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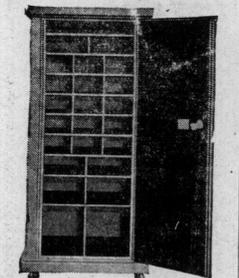
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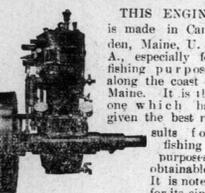
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CHAPTER XIII. SOCIETY.

DURING the remainder of the spring, matters at the old stone house proceeded about as usual, Maggie writing regularly to Henry, who so regularly answered, while old Hagar managed so adroitly that no one suspected the secret correspondence, and Madam Conway began to hope her granddaughter had forgotten the foolish fancy. Arthur Carrollton had replied that his visit to America, though sure to take place, was postponed indefinitely, and so the good lady had nothing in particular with which to busy herself, save the preparations for Theo's wedding, which was to take place near the first of July.

Though setting a high value upon money, Madam Conway was not penurious, and the bridal trousseau far exceeded anything which Theo had expected. As the young couple were not to keep house for a time, a most elegant suite of rooms had been selected in a fashionable hotel; and, determining that Theo should not, in point of dress, be rivalled by any of her fellow-boarders, Madam Conway spared neither time nor money in making the outfit perfect. So, for weeks the old stone house presented a scene of great confusion. Chairs, tables, lounges and piano were piled with finery, on which Anna Jeffrey worked industriously, assisted sometimes by her aunt, whom Madam Conway pronounced altogether too superannuated for a governess, and who, though really an excellent scholar, was herself far better pleased with muslin robes and satin bows than with French idioms and Latin verbs. Perfectly delighted, Mag joined in the general excitement, wondering occasionally when and where her own bridal would be. Once she ventured to ask if Henry Warner and his sister might be invited to Theo's wedding; but Madam Conway answered so decidedly in the negative that she gave it up, consoling herself with thinking that she would some time visit her sister and see Henry, in spite of her grandmother.

The marriage was very quiet, for Madam Conway had no acquaintances, and the family alone witnessed the ceremony. At first Madam Conway had hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, senior, together with their daughter Jenny, would be present, and she had accordingly

traveling dress, was very fair to look upon, and George Douglas felt proud that she was his, resolving, as he kissed away the tears at parting, that the vow he just made should never be broken. A few weeks of pleasant travel westward, and then the newly-wedded pair came back to what, for a time, was to be their home.

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Among George's acquaintance was a Mrs. Morton, a dashing, fashionable woman, who determined to honour the bride with a party, to which all the elite of Worcester, were invited, together with many of the Bostonians. Madam Conway and Mag were, of course, on the list, and as timely notice was given them by Theo, Madam Conway went twice to Springfield in quest of a suitable dress for Mag. "She wanted something becoming," she said, and a delicate rose-colored satin, with a handsome overskirt of lace, was at last decided upon.

"She must have some pearls for her hair," thought Madam Conway, and when next Maggie, who, girl-like, tried the effect of her first party dress at least a dozen times, stood before the glass to see 'if it were exactly the right length,' she was presented with the pearls, which Anna Jeffrey, with a feeling of envy at her heart arranged in the shining braids of her hair.

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requested George to invite them, feeling greatly disappointed when she learned that they could not come.

"I wanted so much to see them," she said to Mag, "and know whether they are worthy to be related to the Conways. But of course they are—as much so as any American family. George has every appearance of refinement and high breeding."

"But his family, for all that may be as ignorant as Farmer Canfield's," answered Mag; to which her grandmother replied: "You needn't tell me that, for I'm not to be deceived in such matters. I can tell at a glance if a person is low born or not, no matter what their education or advantages may have been. Who's that?" she added quickly, and turning round, she saw old Hagar, her eyes lighted up and her lips moving with an incoherent sound, not easily understood.

Hagar had come up to the wedding and had reached the door of Madam Conway's room just in time to hear the last remarks, which roused her at once.

"Why don't she discover my secret, then," she muttered, "if she has so much discernment? Why don't she see the Hagar blood in her?—for it's there, plain as day," and she glanced proudly at Mag who in her simple robe of white, was far more beautiful than the bride.

