

# Among the Apple Trees

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A Story of Farm Life

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### CHAPTER XII.

THE first glance told Gladys of the suffering that her father had been through. His face was haggard and worn, and his shoulders were stooped wearily.

"I didn't want to take you out of school," he said, "but mother's been calling for you and calling for you until I just had to send."

Gladys tiptoed to the room where her mother lay sleeping. She was tossing restlessly and muttering incoherently.

"I don't like competition, Gladys," said Jeff, taking a step nearer. "I wonder—can't we be partners?"

Perhaps she nodded, or perhaps it was only the flickering shadows that made him think so, but the next moment he had caught her in his arms, apple blossoms and all, and was telling her that he had loved her ever since that time she nearly scared him out of the apple tree.

The apple blossoms faded and fell, and summer came to fulfill the promises of spring. Mabel came home from college again, protesting against allowing Gladys to stay home while she finished her course.

One evening nearly three weeks after she came home Mabel was sitting on the porch idly angling the strings of her mandolin and trying not to feel lonely.

Suddenly she was aroused from her reverie by the sound of an automobile coming up the driveway. It stopped at the gate, and Harold leaped out and hurried over to where she was sitting.

"Won't you come for an auto ride," he pleaded, "just for old times' sake—for the sake of those old songs you were playing?"

"I was thinking of old times," said Mabel as she rose and followed him down to the gate.

"That was a different Harold," he said. "Those old days seem like a dream more than they do like part of my real life."

"You have changed," said Mabel, eyeing him approvingly.

"And I have you to thank for it," he said. "You have made a man of me, Mabel. I used to think of nothing but my own good times, but now—well, you've taught me to look at things differently."

"I thought you'd find out anyway if I did anything worth while," he said, "and if I didn't you had better not know."

"I think it was glorious," said Mabel. "Do you think I've squared things when you were away?"

"You don't know how much good it does me to see you here," her mother said one day as Gladys came in with a big armful of blossoms.

"I'm going to stay always now," she said. "I'm going to stay always now," she said.

"Not going back?" he cried, his eyes lighting up with a sudden hope.

"No," she answered, with a brave attempt to smile. "I've had my good time, and now I'm going to stay here and make things easy for you and mamma."

"The happiness that shone in her father's face was worth all the sacrifice, albeit it was a guilty happiness as he thought of what it meant to her.

"You must come over and see the place. There isn't a weed on it, and I've got the cornfields in the best shape for planting of any I've seen anywhere."

"I'm afraid you're getting vain," said Gladys, smiling at his enthusiasm.

"You don't mean you're not going back?" she nodded.

"Yes, I think I do. It's hard—in a way—but it will be fun too. You'll have to work if you make good your boast of having the best farm in the county. Just wait till you see what I'm going to do with this."

He stood looking at her in silence for a moment. That stray lock was out of place again, and in the dim moonlight, dinner for sitting through

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now?" he asked. "Yes, I believe you have," she replied, "and more too."

"And now may I have my reward?" "Your reward?" she said inquiringly. "Isn't it enough reward to be deservedly the most popular man in a great university?"

"That isn't anything," he replied. "I didn't do it for popularity, Mabel, and I'm afraid I never would have done it just to even things up, but I did it because a certain brown eyed girl told me to. And the brown eyed girl is the reward I want, Mabel. Can't you tell me that you care for me just a little?"

Mabel looked up at him gravely. "Are you quite sure that it isn't Gladys that you care for?" she asked.

"Perfectly," he answered. "It was that other Harold that cared for Gladys."

"And then the auto wandered along at its own sweet will until the spark coil obligingly burned out just as they reached the most secluded spot in the whole road, and only an inquisitive owl in a nearby tree heard the rest."

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G. M. Christian and Howard Hedrick Take Long Lease. Des Moines, May 28.—G. M. Christian and H. L. Hedrick, owners of the Elliott hotel at Des Moines, the Lacey at Okaloosa and the Keokuk hotel at Keokuk, yesterday closed negotiations with W. W. Witmer for a fifteen-year lease on the Savery hotel, and took \$50,000 worth of stock in the corporation. They will take possession on June 1.

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AGENTS WANTED. Wanted—Agents, to sell Emmet county lands. We pay liberal commissions. Send for our big list. The Crown-Richman Company, Estherville, Iowa.

Agents Wanted—For the new special best seller on earth, absolutely new. Send 10 cent for samples, 250 per cent profit. Dept. P., Eastern Iowa Novelty Company, Manchester, Iowa.

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