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A month later Honor Collins arrived. Farmer Hill gave her such a hearty welcome that tears filled her eyes. She was so like her mother that the housekeeper uttered an exclamation of surprise when she saw her.

"I could not help it," she said apologetically. "She is so like the other Miss Honor."

"Honor," called Farmer Hill, when Honor had been at Hill's farm for some months.

"Yes, uncle, coming," she answered and a moment afterwards came running lightly downstairs.

"Frank is coming, dear, and will be here this afternoon. He will spend some time with us."

"How old is he, uncle?"

"Twenty-eight."

"Is he engaged?"

"To tell you the truth he is not very fond of ladies' society; he is devoted to his profession, and that seems to answer as a wife to him."

"He must be very disagreeable, I know, I shall not like him."

"We shall see," and Mr. Hill left the room chuckling to himself.

Honor called a big Newfoundland

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dog and set out for a walk, talking to the dog as they went.

"We shan't like him, shall we? A grave lawyer. And we shall have to be careful not to vex his cross lordship. Here he is, Rover!" she cried, as they were returning. "Put on your best manners."

"Mr. Hill was in the 'house-place' and a man as tall and nearly as broad stood near him.

"My nephew, Frank Hill. Frank, my ward, Honor," he said.

They shook hands, and then Honor left them to remove her outdoor clothes.

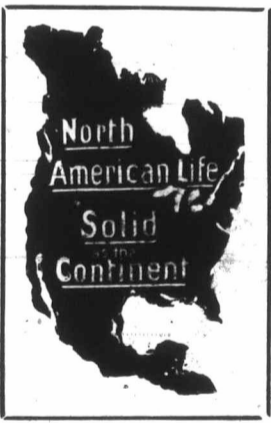
Honor was up early next morning, seeing to the poultry and singing happily when she was joined by Frank.

They talked about many things, and Frank had soon noticed many points much in Honor's favour. Then he said: "I knew your father. He was very kind to me when I was a boy, and the memory of his kindness is very pleasant to me."

He had touched the right chord, for Honor's tongue was loosed as she spoke of her dead father. Indeed, the time passed so quickly that she had hardly finished her task when they were called to breakfast.

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more pitiable than that of the man seeking employment who is met with the response: "You are too old; we require a younger and more vigorous man." Yet sooner or later that may be your own experience unless some provision is made against it now.



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So three weeks passed very happily.

"I must leave you next Monday, uncle," said Frank, addressing his uncle, but looking at Honor, and noticing with pleasure the light shadow that flitted across her face. He had learned to love Honor, but her manner had left him in doubt as to whether his love was returned.

Sunday was a bright, clear day, and Honor, with her uncle and Frank, walked through the lanes clothed now in the fresh beauty of spring, to the little church. They were rather a quiet trio on their way home; the hearts of two of them were too full for much conversation. And the farmer, old bachelor though he was, understood.

After dinner Honor wandered away from the house toward a favourite nook. But Frank followed her and found her hiding-place.

"Honor, he said abruptly, "I love you. Will you be my wife?"

"I thought you disliked women," she faltered, "and I promised to stay with uncle, and—"

The whispering branches alone overheard the arguments by which he overruled her faint objections. But a big bumble-bee that came beeming by fancied that it heard a soft sound somewhere, something like an echo of its own buzzing. And when, half an hour later, the farmer saw two figures coming arm in arm up the footpath through the meadow, he knew that his hopes were realized and his boy and his girl had found the secret of each other's heart.—Margaret Norton. In "Southern Churchman."

AN ADVENTURE.

By Grace Stone Field.

Out of his soft warm bed so white
A little lad crept, in the dead of night;
The moon slipped under a cloud and hid,
Only the stars saw what he did.

Down in the hall the light burned dim,
His funny shadow bowed to him;
And a little mouse squeaked shrill in fright
To see a child in the dead of night.

Somewhere, somehow, this laddie dear
Had heard strange tales of the mid-night drear;
Things that fairies and brownies did
Under the friendly darkness hid.

He did not see a single thing,
Except the mouse that ran from him!
'Till the clock struck one, and back to bed
He took himself and his sleepy head.

And so he said, as he cuddled down,
"Folks do just nothing in this town
In the dead of night but sleep and s-l-e-e-p!"

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In the dead of night, I think, don't you?

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