

by that instrument of precision, the heart. He does not circle around and backpedal on his affections till all social and monetary advantages are fully considered. He does not need to, for right here his professional advantages show to good account. Lawyers see the worst side of humanity, ministers the best side, while physicians see it just as it is. With his special knowledge of all the girls in the country, and his common sense, it would require positive genius to make a blunder. He makes no mistake, and the very best girl of them all is the one who has by this time agreed to call him "George" instead of "Doctor." With womanly intuition she reads him through and through, and knowing full well that it is a terrible endorsement of a man to marry him, when he speaks she answers as a maiden in the land of the Dakotahs answered Hiawatha, "I will follow you, my husband!" To the physician, overtaxed in mind and body, struggling for his daily bread, and weighed down with the awful responsibilities of his calling, a gentle, loving wife is the greatest of all good gifts. To all fair things she will lend a fairer charm, and from the home she will help him to create will come the purity, the hope and the courage with which from this time on he fights the battle of life. To her will be justly due a full half of his success, and far more than that proportion of all the happiness of his life.

*Scene Third*, ten years later.--And now our doctor is an established and prosperous man. Long ago his new house was built, and if not the best, it is apt to be the most tasteful in the village. You see, he consulted his wife when it was planned. Sancho Panza said, "Women don't know anything, but that man is a fool who don't take their advice." He owns a farm on the Fourth Concession, is Chairman of the School Board, Reeve of the Township, and an Elder in the Church. His political convictions are strong, and his influence widely felt. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or the Hon. Mr. Whitney—I forget which—has his allegiance, and the party has no better or cleaner adherent. He is known and loved, and trusted and overworked, and pitied by all.

Perhaps he has a few enemies—just enough to enable him to escape the Biblical warning, "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." His reputation has outrun the limits of an ordinary practice, many have urged him to move into the county town, and he has long thought of doing so. But still he stays, waiting till he can meet with someone into whose keeping he can commit the care of his people, those to whom he has given the best years and the best energies of his life. Before we leave him, let us look at the manner of man he is growing to be. Granting that the personal equation is the chief factor in the result, greater than any help or hindrance, it is still true that the silent forces of his calling, those that ride with him over all roads, that sit with him at all bedsides, that are with him in his downlying and his uprising—all these work upon mind, and heart, and body, making him day by day