POOR COPY

WHAT CAN SHE DO?

By E. P. Roe.

(*Continued.*)

Edith soon broke the forlorn silence that followed Zell's outburst by saying,—

"All the blame doesn's rest on the parents. I might have improved my advantages far better. I might have so mastered the rudiments of an English education as to be able to teach little children, but I can scarcely seem to remember a single thing now."

"I can remember one thing," interrupted Zell, who was fresh from her books, "that there was mighty little attention given to the rudiments as you call them, in the fashionable schools to which I went. To give the outward airs and graces of a fine lady seemed to be their whole aim. Accomplishments, deportment were everything. The way I was hustled over the rudiments almost takes away my breath to remember, and I have as remote an idea of vulgar fractions, as of how to do the vulgar work before us. I tell you the whole thing is a cruel farce. If girls are educated like butterflies it ought to be made certain that they can live like butterflies."

"Well then," continued Edith. "We ought to have perfected ourselves in some accomplishment. They are always in demand. See what some French and Music teachers obtain."

"Nonsense," said Zell pettishly, "you know well enough that by the time we were sixteen, our heads were so full of beaux, parties and dress, that French and music were a bore. We went through the fashionable mills like the rest, and if father had continued worth a million or so, no one would have found fault with our education."

"We can't help the past now," said Edith after a moment, "but I am not so old yet but that I can choose some kind of work and so thoroughly master it that I can get the highest price paid for that form of labor. I wish it could be gardening, for I have no taste for the shut up work of women; sitting in a close room all day with the needle would be slow suicide to me."

"Gardening!" said Zell contemptuously. "You couldn't plow as well as that snuffy old fellow who scratched your garden about as deeply as a hen would have done it. A woman can't dig and hoe in the hot sun, that is, an American girl can't, and I don't think they ought."

"Nor I either," said Mrs. Allen, with some reviving vitality. "The very idea is horrid."

"But ploughing, digging and hoeing isn't all of gardening," said Edith with some irritation.

"I guess you would make a slim support by just snipping around among the rose bushes," retorted Zell provokingly.

"That's always the way with you, Zell," said Edith sharply, "from one extreme to another. Well, what would you like to do?"

"If I had to work I would like house keeping. That admits of great variety and activity. I wish I could open a summer boarding house up here. Wouldn't I make it attractive!"

"Such black eyes and red cheeks certainly would—to the gentlemen," answered Edith satirically.

"They would be mere accessories. I think I could give to a boarding house, that place of harrowing discomfort, a dainty home-like air. If father when he risked a failure, had only put aside enough to set me up in a boardinghouse, I should have been made."

"A boarding house! What horror next?" sighed Mrs. Allen.

"Don't be alarmed, mother," sighed Zell, bitterly. "We can scarcely start one on the forlornest hash species of ten dollars. I admit I would rather keep house for a good husband, and it seems to me I could soon learn to give the perfection of a good home," and her eyes filled with wistful tears. Dashing them scornfully away, she added. "The idea of a woman loving a man, and letting his home be dependent on the cruel mercies of foreign servants! If it's a shame that girls are not taught to make a living if they need to, it's a worse shame if they are not taught to keep house. Half the brides I know of ought to have been arrested and imprisoned for obtaining property under false pretence. That they had inveigled men into the vain expectation that they would make a home for them, when they no more knew how to make a home than a heathen. The best they can do is to go to one of those places so satirically called an "intelligence office," and import into their elegant house a small mob of quarrelsome, drunken, dishonest foreigner, and then they and their husbands live on such conditions as are permitted. I would be mistress of my house just as a man is master of his store or office, and I would know thoroughly how all work was done, and see that it was done thoroughly. If they wouldn't do it, I'd discharge them. I am satisfied that our bad servants are the result of bad housekeepers more than anything else."

"Poor little Zell," said Edith smiling sadly. "I hope you will have a chance to put your theories into most happy and successful practice."

"Little chance of it here in 'Bushtown' as Hannibal calls it," said Zell sullenly.

"Well," said Edith, in a kind of desperate tone, "we've got to decide on something at once. I will suggest this. Laura must take care of mother, and teach a few little children if she can get them. We will give up the parlor to her certain hours. I will put up a notice in the post office asking for such patronage, and perhaps we can put an advertisement in the Pushton Recorder, if it don't cost too much. Zell, you must take the housekeeping mainly, for which you have a taste, and help me with any sewing I can get. Hannibal will go into the garden and I will help him there all I can I shall go to the village to-morrow and see if I can find anything to do that will bring in money."

There was a silent acquiescence in Edith's plan, for no one had anything else to offer.

CHAPTER XVIII.

IGNORANCE.— LOOKING FOR WORK.

The next day Edith went to the village, and frankly told Mr. Hard how they were situated, mentioning that the failure of their lawyer to sell the stock had suddenly placed them in this crippled condition.

Mr. Hard's eyes grew more pebbly as he listened. He ventured in a constrained voice as consolation—

"That he never had much faith in stocks—No, he had no employment for ladies in connection with his store. He simply bought and sold at *small* advance. Miss Kilp, the dressmaker, might have something."

