

# Uncle Terry

By CHARLES CLARK MUNN

money you need and are likely to, it will be much worse. I respect your feelings, and I admire your determination very much, and of course do not wish to discourage you. You are more than welcome to my office and law books, and I will gladly help you all I can. And then, after a moment's reflection, he added, "I believe it's a wise thing, and I'll be very glad to have you with me. You can help me out in a good many ways also that will advance you even faster than steady reading."

He was surprised at the look of pleasure that came into Frank's face. "I had half expected you would try to discourage me," said he, "and it's very kind of you to promise to help me."

"Why shouldn't I?" answered Frank. "I owe you a good deal more than just, my dear boy, and when you have been admitted we will go into a partnership if you want to do it." "Here's my hand on it," said Frank, raising his right hand. "I mean it, too, and if you will have patience with me I'll stick it out or own up I'm no good in this world." He seemed overjoyed, and for two hours they sat and talked it over. "When may I begin?" he said finally. "I want to go at it right away."

"Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock sharp," replied Albert, smiling, "and I warn you I shall keep you grinding eight full hours six days a week and no let up until July 1. But tell me, when did this idea enter your head?" "Well, to be exact, it came to me in the parlor of your house in Sandgate just at dark the last evening I was there, and a remark your sister made to me was the cause of it."



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A drool smile crept over Albert's face at this frank admission, but he made no reply, and as he scanned his friend's face, now turned slightly away from him, and recalled that last evening at home and how Alice had so persistently devoted herself to the entertainment of this young man, a revelation came to him.

"So it's that heart breaker's blue eyes that have begun to work mischief in Frank's feelings, is it?" he said to himself after he had left the club, and he almost laughed aloud at the thought. "His has none rather pronounced ideas about idleness, and maybe she has read my young friend a lesson in a few words. She is capable of it."

When Frank came to the office next morning, Albert set him to work and gave him all possible encouragement. "I think far more of you, Frank," he said earnestly, "for this resolve, and when you get fairly into it you will be glad you took hold. I believe every one in this world is happier and healthier for having an occupation, and certainly you will be."

Frank showed a persevering spirit as

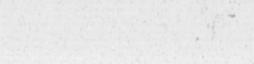
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the weeks went by and became an ardent student. In a way, too, he was a help to Albert, for he could call on him any time to find some reference or some decision bearing on a case in hand.

It was soon after Frank's new departure in life that Alice received a letter from her brother, and among other things he wrote:

What was it you said to Frank the last evening of our visit at home? He has decided to study law in my office and admits his resolution to do so was the result of a remark you made then. Knowing what a fine vein of sarcasm you are blessed with, I am curious to know what sort of an arrow you drew from your quiver that evening.

But Albert received no reply to his question.

## CHAPTER XVII.

ALICE PAGE'S first impression of Frank Nason did not do him justice. She thought him a big, good natured, polite boy, rather conscious that he was likely to be sought after and disposed to sulk if he wasn't. His plea for sympathy on the score that his life of idleness was a bore, which he made the day they went sleighing, only provoked her derision, and as she was disposed to judge all men by the standard of her self reliant brother, he came near awakening contempt on her part. It was not until the last evening of his visit that she discovered her mistake and realized that he had more depth of character than she had thought. It is likely the keen enjoyment which he seemed to feel when she sang for him had weight, for we are prone to like those who like us, and it was natural also that she should feel a little gratitude for what he had done for her brother.

Her life, hidden as she was in a by-way corner of a country town and seeing no one all the week except her small band of pupils, gave her plenty of time for thought. Once a week, usually on Saturday, she received a letter from her brother, and that, together with the mild excitement of Sunday churchgoing, was all that broke the monotony of her life.

A week after the Christmas visit she received a package containing a new book, three of the latest popular songs and a box of candy, and pinned to the candy Frank Nason's card, on the back of which was written, "For the girl who wanted to kiss her teacher." She wrote a polite note of thanks. It was midwinter and two weeks after her brother wrote that Frank had begun studying law in his office when she received a letter from that young man that surprised her. He wrote:

My Dear Miss Page—I trust you will pardon me for intruding myself upon you, but I wish you to know that a few pointed words spoken by you while I was enjoying your hospitality have not been forgotten and have influenced me to make an effort to be something better than an idler in the world. Your brother kindly presented to me the book you mentioned and I am now hard at it. I do not imagine this will interest you, but I felt that you had scant respect for useless people, and as you could rightly so regard me I wanted you to know that I am capable of rising above my aimless life.

