

cleared his throat and continued: "There's another thing, to be downright honest. I found out that Flora had taken me in place of her brother, and was praying for me every day, in the same way she used to for him before he started; and she has had such a hard life, one way and another, I couldn't seem to want to disappoint her."

The minister told this story over to Mrs. Colchester not long afterward.

"So it was Jake, and the list of words, and Flora Ann who reached him, you see," he concluded, and there was the faintest little sigh in his heart as he said the words. He had prayed so long, and worked so earnestly for Stephen Mitchell. "Well, what matters it?" he added, "so that he is on the main line at last; it is of very little consequence who took him to the train." Then, after a moment's silence, he laughed. "I remember he told me once he thought something might be made of 'that Flora Ann,' if the right person could only get a-hold of her; and I really think, Hilary, the right person to help her all through her life has been found."

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