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## CHAPTER XXVII.

BLANCH NASON, Frank's  
younger sister, was his good  
friend and sympathizer and  
in all the family discussions  
had usually taken his part. His elder  
sister, Edith, was, like her mother, rather  
arrogant and supercilious, and con-  
sidered her brother as lacking in fam-  
ily pride and liable to disgrace them  
by some unfortunate alliance. It was  
to Blanch he always turned when he  
needed sympathy and help, and to her  
he appeared the day after he had left  
the Gypsy. His coming to the moun-  
tains surprised her not a little.

"Why, what has brought you here,  
Frank?" she asked. "I thought you  
were having high jinks down in Maine  
on the yacht with your cronies."

"Oh, that is played out," he answer-  
ed. "The boys are at Bar Harbor, hav-  
ing a good time. Bert is at a little un-  
heard of place saying sweet things to  
a pretty girl he found there, and I got  
lonesome, so I came up here to see you  
and get you to help me."

"I thought so," answered Blanch,  
laughing. "You never did come to me  
unless you wanted help. Well, who  
is the girl now, and what do you  
want?"

Frank looked surprised.  
"How do you know it is a girl?" he  
asked.

"It usually is with you," she answer-  
ed, eying him curiously. "So out with  
it. What's her name?"

"Alice Page," he replied.  
"What, the girl you wanted us to  
invite to go on the yacht?" asked  
Blanch.

"That's the one, and, as you know,  
she wouldn't come."

"Which shows her good sense," inter-  
rupted Blanch. "Well, what can I do  
in the matter?"

"Much if you want to, and nothing  
if you don't," he answered. "The fact



All three sang.

is, sis, I want you to pack a trunk and  
go with me to call on her. She is  
mighty proud, and I imagine that is  
why she turned the cold shoulder on  
my efforts to get her to come to Bos-  
ton to meet you all. Now, if you go  
there, if only for one night, the ice will  
be broken, and of course you will in-  
vite her to visit you and all will go  
well."

"A nice little scheme," responded  
Blanch, "but what will mamma and  
Edie say?"

"Oh, never mind them," answered  
the plotter. "They need never know  
it. Just tell them you are going to  
Saratoga with me for a few days. We  
will go there if you like, only we will

stop off at Sandgate on the way. Now,  
do this for me, sis, and I'll buy you  
the earth when Christmas comes!"

"Well, you will have to stay here  
until Monday," said Blanch, "and be  
real nice to mamma and Edie all the  
time, or I can't fix it. Lucky for you,  
Master Frank, that they are out driv-  
ing now!"

"But why must we wait four days?"  
asked Frank petulantly.  
"Because, my love-lorn brother, in  
the first place I don't want to miss the  
Saturday night hop, and then we are  
booked for a buckboard ride tomorrow.  
Another reason is I mean to pay you  
for turning your back on us and going  
off on the Gypsy."

That afternoon Frank wrote Alice  
the longest letter she had ever received,  
nine full pages. It was received with  
some pleasure and a little vexation by  
Alice.

"Mr. Nason and his sister are coming  
here Monday," said she to Aunt Susan,  
"and we must put on our best bib and  
tucker, I suppose. But how we can  
contrive to entertain his sister is be-  
yond me." Nevertheless, she was  
rather pleased at the prospective visi-  
tation. Her school had been closed  
for over a month and her daily life  
was becoming decidedly monotonous.

When Albert had written regarding  
the invitation the Nasons had extend-  
ed, she believed it was due solely to  
Frank's influence, and when that  
young man tried to obtain her consent  
to join a yacht party, providing his  
mother and sister decided to go, she  
was morally sure of it. But it made  
no difference, for if the supposedly  
aristocratic Mrs. Nason had sent her  
a written invitation she was the last  
person in the world to accept it. To go  
out of her way for the possible op-  
portunity of allowing the only son of  
a rich family to pay court to her  
was not characteristic of Alice Page.

Rather a thousand times would she  
teach school in single blessedness all  
her life than be considered as putting  
herself in the way of a probable  
suitor. Of her own feelings toward  
Frank she was not at all sure. He  
was a good looking young fellow and  
no doubt stood well socially. At first  
she had felt a little contempt for him,  
due to his complaints that he had hard  
work to kill time. When she received  
the letter announcing his determina-  
tion to study law and become a useful  
man in the world she thought better  
of him. When he came up in June it  
became clear that he was in love  
with her. So self evident were his  
feelings that she at that time felt com-  
pelled to avoid giving him a chance  
to express them. Her heart was and  
always had been entirely free from the  
pangs of love, and while his devotion  
was in a way quite flattering, the one  
insurmountable barrier was his family.  
Had he been more diplomatic he would  
never have told her his mother  
frowned at him when he danced twice  
with a poor girl.

"I am a poor girl," Alice thought,  
when he made the admission, "but I'll  
wear old clothes all my life before his  
haughty mother shall read him a lec-  
ture for dancing twice with me."

