

HER UNCLE'S PET.

A PRACTICAL GIRL'S GOOD FORTUNE.
Old Mr. Brown stood in his private office, with his back to the fire and his coat-sleeves balanced in either hand. He was a bald-headed old gentleman with a ruddy complexion, black eyes, and a pair of white whiskers which were white as snow. And Miss Nelly Torrance sat looking at him timidly from the depths of the big armchair in which he had beckoned her to seat herself.
"So you are my cousin Adrian's daughter?" said he after a long pause.
"Yes," said Nelly, wondering what was in all those mysterious boxes, and whether the monster from safe was full of gold and silver pieces.
"And you want something to do?"
"Yes, please!"
"Humph!" said Mr. Brown. Nelly glanced shyly up into his face. But she added with some spirit, "I am not asking for charity. I am willing to work for my bread!"
"You mean that you would like to dash canvas, or sew impossible yellow sunflowers on green plush screens, satirically observed the old gentleman. 'I don't call that work!'"
"Nor, I either," retorted Nelly.
"Then, what do you mean?" said Mr. Brown.
"I mean that I shall be glad to undertake any sort of honest work by means of which I can earn my own living."
"Humph!" again interjected Mr. Brown. "Can you cook?"
"Yes, Nell answered, looking down. 'I don't believe it!'"
"But I can," said Mr. Brown, releasing his coat-tails and sitting down at his desk as if the question were definitely disposed of. "My cook, the way this morning, I haven't engaged any one in her place. You may come this afternoon and see what you can do for me."
Mr. Brown fully expected that his young cousin would recoil indignantly from this proposal, but she did nothing of the sort. She simply said, "Yes, Cousin John," and asked him for his private address.
"Mind you're punctual, my dear," said he as he handed her the pencil. "I am always punctual," calmly responded Nelly.
Mr. Brown watched her out of the corner of his eyes.
"She won't come," he said to himself. "I've seen the last of my fine relation!"
And Nelly Torrance went home to a little second-floor room, the cheapest which the widow and her daughters could possibly find.
Mrs. Adrian Torrance was dressed in black, a fair delicate piece of human china, who had been like the lilies of the field, in that she smiled not, neither did she spin, and Lucetta, the elder daughter, was trying, unsuccessfully enough, to trim a black cap bonnet by the window.
They had come up from the country at Lucetta's suggestion, to appeal, in their poverty, to the rich uncle, the dead father and husband, but none of them anticipated any very satisfactory results from the expedition.
"These rich people are always miserly," said Miss Lucetta.
"I've underlined," sighed the gentle little widow, "that he was not pleased when poor dear Adrian married me instead of Miss Goldbach, the rich pawnbroker's daughter."
"Well!" cried Mrs. Torrance eagerly, as Nelly entered.
"What does he say?" questioned Lucetta, dropping the fold of crape which she was vainly endeavoring to fashion into what the fashion-plate called an oblong bow."
"I have seen him," said Nelly, trying her homeliest smile.
"You don't mean, cried Mrs. Torrance, with a spasmodic catching her breath, "that he is going to—adopt you?"
"Not in the least," said Nelly. "Now, mamma, don't jump at conclusions. Just hear my plain, unvarnished tale. I went to see him. He asked me if I could cook. Thanks to that course of lessons I once took at Signor Torrance's, I was able to answer yes. Then he told me that his cook was gone, and asked me if I would go to his house this afternoon and take her place."
"And you?" cried Lucetta.
"I was scandalized by your conduct! You will do nothing of the sort!"
"Certainly not," said Mrs. Torrance, developing strong hysterical symptoms. "If your cousin Brown intends to insult us—"
"But he doesn't mean to insult us," pleaded Nelly. "He intended the offer in all good faith, and I accepted it in the same spirit!"
"You surely do not mean to degrade yourself," cried Lucetta, "by turning—cook—for any man's living!"
"I don't see," argued Nelly, "that it is any more degrading to cook for Cousin John than it would be to embroider slipcases for him, or to make the newpapers for him of an evening."
"Never!" echoed Lucetta.
"And, added Nelly, 'my cousin would have every right to refuse the offer, but he had refused the first offer he made. It will be unkind for you to renege, Lucetta, and I hope mamma will not place any obstacles in my way. For I am quite determined to go to Grandfather's this afternoon!"
And she adhered firmly to her resolution.
It was six exactly when Mr. Brown let himself into his house with the latch-key, which always depended from his watch-chain. The gas-jet burned softly behind the rose-colored shade in the hall, the fire crackled cheerfully in the grate of the parlor beyond, a most inviting apartment.
"Humph!" he muttered. "She hasn't come. Thought so. There's no such thing as a practical woman nowadays. At the same moment a light, white-aproned little figure came out of the dining-room beyond, and Nelly Torrance's voice uttered the words:
"Dinner is ready, Cousin John."
The old man smiled. He had a pleasant expression of the face when he smiled, and Nelly wondered that she had not before noticed what a handsome man he was.
"Oh," said he, "you did come, then?"
"Oh, I always keep my engagements," said Nelly. Punctuality is the soul of business, isn't it, Cousin John? At least that's what I used to write in my copy-books at school."
Mr. Brown patted her head as she helped him off with his overcoat.
"You are a good girl," said he.
And in his secret mind he decided to put up with any deficiencies in the cooking of a girl who had such excellent business principles.
But, to his infinite amazement, there were no deficiencies to overlook! The soup was on the table, clear as water, flavored like a dream of Sorey's! The first course was baked trout swimming in wine sauce, the second a pigeon on toast. A small and compact roast of beefsteak was flanked by a dainty gilet pie, and the dessert was fruit, peach tarts, and Bavarian cream.
Mr. Brown ate, and relished, and wondered, by turns.
"My dear," said he at last, when the cloth was removed and the wine and walnuts brought on, "all is very nice. I'll concede that you are a tip-top house-keeper. But of course you ordered all this from Moore's restaurant?"
"But of course I didn't, Cousin Brown," said Nelly decidedly. "I cooked it all myself!"
"What, that soup?"

