

down stairs in her brother's strong arms, and spend several hours in the family room. They were seated there now expecting the visitors from Knowlton. Mr. Russell had come in, and they were about to sit down to tea when Agnes' quick ears caught the sound of wheels, and Miss Smith accompanied by another lady was soon among them. She had fulfilled her promise of seeing Agnes in the summer so she was not an entire stranger to the family, they had retained a most pleasant memory of her visit; and once when Mr. and Mrs. Russell had been to Knowlton on a picnic, they had taken Agnes and left her to have a delightful long day with some of the companions that had accompanied her from England, but the connection that had been so pleasant was now about to be severed.

When they were seated at the table and after the conversation had turned on the ordinary topics Mr. Russell said,

"I hear you are returning to England