Ever since the day Mrs. Mears had  
related the village gossip to her she  
had thought a good many times about  
the cause of it, but to no one had she  
mentioned the matter. Her only as-  
sociate, good natured Abby Miles, had  
never dared to speak of it, and Aunt  
Susan was wise enough not to.

Now that Frank and his fashion-  
able sister were coming to Sandgate, Alice  
felt a good deal worried. Firstly,  
she knew her own stock of gowns  
was inadequate. While not vain of  
her looks, she yet felt her sister would  
consider her contrived in dress or  
else realize the truth that she was  
penniless. She had made the money  
her brother gave her go as far as  
possible. Her own small salary  
was not more than enough to pay cur-  
rent expenses. When the day and train  
arrived, and she had ushered her two  
guests to their rooms, her worry began.

A trunk had come, and as she busied  
herself to help Aunt Susan get supper  
under way before she changed her dress  
she was morally sure Miss Nason  
would appear in a gown fit for a state  
dinner. But when she was dressed  
and went out on the porch, where her  
guests were, she found Miss Blanch at-  
tired in a white muslin, severe in its  
simplicity. It was a pleasant surprise,  
and at no time during their stay did  
Alice consider herself poorly clad.

During the conversation that evening  
Blanch gave an interesting description  
of her life in the mountains, who were  
there, what gowns the ladies wore, the  
hops, drives, tennis, croquet and whist  
games, and when that topic was ex-  
hausted Alice turned to Frank and  
said, "Now, tell us about your trip."

"There is not much to tell," he an-  
swered in a disappointed tone. "The  
fact is, my yachting trip was a failure.  
I had a two weeks' trip all mapped out,  
no end of stores on board, and antici-  
pated lots of fun, but it didn't materi-  
alize. The second day Bert got left on  
the island, and we didn't find him un-  
til the next day. In the meantime he  
had found a pretty girl and acted as if  
he had become smitten with her. Then  
we ran to Bar Harbor, and the rest of  
the boys found some girls they knew

and decided that a gander cruise had  
lost its charms. So I threw up my  
hands and turned the Gypsy over to  
Bert, and for all I know or care he is  
using her to entertain his island fairy."

Alice joined with Blanch in a good  
laugh at Frank's description of his trip.

When the chitchat slowed down Alice  
said: "I don't know how to entertain  
you two good people in this dull place.  
There are mountains and woods galore  
and lots of pretty drives. And," look-  
ing at Frank, "I know where there is  
a nice mill pond full of lilies and an  
old moss covered mill and a miller that  
looks like a picture in story books.  
There is also a drive to the top of the  
mountain, where the view is simply  
grand. I have a steady going and  
faithful old horse, and we will go wher-  
ever you like."

"Do not worry about me, Miss Page,"  
replied Blanch. "If I can see mountain  
and woods I am perfectly happy."

When the evening was nearing its  
close Frank begged Alice to sing, but  
she declined.

"Do you play or sing, Miss Nason?"  
she asked cautiously.

"Oh, please don't be afraid of me,"  
was the answer. "I never touched a  
piano in my life. Once in awhile I join  
in the chorus, as they say, for my own  
amusement and the amazement of oth-  
ers, but that is all."

It wasn't all, for she played the  
guitar and sang sweetly. Finally Alice  
was persuaded to open the piano, and  
then out upon the still night air there  
floated many an old time ballad. After  
that she played selections from a few  
of the latest light operas that Frank  
had sent her and then turned away.

"Oh, don't stop now," exclaimed both  
her guests at once. "Sing a few more  
songs." Then, with almost an air of  
propriety, Frank arose and, going  
to the piano, searched for and found  
a well worn song. Without a word he  
opened it and placed it on the music  
rack. It was "Ben Bolt!" A faint  
color rose in Alice's face, but she turned  
and played the prelude without a  
word. When she had sung the first  
verse, to her surprise Blanch was stand-  
ing beside her and joined her voice in  
the next one. When it was finished  
Frank insisted on a repetition, and af-  
ter that all three sang a dozen more  
of the sweet old time songs so familiar  
to all. Then Alice left the room to  
bring in a light lunch, and Frank  
seized the opportunity to say, "Well,  
sis, what do you think?"

"I think," she replied, "that you  
were foolish to go yachting at all. If  
I had been you I should have come up  
here in the first place, stayed at the  
hotel and courted her every chance I  
could. I am in love with her myself,  
and we haven't been here six hours."

Frank stepped up to her quickly and,  
taking her face in his hands, kissed  
her.

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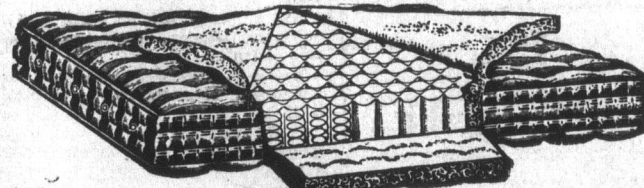
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