had said that Connie must be coated by Sunday! She walked sturdily down

the street toward the "city,"-ironi-

she reached the corner of the Square, and walked along that business street

with shining eyes. In front of the First

National Bank she paused, but after a few seconds she passed by. On the

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The town of Mount Mark is brought to the attention of the world by the arrival of Rev. Mr. Starr and his five daughters, he having been assigned to pastoral work in this Methodist diocess. The story of the train at Mount Mark, her demander appearance and gentle nature investigation of the world by the arrival of the train at Mount Mark, her demander appearance and gentle nature investigation of the train at Mount Mark, her demander appearance and gentle nature investigation of the parsonage. The story of the parsonage, they having heretofore her all the parsonage, they having heretofore as a real home have been denied them, and the lot tail of the begins to ask will personage to young girl still in her teess, has been been done the household and mother of the four young sisters.

Ocal to buy, feed for the cow and the lot tail of the parsonage to welcome the minister and his angular Quite a discussion follows as one who will have the privilege of representations of the part of the family that Prudence is bring me up. Mrs. Adams cannot help but so the world by the privilege of th

bitter months? Starty—others come alm in life is to worthy of the privilege of bringing to great hiters. The twin get Prudence and the party of the privilege and cuffs with right of the privilege and cuffs. With the privilege of the privilege o

Processor Rayburn, who invites her to pionic.

The pionic is only the beginning of a friendship between Prudence and Professor Rayburn, who calls many times during the following weeks, but the aversion Prudence has for "bugs" keeps her from becoming close friends, as she always thinks he has them in his pockets.

Professor Rayburn brings things to a climax, by kissing Prudence and telling her that he loves her. Prudence, who is always frank and truthful, tells him that she does not care for him in that way and he must not come to see her again, and feels quite relieved and happy when the ordeal is over.

Pairy has a college boy, "Babbie," call to spend the evening; the twins go for oysters for the supper in Babbie's honor and incidentally purchase some red pepper and a liquid from the druggist, in whom thay confide that they want some faily used to see her again, and indicate that they want some fail to spend the evening; the twins go for oysters for the supper in Babbie's honor and incidentally purchase some red pepper and a liquid from the druggist, in whom thay confide that they want some fails going to wear.

Pairy is going

CHAPTER IX.

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"We must be sure to have all the scraps out of the way before Connie brown is so becoming to you."
gets home," said Prudence, carefully "Thanks," said Connie pa fitting together pieces of a dark, warm, furry material. "It has been so long since father wore this coat, I am sure she will not recognize it."

"But she will ask where we got it

"About right, I guess. Did you ever have a coat like this, Prudence? I Prudence promiply, eager to get the is a question of something far deeper small sober face beyond her range of don't seem to remember it."
"Oh, no, it wasn't mine. Take some

It was a dull day early in December.

Prudence and Fairy were sewing in the bay window of the sitting-room.

It was a dull day early in December.

Let's put a little more fullness in the sleves, Fairy. It's more stylish this traightened out in my mind."

When Complete when the twins get home, go right on and eat without me. I'll come back when I get things straightened out in my mind." year.—The collar fits very nicely. The velvet gives it such a rich tone. And hearing, Prudence droped her head on

"Thanks," said Connie patiently. "Was this something of yours, Fairy?" "Oh, no, we've just had it in the house quite a while. It comes in very handy right now, doesn't it? It'll make

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sonage people just have to practice very well can be—temperamentally, economy, Connie,—it can't be helped. in habits and in thought. If, as be-Take some more fudge, dear, and run tween sexes, opposites attract, as be-out-or-doors a while. You'll feel better tween man and man extremes have a

Connie stood solemnly beside the sticks and fists. The wonder is, inquired, as soon as she was able to table, her eyes still fastened on the therefore, all the greater that French coat, cut down from her father's. "Can soldier and English soldier have I go and take a walk?" she asked fin- mingled for so long and under such

y. trying circumstances without the "May I, you mean," suggested Fairy. slightest hitch. accident. Nor has it been a mere "Yes, do go and take a walk," urged matter of army discipline. Rather it

"If I am not back when the twins

the table and wept. "Oh, Fairy, if the members just knew how such things hurt, maybe they'd pay up a little better. How do they expect parsonage people to keep up appearances when they haven't any money?"

