

for their marriage, and Grace promised that after the first year of mourning she would be his. So he went to England the first week of the new year, promising to return early in the spring to claim his bride.

They are now left alone once more, to prepare for another vital change in their prospects. Spring is here, and Mr. Watson has returned with his sister, to become acquainted with Grace, and be one of the bridesmaids. The old gentleman, Mr. Watson, Senr., is in England, preparing the old family mansion for the reception of his new daughter-in-law, and is anxious to see her, and welcome her as his child.

Violet, Maude, and Minnie have promised to be bridesmaids, and the wedding, which is to be a quiet one, will take place in a few days. Simple white tarlatan and orange blossoms will form the bridal attire; and the bridesmaids dresses correspond, except in flowers and trimming. This simple and impressive dress was at Grace's own desire; it was more in accordance with her feelings to wear it, rather than the costly robes and jewels put to her choice. The