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Overcoming the World.

BY CHARLES M. SHELDON.

CHAPTER XVIII--Continued. "It's all simple enough, isn't it?" said Malcolm Stanley, thoughtfully.

"I am going back with you," said her father, rising. Then he turned towards Stanley, who was looking a little anxiously at father and daughter.

such appetites as I am sure you all have?" There was a look of embarrassment on the faces of Raleigh and Stanley, but Malcolm Kirk settled the matter by saying, as he took Faith's arm and led her out of the study.

CHAPTER XIX. 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.

After dinner was over, Alice insisted on going out to help Faith. Her mother did not rebuke her, and Faith gratefully accepted her aid.

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

"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. She readily agreed to take Faith on trial at the end of the month.

"I like that Mr. Kirk," she said to her husband that evening. And that was 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 to secure a good position there.

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.

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 two men said good-bye cheerily to Faith, and were whisked into 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 railroad train.

CHAPTER XX. So the winter quickly passed, and spring melted into summer, and then a growing-plant developed in Faith's mind. She had not been able to

crowd it out of her "heart-thoughts," as she called any ideas that kept making her think of other people. Even her rapidly developing artistic power could not prevent the silent, increasing pressure of an idea that she had also a mission to perform for the good of people in a certain peculiar way.

"I shall have to go home and talk it over with father before I can settle it, right," she kept saying to herself all summer, and when fall was ushered in and she could see the frosty mornings on the prairie, and call up in memory the sound of the prairie chickens out in the corn-fields, and see the great stretch of sky that was never possible in the smoky city, with its ugly piles of buildings, that shot out sun and air, then Faith grew really homesick and homesick, and one day she resolutely told Miss Varney that she must go home for a visit.

"I don't blame you, my dear. Go out home and breathe some fresh prairie air and photograph some Kansas ideas, and come back with them, and we will make our fortune."

Faith laughed, but declined the offer. "Then, I'll give you the kodak anyway," said Roy, and he insisted on Faith taking it, and his offer was so pressing that she had not the strength to refuse.

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.

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"I don't know about getting photographs of Kansas ideas," replied Faith. "But I do know about the prairie air. And I'm going to get some."

So Faith ran out to the Fulton's said good-bye to them, and Francis Raleigh at the same time, and started for home that day.

She had written home, telling of her coming, and when she reached Conrad, there were father and mother and the boys at the station, and a little back of that eager group a stalwart, manly figure, Malcolm Stanley, who had come in quite suddenly the day before from New Mexico.

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