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 CHAPTER XIX.  
 FAITH FINDS A MORE CONGENIAL POSITION.

That was the most remarkable company dinner that Mrs. Fulton ever knew in her house. Faith insisted on going to work as if nothing unusual had happened. By 7 o'clock everything was ready, and the company sat down. Malcolm Stanley rubbed his eyes several times as Faith came in and removed the various courses and served with a quiet dignity that made an impression on every side. Mrs. Fulton was visibly embarrassed by the fact that the girl who was in her kitchen, her "help," was the daughter of Malcolm Kirk, who was the author of such stories in the newspapers. Roy had discovered his authorship at once by asking him a leading question, and Malcolm had not been able to conceal his identity. There was an unusual respect in the young gentleman's attitude toward the Kansas preacher, a respect which, however, did not prevent him from eating the larger part of a dish of preserves unobserved during the general excitement of conversation.

Malcolm Kirk looked proudly at Faith every time she came into the room, and the fact that she was there serving in household work did not disturb him or give him any false feeling of shame. Even Mrs. Fulton had a vague dawning of the fact of nobility in service that had been an unknown thing to her, although she could not help feeling astonished whenever she looked around the table and realized who her guests were.

After dinner was over Alice insisted on going out to help Faith. Her mother did not rebuke her, and Faith gratefully accepted her aid. When the work was all done, Mrs. Fulton came into the kitchen.

She was struggling with an unusual emotion, and it was not easy for her to say what she had prepared.

"Faith—Miss Kirk, of course—you must come into the parlor with us this evening. You ought to have told me who you were. I—perhaps I have not treated you just right. I did not know."

"Don't say anything about that, ma'am," said Faith. "This experience has been a good deal to me. I'm afraid I've had some un-Christian thoughts about you."

"You do not need to say anything about that," said Mrs. Fulton hastily. Then she added in a tone that made Faith feel that she had been thinking a good deal of Faith's efficient service: "We shall not know how to get along without you. You have quite spoiled us for the average help."

"I'm glad if you've been pleased," replied Faith, and that was all that was said then, but the atmosphere between her and Mrs. Fulton cleared up wonderfully.

That evening was not soon forgotten by the Fultons. The three guests had a good deal to say. All of them had seen a good deal of the world, and each, from his own point of view, was a fascinating talker. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton sat silent and intensely interested. Mr. Fulton quite forgot his business interests for awhile. Alice and Faith sat near together and listened breathlessly to one or two stories Malcolm Stanley told very modestly about some genuine adventures in the mining districts of the African Transvaal. Roy, who was just beginning to devour books in much the same manner as he devoured pie, leaned his chin on his hands and his elbows on his knees.

which she had saved from her earnings in the studio.

The closing chapter of "Malcolm Kirk" will appear in the TRIBUNE'S special Easter edition. Another story by the same author, entitled "Edward Blake, College Student," will be begun in the same number. Do not miss the opening chapters.—Ed.

**Svea.**

March 25.—Get your feed ground at Svea. Miss Frida Linman returned home from Willmar Thursday—Dan Hartshorn left for Minneapolis Wednesday where he expects to remain for some time. Haldor Hegstrom has returned from his Minneapolis visit. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nelson of Willmar, visited relatives and friends here a couple of days the past week. One of our young men, A. O. Skoglund, is about to leave us. He will, in the near future, leave for Willmar, and in company with his brother-in-law, Don Hartshorn will engage in the furniture business. We wish them success in their enterprise. School will close in Dist. No. 68 next Friday, March 29. A program will be given in the afternoon. The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Lundberg is said to be seriously ill. The young ladies sewing society met at Per Johnson's last Wednesday afternoon. It is our sad duty this week to report the death of Mrs. Oscar A. Lindblad, which occurred at her home Tuesday, March 19. Deceased gave birth to a child a few days previous and was afterward taken severely ill, the illness terminating fatally. Augusta Lindblad was born in Vestergrotland, Sweden, February 12, 1876, and was thus at her death 25 years, 1 month, and 7 days old. In company with a brother she came to this country in 1893, and was in 1896 united in marriage to Oscar Lindblad. She leaves a husband, three small children, parents, two sisters, and two brothers, who reside in this vicinity, and a very large number of relatives and friends to mourn her early death. The funeral was held Sunday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock at the Svea church, of which deceased was a member. Rev. J. O. Lundberg officiated in the last sad rites. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, the casket being loaded down with flowers, from the young lady's many friends. The afflicted ones have the deep and heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this their sudden bereavement. In spite of the disagreeable weather the funeral was well attended. Among those from far away points who were in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson, of Willmar; John Anderson, of Kenmare, N. Dak., who is a brother of the deceased, and J. A. Lindblad, of Minneapolis. Before the next issue of the TRIBUNE reaches us, the battle between the friends of temperance and the liquor gang, will have been fought in Willmar. We are therefore anxiously awaiting to see if the prohibition cause is so strong in said city at present, as it has been for the past two years. We have faith enough in the voters of Willmar to believe that they will not deem it necessary to restore the saloons to lawful rights, but will unite and give the saloon gang a crushing blow. Fellow citizens, when you go to the polls next Tuesday, think in pity of the many victims of rum, which are being ruined on every hand, of the many boys who could grow up to be useful men, but for liquor are now miserable wrecks, of the many homes through our dear land that are ruled by rum, of the poor creatures who partake in the crime and depravity which exist when the liquor element reigns. Can you with any upright conscience vote to further the interests of this ruinous traffic? Can you vote to see humanity degraded at your own door? If not, then vote against the licensed saloon.

