

fully for the Inglehursts. The double wedding was fixed for early in November, and, to the great delight of the whole party, Giles Leland had announced his intention of taking a good holiday on the occasion of his honeymoon, and had declared that, if Damaris liked it, they would go as far as Malta, in the vessel that was taking Dax and Nancy to Australia—a suggestion which was hailed with delight by those concerned, and which did away at once with half the burden of the thought of the parting.

Olga, of course, was ready to cap this suggestion with another, that they should charter a yacht, and all go together to Australia, and land Dax and Nancy there before returning. Frank retorted that in that case they would find on their return that the house and all the property had been sold, and that the family had taken to the life of a caravan, with himself as master of the ceremonies. Olga declared that that would be the most ideal life of all, and was again rebuked for her flippancy.

Mrs. Leland, in the absence of Giles and Damaris, would keep house for the remaining members of "the dozen" who still dwelt beneath the roof of the old home. Di had willingly entered into the agreement of being Mrs. Leland's companion, and almost adopted child, when she was left alone through her son's marriage. To do this