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UNDER THE CHESTNUTS. "There!" said Nan, patting the last bow she had tied on a dozen little fancy

wicker baskets. "They are all done "How very pretty they are!" said Lucy Taine, taking up one that was trimmed with fringe and cherry-colored satin.

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"Nothing is too nice for use," said Nan, astoutly. "I believe in enjoying the good and beautiful things of this life. Besides, I mean to have my nutting party a success at any cost, and these little baskets will be pretty souvenirs of the occasion."

"So they will," said Lucy, sipping the chocolate Nan had ordered for her, "But in them? I've gone chestnutting a great many times, and never found any nuts worth speaking of."

"Oh, there will be plenty of nuts!" Nan said, with a peculiar smile. "T've told our man to go out early tomorrow morning, on the said, with a peculiar smile. "T've told our man to go out early tomorrow morning, on the said, with a peculiar smile. "T've told our man to go out early tomorrow morning, or "Let me go?" Nan cried, struggling to free herrelf,
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tell about the chestnuts?" she said, doubt-

fully.

"Honor bright!"

"Well, then, I don't mind."

She put her hand in his and in a moment!

Owen had her in his arms, taking not only one kiss, but twenty.
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"You—you can't tell a lie!" Nan an-awared, tearfully,
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There will be plenty there."

"Is Owen Prescott going?" Lucy asked, with a sly glance at Nan's face.

"I invited him, of course," Nan said, coldly. "I wouldn't have the heart to separate him from Miss Duncan for a whole day."

"It's very funny—that affair," Lucy observed, musingly. "What did you do to him, Nan, that drove him away from you so suddenly? We all knew he was wildly in love with you, and Florence Duncan isn't his style at all."

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"It needn't be a lie, dear," he urged. "If you will marry me, Nan, I am sure that there will not be a happier man in all the wide world!"

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"I don't care. Besides, I think it very likely she will marry Lester. She told me it at there will not be a happier man in all the wide world!"

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"That's what I call joily!" Laoy said, warmly.

And the conversation drifted on to what they were going to put in the hamper, and so on.

The next morning was a fine one, and the great hay wayon, drawn by four handsome horses, was at Nan's door soon after breakfast.

Nan came out dressed from head to foot in brown, with a great bunch of golden-rod stuck in her belt, and with partridge wings.

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"That one is Owen," Lucy said, with a single sanger floots a most designed to the interesting papels in the same of the principle. The said of the content of the principle and the principle and

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Owen Prescott was standing near and heard him, but a look cannot kill one, and so Harry escaped.

Nan smiled, and turned to her escort with a flattering air.

"Mr. Lester," she said sweetly, "you and I will take the box. I know you can drive a four-in-hand, and I doubt if any of the others can. At least," she added, with a look at Owen, who was a fine horseman, "I should not care to trust them."

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