**Kandiyohi.**

March 25.—J. Burns had his house reshingled last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Eblom visited Albert Isaacson's last Friday. John Wicklund transacted business at the county seat, Thursday. E. F. Altman of Minneapolis was seen in our midst, Saturday. Quite a number of young ladies went out to the Granquist school house last Friday and enjoyed a most agreeable basket social given by the teacher Miss Edna Peterson. Miss Helga Broman is spending a week with her brother Charley and family in Fahlun. Geo. A. Norman spent the latter part of last week in Willmar. Miss Martha Eblom closed a very successful term of school in Dist. 35 last Friday. Albert Eblom came down from Willmar Sunday morning and passed the day at his home here. Vilbert Flygare, of Genesee, is seriously ill. Hans Altman made a trip to Lake Elizabeth, Sunday. Mesdames J. Eblom and B. A. Olson called at H. Flygare's Saturday.

**Roseland.**

March 23.—Spring is approaching. Farmers are getting ready for seeding. Rev. Chas. Ostman held services in the school house last Sunday forenoon and Chas. Johnson in the evening. Ole L. Ericson is still in Willmar under the care of Dr. McLaughlin. W. A. Lindquist has been helping Mr. Ericson on his new barn a few days this week. Mr. Rosen, Mr. A. J. Nelson and Mr. Ole Blomquist with families visited with Mrs. Lindquist last Sunday. The school in Dist. No. 83 will have a closing entertainment next Friday evening, March 29. Reports have it that an excellent program will be rendered. Miss Desmond will close a very successful term of school and all should come out and see the entertainment. PAT.

Old papers for sale at the office.

**Lake Lillian.**

March 25.—Andrew Nordstrom went to Minneapolis last Monday. We learned that Lars Nordstrom will sell his stock and go to N. Dak. Lars Blomgren is home from Alberta, Canada, to buy up some stock. He will return next Wednesday. Messrs. Peter and Ole Larson left for Bowbells, N. Dak. last week. Ed Flann and Andie Anderson made a trip to Willmar last week. Miss Christine Anderson who has been staying in Willmar came home Friday. Messrs. Andrew Strandberg and Axel Nordstrom drove cattle to town last Saturday. Erick Buller made a business trip to town last Monday. We noticed he had a partner when he went but forgot to take her back. John O. Erickson visited at Blomgrens last Sunday evening. Albert Walner visited north of Svea last Saturday. An entertainment will be given in the school house of Dist. No. 83 next Saturday evening. A good program consisting of speeches, dialogues and recitations; also song by the choir will be given. There will also be an entertainment given on Friday afternoon for the parents to attend. For Saturday evening's entertainment an admission of 10 cents will be charged. Come one and all and enjoy yourselves. Misses Annie Borg, Lena Johnson and Eva Desmond and Mr. Rydelius made a trip to Willmar last Saturday. They met with an accident while going home. The wagon being heavily loaded with sawdust broke down and on account of the muddy roads the trip was a bad one. Our former pedagogue, J. Magnuson, who is now teaching in town of Holland, visited

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"You ought to have told me who you were," looking up at the three men who represented so much that was heroic to him.

But perhaps the one person who impressed the whole company most deeply was Malcolm Kirk.

There was something so modest, yet so manly, so winsome in his genuine Christian sympathy in his whole manner, that even Mrs. Fulton was profoundly moved by it.

"I like that Mr. Kirk," she said to her husband that evening. And that meant a good deal for her.

Malcolm and Stanley remained that night at the Fultons' at their urgent request, and in the morning after breakfast, while Mr. Fulton and Stanley were talking business in the library, Faith and her father held a conference in the parlor.

"I had planned to take you back home with me, my dear," said Malcolm. "But Raleigh told me last night of his niece, Miss Varney, and said there was no doubt of your being able, with his recommendation, to secure a good position there. We want to do what is best in every way. Your mother is homesick for you too."

"Well, father, I feel as if I ought to stay in the city if I can really become a breadwinner. Let me try it awhile at the studio, and if I fall then I'll come home and spend the rest of my days cooking for you and the boys."

"How about your work here, Faith? Are you under promise to Mrs. Fulton to stay any length of time?"

"No, father. But I think it would be no more than fair for me to stay three or four weeks until Mrs. Fulton has time to work in some one else."

"I think so, too," replied Malcolm, who in all his relations to others was



guided by the strictest sense of fairness and honor. "Do what is right in the matter. Better talk frankly with Mrs. Fulton about your plans, and let her feel that you are willing to stay as long as it is right."

