

her, regardless of the crowd by which they were surrounded.

"Three years ago I meant to ask you to become my wife, but was deterred by the knowledge that you were one day to be a great heiress, and far beyond the aspirations of a humble clerk. Now that our positions are more equal, I can ask the question without being looked upon by the woman I love as a fortune-hunter."

"Really, this is so sudden! I must have time to decide," said Adelaide, tremulously.

"Till we reach Fall River, then," replies the impetuous lover, and the girl, seeing the love-light in his eyes, knows when she leaves the boat that her answer will be "yes."

The two remain together till the hour of parting comes. He leads her to the door of her state-room, and after tenderly bidding her good-night, they separate, each to dream of the one who has so unexpectedly crossed the other's path.

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The moon has performed her monthly journey since we met our friends upon the Fall River boat, and she again presents her round and shining face to the world. She smiles upon a group seated upon the piazza of a pretty cottage on the outskirts of the old historic town of Annapolis. Vernon Clifford,