

little friends would come again and chat. I quite hoped they would. I thought a good deal about them, and wondered what that letter from India had had in it.

I did go out, and I did see Maudie and Guy, but only at a distance. They were down on the shore; I knew them by their white and black, and by the fashion they kept to themselves, away from the other children, and by the eagerness of the little boy's manner over everything. But they did not climb up to the ledge for a talk, and they did not come very near the base of the cliff. I could only watch them from over the sea wall, and wonder what they were saying to one another.

Nevertheless my interest in the little pair did not lessen. This was the first interest I had felt since my great loss, and perhaps it was all the more welcome from the fact that Aunt Lois was in no wise concerned in the matter. She did not know these children—indeed, I had discovered before this that Aunt Lois, in common with all the "residents" of St. Benedict's, rather prided herself upon not knowing anything at all about the "visitors," unless, indeed, these chanced to be their own friends. Certainly she would have no manner of connection with these two little waifs in the great stream of humanity surging over the world; and I am afraid I was stimulated in my desire to become acquainted with these children from the very fact that they belong to a section of the community which my aunt, in theory, rather despised.

"She always looks down on the 'visitors,' as though they were beneath contempt altogether," I said to myself, putting the case rather unfairly, as young folks will. "I don't see why visitors should not be better than old stick-in-the-mud people, who have vegetated here for years and years. I shall make my friends where I like. I do not think anything of Aunt Lois taste in friends, judging by the specimens I have seen."

I certainly had not seen many specimens to judge from, as I always shut myself up in my room if the front-door bell was heard; but that did not affect my conclusions on the subject. I had seen glimpses of a few old-fashioned bonnets or antique mantles from my window, and had summed up the whole of my aunt's acquaintance in the terse phrase, "Regular old trumps."

"If I must see people—and I suppose I must soon, since I am sick to death of Aunt Lois from morning till night—I will choose friends for myself; and I think I should like to know more about those square-faced children. Children are more convenient than grown-up people. If one gets tired of them, one can just send them away."

Not a very unselfish view of the case, but perhaps an advance upon resolving never to care an atom for anybody again.

Sunday came next, and, to Aunt Lois's great surprise and satisfaction, I announced my intention of going to church.

"I have been out into the garden two days; I walked about there. I

should like to go to church again. I won't stay both services. I'll come out at the end of Matins; but don't you come out with me. I will keep the carriage and drive home alone, and send it back for you."

"Good gracious, child! Do you think I can't walk? I've walked twice to church every Sunday of my life—barring the wet ones—for more years than you have lived. Of course, you must drive—you are not fit for the walk yet; and I'll come with you there. But no carriage back for me. I like the walk best."

(To be Continued.)

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