When Mrs. Fulton came in, Malcolm and Faith had a talk with her. The result of it was that Faith promised to remain with Mrs. Fulton another month. Meanwhile she was to see Miss Varney, and if arrangements could be made she was to enter the studio at the end of the time of her service at the Fultons'. Mrs. Fulton was considerably surprised and a good deal pleased with the arrangement. It was a good deal more than she had supposed Malcolm Kirk or his daughter would agree to do, but she did not know either of them as well as she did afterwards.

Malcolm Kirk spent a Sunday in Chicago, and Faith had the great delight of hearing him preach in the church where she had gone to the evening service that eventful Sunday before. They took tea with the pastor that evening, and the next day Malcolm started back to Conrad.

Malcolm Stanley went with him. There was, if the truth must be told, a secret disappointment in the heart of the young Englishman that Faith was not going home too. But the women said goodby cheerily to Faith and were whirled out to the west, while Faith went back to her work with a brave heart. In spite of a little feeling of homesickness that crept over her at the sight of the two stalwart figures on the platform of the receding train.

Her relations with the Fultons were decidedly different now. She was careful not to presume on the least on the change in their thought of her, and when Mrs. Fulton asked her that day if she would not sit down at the table with them she said she preferred not to, which was entirely true, for Faith believed that if she was to serve the family as she ought at mealtimes she must be ready to do so in the most effective manner. And she knew she could not do so if she ate with the rest.

Mrs. Fulton was much relieved at Faith's action in that particular. It seemed to Faith, however, that when Sunday morning came and Alice asked her to come into the family circle to prayers she ought to go, and she did so quietly and enjoyed it.

When evening came, Alice wanted to go to church with her, and Mrs. Fulton did not say anything. The new order of things was unheard of, but a girl whose family friends included men like Francis Raleigh and Malcolm Stanley was not an ordinary hired girl, and Mrs. Fulton reasoned with herself accordingly.

But before that Sunday came Faith and the artist had gone to see the famous lady photographer, who had taken a liking to Faith at the beginning. They really agreed to take Faith on trial at the end of the month, and Faith went back to her kitchen quite exultant at the prospect.

"If I could only send \$10 or even \$5 a week home, I'd be the proudest girl in this city," she said as she prepared the dinner that evening. "And then, in time, perhaps I can have a studio of my own like Miss Varney's. I know I have plenty of artistic ideas, and maybe one or two of them are original."

So she sang light hearted as she worked, overcoming the world of her self-doubts and her trials. For it was not all heaven on earth always even in that well appointed kitchen, and there were many things to fight without and within.

But when the time of her stay with the Fultons was out she parted from them with genuine regret. It is very certain that Mrs. Fulton dreaded exceedingly to "break in" the new girl and at the last she even urged Faith to remain another month.

"We will give you \$5 a week if you will only stay," she said anxiously. "And you can play the piano if you want to," she added, with a short laugh and a little embarrassment.

"I'm sorry, really sorry, to leave you, Mrs. Fulton. You have been very good to me. But I feel as if the Lord meant me to do something else. Perhaps"—Faith said it a little vaguely, but she had brooded over it a great deal while at work in the kitchen—"perhaps I may be able to do something to make American girls willing to go out to service."

"I wish you could. Really you have no idea what I have suffered from my help in the last 20 years," sighed Mrs. Fulton.

Roy was inconsolable. He wanted Faith to bake up 100 or 200 apple pies and leave them in a cold storage plant near by, so he could have something to eat between meals.

"Tell you what I'll do," he said a week before Faith's time was up. "If you will bake a pie every day and send it over from the studio, I'll give you my kodak. It's new, but I'm tired of it anyhow."

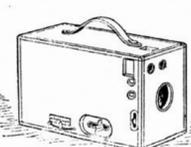
Faith laughed, but declined the offer. "I'll give you the kodak any way," said Roy, and he insisted on Faith taking it, and his offer was so pressing that she had not the strength to refuse. At the earliest opportunity she sent him a photograph of a street urchin eating a pie, holding it in both hands, and Roy delightedly framed it and hung it up in his own room after his mother had refused to let it adorn the top of the sideboard in the dining room.

But Faith experienced the sincerest regret in parting from Alice. The two girls entered into what proved to be a really genuine friendship. There was not a particle of pride or jealousy in Alice's nature and not the least feeling of social caste. She wanted Faith to show her how a certain finger exercise on the piano was best done and more than once expressed the greatest admiration for Faith's accomplishments. The friendship thus begun has lasted to the present moment for Faith. She began a new life for Faith. She seemed at last to have found her place in the world. Miss Varney was more than delighted with her. "That girl," she said to Francis Raleigh, who called at her studio a month after Faith had been there, "has brought more new ideas into my work than all my other assistants. She will make her mark in the profession."

Faith was in the next room and could not help hearing what was said, unknown to the artist. She trembled with pleasure, and when she wrote home that night she gave her mother a glowing account of her work and its hope for future success. It was with the keenest pleasure that she was able to inclose in this same letter \$10,

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