

WADENA, MINNESOTA

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About this time he made a trip with the Cutler family; they were rich and self-made, worshipping their master, and the household consisted of father, mother and daughter, still under 25. Joseph Cutler, of Cutler, Sheffield & Co., was reputed worth \$5,000,000, of which one at least the golden youth hoped would be settled on his daughter Lizzie as a bride. Not very clever, not very pretty, she at least knew that her money could buy her whatever she wanted in the way of a husband, and she was content to wait until chance should bring her the man who most nearly resembled her ideal.

Frank Curtis' wooing was brief after he had succeeded in Lizzie Cutler's money would provide a luxurious home for himself and his sister. He had a small income of his own, and was considered clever in his profession. Congratulations began to pour in thick and fast on the pair when a hundred thousand dollar house began to rise at Curtis' expense, to be ready for the young couple on their return from their bridal trip. They were to take in Clara Curtis' commencement as they traveled and bring her home with them.

Frank was greatly surprised at his sister's appearance when he and his bride arrived at herschool. In a vague, masculine way he felt that she and Lizzie did not seem very congenial, but he supposed that would wear off after a little.

"I suppose you are coming to-night," said Clara. "It is on concert night," she continued, dimpling and blushing, "a duet for violin and piano with Mr. Heldmann."

Frank nodded. He was fond of music, and to sit under a whole evening of school girl playing and singing was a sacrifice on the altar of fraternal affection and the properties. As for Lizzie, she always frankly avowed that she was "a one concert girl," and she became suddenly attentive, and so did Frank, when Clara appeared with the piano. Frank heard genius in her hands, and he would not be the first to say that she was a great artist.

"I am very glad to see you to-night," said Clara. "I am very glad to see you to-night," she said, giving him an affectionate kiss, and holding out her hand to Harry. "This is my husband, Mr. Noel Philippe, my brother, Mr. Curtis, and his friend, Mr. Bennett."

"I had no encouragement," she answered, and blushed a little. "When my first love was sent back unopened, I naturally did not make any more attempt, considering our parting."

"Sent back?" began Frank; then remembering Harry's presence, and conjecturing Lizzie's work, he said hastily: "You cannot see me; tell me about yourself, now."

"If you care to hear, Mr. Bennett, you won't be bored. No? Well, I studied hard, night and day, and you may think I did not study very successfully. I may tell you that I was full of conceit. He said I was a full-fledged artist, and the house fairly rocked with it. You cannot imagine the triumph of the bliss. To know that you have the power to express to others what music says to you, and that you sway them with your emotions, is a higher and deeper capacity, and leads you to another world."

"I am happy," then Philippe—"she paused a moment, as if in "music gas" as she called it. His first affection was dedicated to me, and I never played anything so well as what he writes. We were married three years ago, and I have a lovely son as well as a daughter. Don't smile, Harry. You cannot feel divinity of music, and I cannot tell you; but the universe is it, and when words are too feeble to play together, we sing and I play."

She had risen, and stood before them with loosely-clasped hands and far-away eyes. Frank, in his well-fec, placed, domestic life; Harry, in his struggle for the mighty guitar and his transcendentalism could not follow her if they tried, and they did not try. They vaguely felt that she lived in an atmosphere too rare for them; that poets were of but never find. Then Noel came back and they rose to go.

"Don't think that I am ungrateful," said Clara, in a low