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'I was very foolish my dear. If my father or Gerard had been with me, if I could have spoken to or confided in them I should, I am sure never have done it; but they were both away on business in the North I don't excuse myself Marjorie—I was rash, ungrateful, wicked, heartless; anything you like. I thought only of Loftus and of showing him that the barrier of which he spoke should never keep us apart. He did not know I was to be rich, that Mr. Chadburn had promised me a fortune when I married. I was childish enough and romantic enough to enjoy the idea of keeping the secret until I was his wife." Norah paused a moment, steadying her voice "When I left home," she resumed 'when I wrote the letter you have heard of telling my father and Gerard that I had gone to the man I loved, and whom I was going to marry, I had no thought in my head no shadow of a suspicion but that I should be his wife as soon as he could make me so."

'You went to him?" asked Marjorie softly, 'and then he had to tell you about me?"

'Yes. Don't ask me to say too much about it, Marjorie. He did all he could do—he urged me to return home. My letter was gone: I could not do that; I think I would rather have died!" She shivered. 'Oh the misery of that time—the misery of it!"

The shudder shook her again; she was pale. Marjorie leaned forward and caressingly clasped her arms around her waist.

'I think I know pretty well what was next, Norah dear—I can guess from what Gerard has told me. You couldn't go home because of the letter and you couldn't stay with Loftus because he was coward enough and foolish enough—I cannot help saying just that much dear I must—to keep to me whom he didn't care ought to have been ashamed to care for, instead of throwing everything else on one side and making you his wife as he should. Yes, he should—for if his word was pledged to me his love was pledged to you and you had thrown your home and friends and everything away because you believed in him and trusted him. And if he was miserable and ashamed of himself—well, so he ought to have been, and I am sure I hope he was—there! Now I won't abuse him any more because I know you don't like to hear it!" She kissed the other again and withdrew her arms. 'And what did you do North? Went and lived by yourself, didn't you?"

'My dear, it was all I could do. I had some money and I had my jewels and I am clever enough to earn a little with my pen besides. I knew that I could manage to live for a time at least and Loftus——" She stopped. 'Marjorie I won't be ungrateful enough for your kindness my dear little sister to make you a half confession. I lived in one possible hope—the hope of the day when his honor and his love for me would triumph over both you and your money and he would set me right and marry me."

'Of course you did," said Marjorie with conviction. 'Naturally you did. You knew he loved you and didn't care for me, and why should you care about a girl you never had seen."

"But I had seen you, my dear. Don't you rememebr I told you so that day I saw you in the park? I followed him down here one day when he came to see you, and listened and watched when you were together in the wood. That set a most miserable doubt at rest for me, Marjorie—I saw that you did not care for him."

'Oh not a bit," agreed the girl readily. She hesitated. 'And when were you married Norah? Oh I do hope—I do—that it was before I lost my money."

'No, my dear!" Norah hesitated in turn; her color deepened a little. 'But you must do Loftus justice in this Marjorie. He pledged me his word that night that he would break the engagement and do me justice, and I know he would have done it if nothing had happened to your fortune dear. But for your father's death and all that followed it he would have told you the truth and asked you to release him. Do you recollect the last visit he paid to you here. He came down then with a fixed resolve to tell you, but you were so unsuspicious, he said that although he tried he could not do so. We were married just a week after that.'

'So long ago as that?' Marjorie's eyes widened with wonder and reproach. 'Oh, why didn't you let them know—Gerard and Mr Chadburn?"

'My dear, I could not." Norah flushed painfully now. 'I had promised Loftus that until he gave me leave I would keep it a secret."

'Yes, but why? Why should not everybody have known?"

'Easily told, my dear unfortunately." Norah shook her head sadly. 'You know Loftus is poor, Marjorie, but I don't think you quite know how very embarrassed he is. Things were tolerably easy for him while he was engaged to you a great heiress; they grew much harder when it was known that you had lost your fortune; they would have grown very much harder still had it been known that he had married a penniless woman."

(To be Continued.)

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"I Guess It's Near Enough"

By RUTH CAMERON

THE pupils in a cooking school were making some cream sauce for the first time. They had been told to mix one tablespoonful of flour and one-quarter of a coup of cold milk, stir until perfectly smooth and then pour in three-quarters of a coup of hot milk. Two girls stood side by side stirring vigorously. Finally one reached for the hot milk. "What!, Have you got yours smooth already?" asked the other girl, who was still struggling with some obstinate lumps. "Not quite," said the first girl impatiently, "but I guess it's near enough," and she poured in the hot milk.

The other girl went on stirring a little while longer until the mixture was **really** smooth.

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Could anything be more typical of the attitude of mind which produces the mediocre worker than that phrase, "I guess it's near enough?"

It seems like a simple matter to do a thing just as one is told to, or exactly as one knows it should be done—in other words, to do it right; and yet how many people never rise above mediocrity because they haven't the ambition or the stick-to-it-iveness or the time to do a thing just **exactly right!**

Especially does time seem to be lacking in this hurry-driven country of ours. Why is it that "made in Germany," or France, or England, or any other country than America, is a hallmark of honor upon any article? Partly, of course, because of the feeling which some people have that anything which comes from a distance must be more desirable than the simple home product; but partly because the foreign-made articles are more likely to be sound and lasting. They are made by people who have time enough to do things not "near enough" right, but **right.**

The very simplest thing can be done in the makeshift way of "near enough" right, or it can be done just exactly **right,** and the difference between the two methods even in this simplest thing is very wide.

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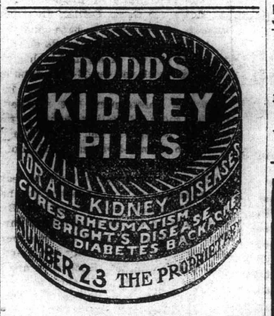

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