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Into a pint of warm milk whip three unbeaten eggs, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one level tablespoonful of sugar, half teaspoonful of salt. Gradually stir in a cup and a half of Graham flour and beat hard for several minutes. Sift one teaspoonful of cream of tartar into half a cup of flour and sift the flour then into the mixture. One-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one tablespoonful of boiling water is added last and beaten in thoroughly. Have the muffin pans hot and well greased and bake in a very hot oven.—'Chicago Record.'

A Grain of Sand.

(Charles P. Cleaves, in 'Forward.')

(Concluded.)

I had heard such stories before, but I knew she was not one of those who would seek charity. So I begged her to accept the gift of a suit, out of several given me for distribution. I wanted to see what would happen.

This is what happened. Ned attended church two Sundays—no more.

'What is the season?' I asked the deacon one day, telling my story of the clothing, in confidence. He was a discreet, kindly man.

'Oh, I don't know,' he said. 'I wouldn't want to say Ned is lazy. But he does lack pluck.'

Ned's 'fair chance' seemed to open at last. The confectioner needed help, and Ned took the position. I thought he did well. He was interested in keeping the store tidy, and was polite to customers. But one day I missed him.

'Where's Ned?' I asked.

'Ned's not here. At home, sucking his thumbs, perhaps,' was the short reply.

'What's the matter?'

'He was too slow for me.'

'Slow and sure,' I thought to myself, for I disliked to drop the faith I was gaining in him. But there seemed little hope. I talked with him kindly and tried to gain his confidence, but he was quiet and almost dumb. I gave him magazines, but never felt certain he read them.

'Ned's a queer boy,' I said to my wife. 'Why can't he talk? He hasn't a better friend than I. But I don't know what to do for him.'

One thing I noticed with satisfaction. I never heard Ned's name linked with reports of vice or disorder. I saw him frequently among young men and boys whose influence I feared. He was not safe, surely. Certainly they did him no good; why, apparently, no harm? It was not mere idleness, for the merely idle mind is sure to drift to sin.

One night I sat in my study with doors opened through the hall, looking at the last glow of the fading sunset, and feeling sad-hearted at the unusual drunkenness and disorder that had broken out among the factory hands. This was in a State where the law prohibited liquor-selling, and who sold it was a mystery—to me. As the sky paled and the room darkened, my heart grew sadder. The stars came out like interrogation points, as if asking, 'Who is it? What can be done?'

Steps came up the walk, and Ned Stark came in. It was long since he had been in my study, and I gripped his hand.



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'I came to say good-by, Mr. Carroll. You've been good to me.'

'Why, Ned, what's up? Where are you going?'

'To Norogo. Dr. Tee has influence there at the State college, and he has found me a chance to work on the milk farm. He says I can't study much till my eyes are better, but I shall get better now, and the farm will be good for me.'

I sat down in my chair. I leaned backward and stared.

'Well, Ned, is your tongue loosed at last? Tell me more!'

He was dumb again.

'Ned,' I said more quietly, 'will you answer some questions for me?'

'I'll try, sir.'

'You spoke about your eyes. Have they been troubling you? I knew Dr. Tee was in town. Have you visited him?'

'Yes, sir. I have my glasses now.'

'Ah, I see. Have your eyes troubled you long?'

'I've had headaches, sir. It was mostly when I tried to read, so I left school; but 'twas the same when I ran the looms. I couldn't talk about it. Folks laughed.'

Then I hurled questions at him thick and fast, till I had a long story—too long to tell. After we had talked of the future and had knelt in prayer, and as I was about to bid him good-by, I said:—

'Ned, one question more. I ask it to help your future. Do you know why you lost your job at the store?'

'Yes, sir; and I might as well tell you for the sake of the boys. Frost was handling liquor, and I said I wouldn't sell it. He said go.'

Chocolate Cake.

One-half cup (scant) butter, creamed, one cup sugar, two eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, one-half cup sweet milk, two cups flour, three teaspoonful baking powder. Boil

together not quite one quarter cake chocolate grated, one-half cup milk, yolk of one egg, one cup sugar and one teaspoonful vanilla. When cool add to the above mixture. Bake in jelly tins and put boiled icing between the layers

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