

true to that trust, through time and eternity. So, lay aside your doubts, my darling, and let us be happy, on this, the last evening we are likely to spend together for some time to come. I promise not to look at any young lady I may meet in New York, my cousins excepted. You will, of course, have no objections to my being civil to them? It will be expected of me, you know."

"Charlie, did I ask you to give up the society of any young ladies you may chance to meet? I know I can trust you, darling, and I also know how lonely it will be for you among strangers, so far away from your home. No; I ask no such sacrifice at your hands. Enjoy yourself when you can," and she looked into his eyes with a trusting smile.

"Tell me, little one," he said, as he smiled back at the fair, beautiful face; "tell me, what shall you do for your own amusement while I am away? Like your namesake of long ago, shall you bring out the wheel and distaff, and spin the family linen by the kitchen fireside, or will you find a more modern way of passing the long winter evenings?"

"I shall turn to my music for employment," she answered, a little sadly. "Every hour I spend at my piano will remind me of you. You must not be able to tell me, when you return, that you cannot listen to my playing, after hearing the performance of the accomplished belles of your adopted city."

"Still harping on those New York belles! Well,