And still Theo, in her handsome traveling dress, was very fair to look upon, and George Douglas felt proud that she was his, resolving, as he kissed away the tears at parting, that the vow he just made should never be broken. A few weeks of pleasant travel westward, and then the newly-wedded pair came back to what, for a time, was to be their home.

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answered Anna, adding that 'diamonds were much more fashionable than pearls.'

You have attended a great many parties and seen a great deal of fashion, so I dare say you are right," Mag answered, ironically; and then, as through the open window she saw Hagar approaching, she ran out upon the piazza to see what the old woman would say.

Hagar had never seen her thus before, and now, throwing up her hands in astonishment, she involuntarily dropped upon her knees, and while the tears rained over her time-worn face, whispered: "Hester's child—my granddaughter! Heaven be praised!"

"Do I look pretty?" Margaret asked; and Hagar answered: "More beautiful than any one I ever saw. I wish your mother could see you now."

Involuntarily Maggie glanced at the tall marble gleaming through the distant trees, while Hagar's thoughts were down in that other grave—the grave beneath the pine. The next day was the party, and at an early hour Madam Conway was ready. Her rich purple satin and Valenciennes laces, with which she hoped to impress Mrs. Douglas, senior, were carefully packed together with Maggie's dress; and then, shawled and bonneted, she waited impatiently for her carriage, which she preferred to the cars. It came at last; but in place of John, the usual coachman, Mike, a rather wild youth of twenty, was mounted upon the box. His father, he said, had been taken suddenly ill, and had deputed him to drive.

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she answered: "George's father seldom goes into society, and consequently his mother will not come."

"Oh, I am so sorry," replied Madam Conway, thinking of the purple satin, and continuing, "Nor the young lady, either?"

"None of them," answered Theo; adding hastily, as if to change the conversation, "Isn't my piano perfectly elegant?" and she ran her fingers over an exquisitely carved instrument which had inscribed upon it simply "Theo"; and then, as young brides sometimes will, she expatiated upon the kindness and generosity of George, showing, withal, that her love for her husband was founded upon something far more substantial than family or wealth.

Her own happiness, it would seem, had rendered her less selfish and more thoughtful for others; for once that afternoon, on returning to her room after a brief absence, she whispered to Mag that "some one in the parlor below wished to see her."

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As giants refreshed with new wine the entire party bade adieu to the mines and began a tour of the island en route to Lance Cove. On every side there was scenery and landscape, and even in the unexpected there was, after all, much to repay us for our disappointment. The distant hills, and green slopes of the mainland, and the blue waters that lay between, with all the beauty of a day in June, presented a picture not easily forgotten. We had gone to see the mines and their mode of operation, but falling these we saw other things that raised our thoughts higher than ourselves.

At Lance Cove we boarded the S. S. Othar, but just as the leader of the party was stepping on the skids he was accosted by a venerable resident of the place, who, taking him for the member of the district, began to pour into his ears a tale of complaints as to what was not done. Fortunately the steamer's whistle blew and we were able to say "good bye" to the old gentleman without gaining his displeasure. The leader, however, told him that he was not in politics and at present his party was a holiday one. Still the old gentleman looked at the steamer and by the twinkle in his eye seemed to say, "Your glad to get off now, but when you vote you are as glad to stay."

The run across from Lance Cove to Tonsil was very pleasant, and soon the little steamer landed the ramblers, and then the visit to Bell Island was a thing of the past. We are pleased to be able to state that we found Captain Sedgeman, of the Othar, very kindly in every way; and we believe that in the course of time the route will become more popular.

Gaining the road there was a general outcry for the long deferred dinner. To settle the question to the entire satisfaction of all, a consultation was held, and Mount View Hotel was decided upon. This decision proved very popular and all the fasting of the day was very soon forgotten in the feasting of the evening. Being thus well treated at the hotel we thought that by procuring some business cards we might make good use of them; and accordingly we asked the amiable proprietress if she had any cards. Her answer showed us how crasy it is to be misunderstood, and how cautious one needs to be in what he says. Her answer was as follows:—"We do not allow card-pulling, we decided to run our hotel without cards." A good lesson is at all times in order, and though the incident was but a trivial one, and had quite a jovial effect, it afforded us a

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