

2nd Sunday, at Pierce's, at 11.00 A. M., and at Smith's, at 3.00 P. M.

3rd. Sunday, at Ebenezer, at 11.00 A. M. 4th. Sunday at Haywards at 11.00 A. M. Communion at each appointment in Feb. May, Aug. and Nov. Rev. W. H. Watkins, Pastor.

M. P. Church—1st. Sunday, at Bradfords, at 11.00 A. M., and at Reid's School House, 3.00 P. M. Whitaker's Chapel, every second and fifth Sunday, at 11.00 A. M. Roseneath, 3rd. Sunday, 11.00 A. M.

Baptist Church.—Every first Sunday at Concoenary at 11 00 a m and 7 30 p m Each third Sunday and the Saturday preceding at 11 00 a m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7 30 p m Sunday school at 9 30 a m.

Dawson's Church, Dawson's X Roads, every fourth Sunday at 11 a m and 7 30 p m and the Saturday preceding the fourth Sunday at 11 00 a m Prayer meeting Thursdays 7 30 p m Sunday school at 9 30 a m. Rev W J Hopkins, Pastor.

Colored Churches—1st. baptist—Every first Sunday, at 11.00 A. M. and 7.00 P. M. C. B. Gibbs, Pastor.

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always so staid and quite that he has the credit of ten additional years. He comes home at night—he is a clerk on a moderate salary—and after tea drops into my room with the evening paper to read, while I knit or darn his socks. We are neither of us brilliant conversationalists, so that after we have talked half an hour or so he says good-night and goes off to his own room. It is a trifle humdrum, perhaps, but we've never been used to gayeties, and on the whole rather enjoy vegetating. Sometimes William suggests that a pipe or a cigar would add to his happiness, judging from the comfort other men derive from smoking, but I say to him,—

"No, William, you haven't one bad habit, and why should you cultivate one now? When a man is growing bald he is too old to begin smoking."

To begin my story. One night a carriage drove up to number twelve, a large trunk was lifted off, and a girlish figure came up the steps. I was in the bare parlor waiting for tea and saw the arrival. In a boarding house there are so few occurrences that one cannot help fostering a little curiosity, and I waited with some impatience for the newcomer's appearance. But she did not come, and as William did and the tea-bell rang I proceeded to the dining-room.

The long table was nearly filled and tea was half over when a girl appeared in the doorway, and no one noticing her for an instant said in a bright and charming voice,—

"Will you give me a seat?"

Then the little maid servant whom she addressed turned and placed her opposite me. I cannot begin by any description to tell how pretty she was. She had that plump, peach-blossom beauty which reminds me so irresistibly of summer bloom and brightness. Her eyes were large, brown and appealing, her hair full of little curly knots and rings, and when she looked down the long lashes rested on her cheeks, and made her prettier than ever. I could see that the eyes of the gentlemen were furtively directed toward her.

her face, and Thomas, the hardware dealer, turning her music. To be sure, he did not know one note from another, and she was obliged to stop her song and say "Now!" as a signal at every page.

I found that the gentlemen regarded William with a certain coolness, as, owing to the affair of the celery, he was on a more familiar footing with her than any of them.

As for me I liked Miss Archibald very much. She seemed a sensible little thing, and, beyond that, was so extravagantly pretty that one could but admire her.

She invited me to go on shopping expeditions, and I found she was having a number of elaborate dresses made, about which my advice was asked, and, of course, that deference to my opinion in the matter of dry goods had a mollifying effect on me.

William became more and more infatuated, as did the others, and I grew provoked. As if men of their age ought not to have something better to think of than being at the back and call of a child in her teens!

One night I went into the parlor to wait for Mrs. Ferrols, who had invited me to a lecture, and in the darkness—for Mrs. Ford was too economical to encourage the lighting of more than one gas jet—saw Miss Archibald on the piano stool with her hands resting on the keys, while William was standing beside her, looking eagerly in her face.

"Yes, Miss Bessie," he was saying, "friendship is such a noble, such an elevating thing! How it lifts us above petty commonplace to know there is one heart will be true to me!"

"Charming indeed!" said I.

"Yes, William, as you say, nothing like friendship."

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cont. "The gentleman to engaged?" he repeated feebly. "Yes," said I, helping myself to butter with the utmost cheerfulness. "She is to be married in three weeks."

William never mentioned the name of Miss Archibald, and I noticed that the four gentlemen settled back immediately into their former staid and sober ways, and gave up cultivating the graces of youth.

My brother has been quite humble since the occurrence, and I am sure has more respect for his sister's common sense than before. I only enjoyed the situation, especially as he took me to the opera that week, evidently as a tacit bribe to restrain me from saying, "I told you so," but I am not above accepting a bribe, even though I am tolerably well convinced that the tickets were purchased for Bessie Archibald.

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