### Love Comes to Goldie.

The following morning dawned bright and clear.

In the afternoon the young people went to church, riding all together in the family wagon. Christopher drove Had she been here, it would not have the horse and Goldie sat beside him, leen i that would have listened t while an extra seat was put in the centre of the carriage, facing the back seat. Upon this the young gentleman sat, and Belle and May occupied the back seat.

They were a merry party, and gayly enjoyed the ride home.

The long Sabbath day at length drew to a close, and in the twilight came here. You know you love her the young people, joined by others, and you know it is no child's heart rambled to the top of Maple Hills, according to a custom of many years'

A delightful walk home in the moonlight finished the day; and when the hour for retiring came, Goldie Mellen laid her bright head upon her snowy pillow, to dream of a handsome dark face, with glorious black You have won her; now keep what eves that had looked into her heart She took every glance of Frank Whit ney's eyes and every tone of his rich voice, close to her young heart, and treasured all there, not knowing that it was love that thrilled her soul and bid her yield her thoughts and affections at his command.

The weeks flew by on golden wings. Ned Cameron was more than ever devoted to gentle May, and had no thought for any other, although he treated all with respect.

But Frank Whitney was in a state of indecision and unrest. He did not wish to give Belle up entirely, for he was proud of her royal beauty, and wished to claim her as his wife.

She would not disgrace him in h own circle of society, and he often thought of the sensation she would cause when he introduced her there Yet he could not deny to nimsel that he loved Goldie better than Belle More than this, he had whispered his

had listened to his words. She idolized Frank, and was never hapy for a moment unless he was near

passion to the sweet maiden, and she

Belle was obliged to be much with her mother, as they kept no hired help outside the farmhouse, and Mrs. Mellen could not do all the work

Besides this, Belle had felt the change in Frank, observing, from the very first, his devotion to Goldie, and had something to tell me. What is love talk." her proud spirit held itself above try

ing to win him back She loved Frank, and the one dream of her life had been to become his wife. In place of that love a bitter harred was now stealing, and it extended to Goldie, too. Crushing out all the tender sister love, this baneful feeling gained until it ended in a com-

Frank and Belle were together by the little bridge over the falls one

Ned and May strolled away by themselves, and Christy had persuaded Goldie to ride over to the village of Piverbrook with him.

Belle was proudly silent, answer ing Frank's words with cool indiffer ence. At last he said:

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cool, Belle? It was not so last summer, when"-he lowered his voice to a tender tone-"when I won your

promise to be my bride. She turned a scornful im, and replied:

"Goldie was not here last summe your vows

A guilty firsh mounted to his brow out he laughingly answired:

"So you are jealous of that child! "She is not a child, Frank. hough but little more than a child in stature or in years, she has rap idly developed her heart since yo that responds to that love. She wil please you for a while, but you will tire of her pretty, coaxing ways an baby face after a little while, and then you will punish her for making my punishment should come through you will be more bitter, more perfect

Frank Whitney could not deny tha he loved the sister of the proud scornful girl beside him. He rapidi resolved the question in his mind: "Can I give Belle up and marry Goldie?

u have won!"

His heart clung to Goldie, but prid spoke loudly for Belle. He knew that Goldie would not be so great a credit to him in polite society. She was too impulsive and willful: too apt to laugh and sing whenever she pleased, in defiance of etiquette, or even good breeding. Goldie was beautiful and charming

"You are possibly waiting for n

to tell you that you are free. Consider our engagement at an end, i you please. A scornful laugh followed he

words, and before Frank was aware of her intentions, she turned away from him and walked toward the

His first impulse was to follow he and make up their quarrel, and he would have done so had not a white robed form bounded down the hill t meet, and two warm little hands nestled in his own, while Goldie ask-

"What did you wish to tell me Frank? I met Belle out here, and she said I must hasten to you, for you not upset children with their silly

Frank Whitney always acted the impulse of the moment, and the impulse of that moment was to let Belle go and take Goldie to his heart to keep and to hold forever, trusting to time and his love to fit her for society. So he folded her close to his heart, and pressing love's kisses upon her sweet face, whispered:

"It is this: I love you more than all of earth beside-will you consent to be my wife?" Goldie's blue eves gazed into his

own, big with wonderment. She ask- posite to all her former ways.

