the young architect unfolded his plans, and disclosed his long cherished project. He wiped his glasses, carefully adjusted them upon his nose, making a vigorous effort meanwhile to clear his throat, and then sat down to a close examination of the young man's work. As on a former occasion, he made no remark or comment, but listened with ever increasing interest and attention to the explanations of the different parts, until the whole was before him. Then he sat for some minutes intently regarding the paper containing a sketch of the brackets and coving, seemingly unconscious that two pairs of eyes were fixed earnestly upon him, when suddenly starting from his chair, he exclaimed—

"They will be accepted; I am sure of it. From that time Morse & Appleton must be equal partners. No! no! I!" he added, as Henry began to expostulate; "you will more than double my business. You will be an honor to the firm. I must be just. But let me caution you, my young friend, not to be proud of your success, though I fear I shall be proud of you. Leave that part to your grandmother and to me. But when do you mean to present these to the committee?"

"As early as possible."

"I will talk with the chairman, then, and propose that a meeting, called specifically for the purpose of receiving plans, be held sometime next week. Let an invitation be extended to architects to be present with their estimates upon any plans they wish to offer or recommend."

"But I fear in that case—"

"Never fear, my dear fellow! I know what I'm about. I wish I were as sure of Stearns's success as I am of getting those jobs."

"He told me to-day, that he was to be married next week," said Henry.

"Keep up good courage; your turn will come by-and-by."

"I am quite contented for the present," rejoined the young man, turning affectionately to his grandmother. "Poor Gilbert has never known the blessing of a good home, as I have."

(To be Continued.)

## PUT YOUR TOOLS IN ORDER.

Now is the season for farmers to put their tools in order, so as to be ready for spring work. You will all be very busy when the time comes to plow and plant, and it will be very unwise in you to leave your implements, that are out of repair, till they are wanted, before you put them in order.

If you do not own the proper edge tools to enable you to do most of your repairs, you had better procure them without delay, as it is bad management to have to carry every broken implement to the "wheelwright" to be mended. Every farmer should have a "work shop"—a room in some out-building, where he can put up a carpenter's bench, with all the "fixings" necessary to do ordinary jobs in repairing tools. A cooper's horse is a valuable aid; and if you have a set of good edged tools, you will be surprised with what facility, after a little practice, you can mend a broken plow, harrow, or other farm utensil.

The frequent use of good tools by boys, is often of as much benefit to them as is their ordinary schooling, by teaching them to be able, when they grow up to be men, to save hundreds of dollars, that would otherwise be paid to others for doing what they are able to do, when they have no other business of any importance on hand.

But it is folly to do things by halves—that is, to obtain a few, cheap edged tools, barely worth picking up, if found in the road, and to have no suitable room to work in. In such a case one works to a great disadvantage, and seldom accomplishes much.

The wise farmer will have everything convenient and in order, and he will take time by the forelock, and have his timber cut, and seasoned before he wants to use it. He should be on the look-out, and select a tree here, and another there, which will make good rough timber, have it cut and sawed into suitable strips, of different sizes, and stowed away under cover to season. He should have timber to size adapted to all contingencies; and if he has good edged tools, in good order, and a convenient work room, where he can have a store in winter, he will make such use of them as will save him many large bills for work that the skillful farmer ought to do for himself.

MARKING MAPLE SCALARS.—The sap when gathered should be boiled in as rapidly as possible, for sometimes a very short time standing will injure the quality of the sugar; especially if the weather is warm. For the purpose of making a nice article and for boiling fast, you should syrup down once every day at least. The syrup should be boiled down so that it will drop from the edge of the dipper in broad drops like honey; then it is ready to dip out, and strain through a woolen strainer into a clean barrel kept on hand for the purpose. It should then be allowed to stand eight or ten hours to settle.

For singeing off I use an iron kettle of 14 gallons—fill about two-thirds full—stir into it two eggs well beaten; put it over the fire, and when it comes to the boiling point the skin will rise, which should be carefully removed; then dip out until you can not boil it over, and as soon as it gets soft as wax, return what you dipped out in small quantities, until all is returned. Keep a good fire from the start; you can't boil too fast. There is no danger of burning until the water is all gone; then you should take from the fire. To try it, drop into water, and if it will sink it is a good one.—Country Gentleman.

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