"Oh, now, Prue, you're worse than Connie! There's no use to cry about it. Parsonage people have to find happiness in spite of financial misery Money isn't the first thing with folks like us."

"No, but they have pleydegd it," pro-tested Prudence, lifting her tear-stain-ed face. "They must know we are counting on the money. Why don't they keep their pledges? They pay their meat bills, and grocery bills, and house rent! Why don't they pay for their religion?"

"Now. Prue, you know how things."

"Now, Prue, you know how things go, Mrs. Adams is having a lot of Christmas expense, and she thinks her four dolars a month won't really be missed. She thinks she will make it up along in February, when Christmas is over. But she forgets that Mrs. Barnaby with two dollars, and Mrs. Scott with five, and Mr. Walter with seven, thirty others with one dolar each, are thinking the same thing! Each member thinks for himself, and takes no account of theo thers. That's how it

happens."

Prudence squirmed uncomfortably in her chair. "I wish you wouldn't mention names, Fairy," she begged. "I do not object to lumping them in a body and wondering about them. But I can't feel right about calling them out by name, and criticizing them .-Besides, we do not really know which ones they are who did not pay." "I was just giving names for illus-

trative purposes,' said Fairy quickly. "Like as not, the very ones I named are the ones who did pay."
"Well, get this stuff out of the way, and let's set the table. Somehow

cant' bear to touch it any more. Poor little Connie! If she had cried about it, I wouldn't have cared so much. But she looked so—heartsick, didn't she, Fairy?"
Connie certainly was heartsick. More than that, she was a litle disgusted She felt herself aroused to take action. Things had gone too far! Go to church in her father's coat she could not! But they hadn't the money. If

morning, and would not be home natil Saturday evening,—too late to get a coat in time for Sunday, and Prudence

other a warrior "soul mate," a battle partner, and all such petty superfici-alities as mere personal habits and mannerisms have been completely cally so called. Her face was stony, her hands were clenched. But finally she brightened. Her lagging steps quickened. She skipped along quite cheerfully. She turned westward as sunk in the one big, all-absorbing fundamental. They are fighting and dying Customs Do Not Matter

What does it matter if Tommy eats acon and eggs and perhaps porridge for breakfast and Poilu only coffee and bread; and does it make any real and even their difference in language cerned, the question of nationally opposite corner was another bank.
When she reached it, she walked in difference if Tommy drinks tea every afternoon and Poilu doesn't like tea at all, if both men are standing shoulder to shoulder in uncomfortable trenches and firing at the same enemy, or charging through a rain of shrapnel and machine gun bullets against the same trench?

While British and French armies

than either, for all the discipline in the world could never have produced such a phenomenon.

"Soul mates" has become a much abused term and a misused one, but it would seem that the French and British armies had found in each other a warrior "soul mate," a battle British attacked from one side, the Frenchman would be the form another that the french and fight under their own individual organic derstanding which has sprung up to tween these two vastly different types the two the form and fight under their own individual organic derstanding which has sprung up to the two these two vastly different types the two these two vastly different types the form and fight under their own individual organic derstanding which has sprung up to the form and fight under their own individual organic there is the fight that the french have little the form the fight that the fight French from another, the two forces never have dens the thing as a meeting in the captured city, fallen Englishman dld 11, nor the English under their combined blows.

> gotten acquainted. They have come to know each other. They do not pay any attention now to how the other fellow cuts his hair or ties his tie or sets his cap on his head. They cerned, and so far as British has ceased to bother or be strange to them. Almost every Poilu knows a few words of English and there is hardly a Tommy but knows how to "polly francay" a bit. So as far as these details are concerned things sonal equation and as each has all hardless for the strange of the s bowl along in perfect style.

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