To Miss Kilp Edith went, Miss Kilp, although an unprotected female, appeared to be a maiden that could take care of herself. One would scarcely venture to hinder her. Her cutting scissors seemed instinct with life, and one would get out of their way as instinctively as for a railroad train. She gave Edith a sharp look through her spectacles and said abruptly in answer to her application—

"I thought you was rich."

"We were," said Edith sadly, "but we must work now and are willing."

"What do you know about dressmaking and sewing?"

"Well, not a great deal, but I think you would find us very ready to learn."

"Oh, bless you, I can get all my work done by thorough hands, and at my own prices, too. Good morning.

"But can you not tell me of some one that would be apt to have work?"

"There is Mrs. Glibe across the street. She has work sometimes. Most dressmakers around here are well trained, have machines, and go out by the day."

Edith's heart sank. What chance was there for her untaught hands among all these "trained workers."

She soon found that Mrs. Glibe was more inclined to talk, (being as garrulous as Miss Klip was laconic,) and to find out all about them, than to help her to work. Making but little headway in Edith's confidence she at last said, "I give Rose Lacey all the work I have to spare and it isn't very much. The business is so cut up that none of us have much more than we can do except a short time in the busy season. Still, those of us who can give a nice fit and cut to advantage can make a good living after getting known. It takes time and training you know of course."

"But isn't there work of any kiud that we can get in this place?" said Edith impatiently.

"Well, not that you'd be willing to do. Of course there's housecleaning and washing and some plain sewing, though that is mostly done on a machine. A good strong woman can always get a day's work, except in winter, but you ain't one of that sort," she added, looking at Edith's delicate pink and white complexion and little white hands in which a scrubbing brush would look incongruous.

"Isn't there any demand for fancy work?" asked Edith.

"Mighty little. People buy such things in the city. Money ain't so plenty in the country that people will spend much on that kind of thing. The ladies themselves make it at home and when they go out to tea."

"Oh dear," sighed Edith, as she plodded wearily homeward, "what can we do? Ignorance is as bad as crime."

Her main hope now for immediate necessities was that they might get some scholars. She had put up a notice in the post office and an advertisement in the paper. She had also purchased some rudimentary school books, and the poor child, on her return home, soon distracted herself by a sudden plunge into vulgar fractions. She found herself so sadly rusty that she would have to study almost as hard as any of her pupils, were they obtained. Laura's bookish turn and better memory had kept her better posted. Edith soon threw aside grammars and arithmetics, saying to Laura.—

"You must take care of the school if we get one. It would take me too long to prepare on these things in our emergency."

Almost desperate from the feeling that there was nothing she could do, she took a hoe that was by no means light, and loosened the ground and cut off all the sprouting weeds around her strawberry vines. The day was rather cool and cloudy, and she was surprised at the space she went over. She wore a broad-rimmed straw hat tied down over her face, and determined she would not look at the road, and act as if it were not there, letting people think what they pleased. But a familiar rumble and rattle caused her to look shyly up after the wagon had passed, and she saw Arden Lacey gazing wonderingly back at her. She dropped her eyes instantly as if she had not seen him, and went on with her work. At last, thoroughly wearied, she went in and said half triumphantly, half defiantly—

"A woman can hoe. I've done it myself."

"A woman *can* ride a horse like a man," said Mrs. Allen, and this was all the home encouragement poor Edith received.

They had but a light lunch at one o'clock, meaning to have a more substantial dinner at six. Hannibal was showing Zell and getting her started in her department. It was but a poor little dinner they had, and Zell said in place of dessert—

"Edith, we are most out of everything."

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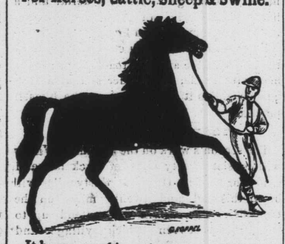

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DEPARTURES.

7 25 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Mixed Accommodation for Fredericton.

6 30 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Boston Fast Express for points West and for St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Houlton, Woodstock, and all points North and South.

4 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Express for Fredericton.

8 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Night Express for points West, and for St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all points North.

1 00 P. M.—From Fredericton—Accommodation for St. John.

6 25 A. M.—From Fredericton—Passenger and Mails for McAdam and points West, North and South, and for St. John.

4 30 P. M.—From Fredericton for St. John.

7 00 A. M.—From Gibson for Woodstock and points North,

ARRIVALS:

5 30 A. M., at St. John—Fast Express Train from all points West, and from St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all points North.

9 15 A. M., at St. John, Water Street—Express from Fredericton.

4 30 P. M., at St. John, Water Street—Express from points West, and from St. Stephen, St Andrews, Woodstock, Houlton, Fredericton, and all points North and South.

8 00 P. M.—At St. John, Water Street—Mixed Accommodation for Fredericton.

3 10 P. M.—At Fredericton, from McAdam and points West, North and South.

7 30 P. M.—At Fredericton—Accomodation from St. John.

9 30 P. M.—At Fredericton—Passenger and Mail, from St. John.

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