I have recalled so many times all the incidents of my visit to your home and lived over those evenings graced by your presence and lit by a cheerful fire time and again. Do not think me insensible when I assure you that they were the most delightful ones I ever passed. If you find time to write a line to one who is now a worker in the hive instead

of a drone, it will be gratefully received by me.

To a girl with Alice Page's sympathetic nature and tender feelings words like these made her feel she was what she most enjoyed being—an inspiration and help to others. In this respect Frank Nason had read her letter than she had read him, or else some fortunate intuition had led him aright. She answered the letter at once, thanking him for his flattering words, but forbidding him to use any more of them. "I do not like flattery," she wrote, "because no one ever can feel quite sure if it is sincere. I will answer all your letters if you will. I promise not to tell Bert we are corresponding. Not that he is inclined to it by any means, but I love him so dearly I can't bear to have him do so. The little girl you sent the candy to was not a astonished and grateful. I don't know who sent it, for I have been all over town in a week if I had, and I do not like to be guessed. I merely told her a good fairy had sent it, which was better."

Once a week thereafter Alice received a long letter from Frank and as regularly answered it.

"Frank is getting along nicely," Albert wrote Alice in the early spring. "I believe he has the making of a capable lawyer in him. He grinds away hard for me I ever did when reading law and has never yet complained of a slow day and dull it all. He is a big, warm hearted fellow, too, and I am growing more fond of him every day. He is more devoted to me than a brother, and we have made a lot of plans for a month's outing on the Grassy this coming summer. I like his family very much, and Mrs. Nason and both her daughters have invited me to bring you down when your school closes to make them a visit. I think I shall run up in June and stay over Sunday and bring Frank with me. I imagine he would like to come, for once in awhile I overheard him humming 'Ben Bolt'."

"A very nicely worded little plot, but don't you imagine, my dear Bert, if I do not see through it?" was the mental comment of Alice when she read the letter. "The young gentleman has bravely set to work to become a man instead of a cipher. My brother likes him; he whistles 'Ben Bolt'; my brother is to bring him up here again; I am expected to fall in love with Mr. G. G. G. that was and help him spend his money, and I am to be barely tolerated by mamma and both sisters! A most charming plot, surely, but it takes two to make a bargain. I think I know just the sort of people mamma and sisters are. He told me she read him a lecture every time he danced twice with a poor girl, and now I am expected to wear into the same trap and cringe to her lordship for the sin of being poor. I guess not! I'll teach school till I die first, and he can think of me as having a 'slab of granite so gray' to keep me in place."

But this diplomatic "Sweet Alice" wrote to her brother: "I am delighted to see you coming up, for I am so lonesome, and the weeks drag so hard! Bring your friend up, by all means, and I'll sing 'Ben Bolt' till he hates the name of Sweet Alice. The country will be looking fine then, and he can go over to the cemetery and select the corner I am to occupy. Pardon the joke, and don't tell him I uttered it."

To Frank she wrote: "Be sure to come up with Bert. I will sing all the old songs and the new ones you have sent me as well. If you come up on a Thursday you may visit my school Friday afternoon, and then you can see the girl you sent the candy to. She wears a calico pinafore and comes to school barefooted."

Alice's tactful reply to her brother's letter, coupled with his own sincere affection for her, brought her a response by return mail in the form of a check for \$100, with explicit orders to spend every cent of it before he came.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

SANDGATE was just budding forth in a new suit of green, the meadows dotted with daisies, and here and there a bunch of tiger lilies waved in the breeze when one Friday afternoon the teacher at the north district school heard a knock.

The class in reading, then in evidence, were halted in their singsong of concert utterance, and Alice Page opened the door to find two stalwart young men standing there. With a quick impulse of propriety she stepped out and closed the door behind her, only to find herself clasped in a big brother's arms and to receive a smack that was heard by every pupil in the little schoolroom. With a very red face she freed herself and then presented a small hand to the other young man with the remark that a few pointed words spoken by her while she was enjoying your hospitality have not been forgotten and have influenced me to make an effort to be something better than an idler in the world.

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