'Are you not promised to Belle?" "Belle has broken our engagement. She bid me win you," he replied. "Oh, Frank! How good Belle is. If she does really and truly give you up, you know how happy I should be, and

now proud to be your wife." She clasped her hands, and he breath came softly as she spoke, while the moonlight streamed upon her up-

In that hour there was nothing in all the world that Frank Whitney would have accepted in exchange for his beautiful, willful little Goldie, ly-

ing so still upon his breast. They remained silent for a few mo

nents. Then Goldie spoke. "I wa sthinking, Frank, if Belle could give you up willingly," she said. 'You didn't say anything to vex her r make her cross, did you?"

"What an absurd idea, little girlie! e replied, laughing in his old merry

Goldie drew a deep breath, and

"Poor Belle! I pity her; for in all he world there can be nothing so terible as giving up your love to another. You will never put me away?" "Never, love!" he answered, draw-

ing her tenderly to his bosom. 'Nev-

And all the time Belle was walking under the apple trees in the orchard back of the house, with clasped hands and white lips. She was tearing from her heart the image of Frank Whitney, and with it came her sistery love for Goldie. It left her heart leeding and torn, but she threw the:n both out of her life forever, and the

ooth out of her life forever, and the or rise was torture to stood that the stood the stood that the stood that the stood the stood the stood the stood that the stood the s struggle was over at last. with a cold, calm smile, and when

Goldie asked:

"Do you give him ap freely?" she only put away the clinging arms from about her neck, and answered, carelessly:

"Yes; I am tired of him."

"Yes; I am tired of him."

"Yes; I am tired of him." Goldie asked:



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"There, there," answered Belle; "he

is as noble and as good as the res of his kind-no better!" and swep away from them. She never spoke with Frank Whit ney alone after that, but remained in

doors while the others rambled ove

the hills and dells, sometimes o

fcot, in pairs, sometimes on hors The family knew that Frank ha exchanged Belle for Goldie, although Belle deceived them all with her as sumed gayety and careless manner. "He was never suited to me; an Goldie loved him, so I gave him

CHAPTER IV.

### . ---GOLDIE'S SECRET.

The golden hours flew all too far t the Home Farm; and one day August there was a sad leave-takin Christy Mellen and Ned Camero were going back to college, and Frank Whitney was going abroad. A lette from his uncle. Major Grant, who was traveling in Europe, had been re ceived, and he had been advised to suspend his education here, and finisi it, after a year of travel, at a German

Frank hailed the change with jo although reluctant to part with Gold whom he loved passionately. Goldie wept herself sick, and for several days, after his departure, di

not leave her room. Farmer Mellen muttered something about "there being grown-up girl enough for young men to court, and

"Goldie is young enough ten years from now," he said to Belle. "Wh didn't you keep him yourself, an

leave Goldie to me?" "Because I did not want him, an Goldie did," was the calm reply. Finally, Goldie mingled with the family again, but oh, so changed Where now was the gay, saucy gir who had kept the house in an uproa of fun or pique all the time?

Not in the quiet, sad-faced litt girl who seldom spoke, unless directl addressed, but seemed the exact of What could have caused

change? Listen to Belle Mellen's words she sat in Goldie's room one evening early in November. Goldie was sitting in the little low chair by the window, gazing out upon the moonling

Suddenly the quick, jingling soun of seligh bells fell upon the ears of he inmates of the farmhouse.

Belle, who had entered the room out a few moments before, glanced inquiringly at her pale-faced sister who remarked:

"It is only Tim going to the post office."

"Who sent him to the office to night?" demanded Belle.

"I asked him to go, Belle. It is the irst of the month, you know," re-

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her suffer.' 'What were you saying, Belle?

did not hear. 'I say that you are a fool for your pains, when you send to the pos office upon such a night as this for

Goldie glanced into her sister' ice with pained surpr se, then replied a tone scarcely above a whisper: · He wrote to me last month, you now, Belle.

a letter from Frank Whitney.'

Belle laughed scernfully, and reied hastily 'But he will never write again. II

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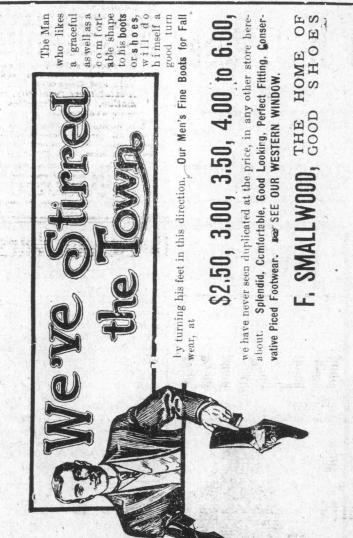
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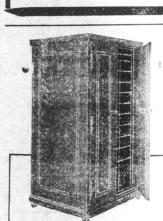
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