"Yes, that soup?"
"Did you prepare that trout sauce, and broil that pigeon?"
"Yes, Cousin Brown."
"And the gilet pie? Was that yours?"
"Yes, and the gilet-pie! Don't look so astonished, Cousin Brown," she added, laughing. "I may as well confess that I took a course of cooking lessons last summer. And I like it of all things, especially in a household like this, where one can command the very best materials."
Mr. Brown closed his eyes and made a haughty calculation. His life had been worried out of him, to use a mediocre expression, by capricious housekeepers, inefficient cooks, and untrained servants. At last, was a gateway out of all his tribulations!
"My dear," he said, I should like to have you come here and live."
As cook, Cousin Brown?
"No—as my adopted daughter and housekeeper. I need someone to take the helm of my affairs. By Jupiter!" he added as he recollected the flavor of the gilet-pie. "I haven't eaten such a dinner in ten years!"
"But my mother," hesitated Eleanor, "let them come, too, my dear, the plenty of room in the house. Can they cook too?"
No, Cousin Brown, confessed Nelly. "Well, perhaps, just as well. I'll let Mr. Brown. There can't be more than one head to a household, I hope you have preserved the recipe of that gilet-pie, my dear. It was really something extraordinary!"
So the Torrance family found a comfortable refuge for the soles of their feet, and Nelly's domestic accomplishment proved the sword wherewith she opened the world's eyes.
And Lucetta sighed and wondered why she, too, had not taken cooking lessons.
"Nelly is the old man's first favorite," said she. "He'll leave her all his money when she dies. And all because she accepted his ridiculous offer of turning cook for a living!"
Mr. Brown, however, looked at this matter in a different light. "Nelly is a trump," he said. "Nelly is not like the typical young lady, who is too lazy to work, and too proud to beg. She is one who ennobles the humblest task, and does, with all her might, whatever her hands find to do. So the old proverb came true: 'Heaven helps those who help themselves.'"
Further than this little story cannot go at present, but good-natured gossip does say that are long Nell will be more than housekeeper to Mr. Brown.

For Sale and to Let

Farm for Sale.

The Subscriber offers for sale his lot of land situated on the North side of the back road to the farm of J. H. Chatham, and lying immediately in rear of lands occupied by Samuel Halsey, Esquire and others.

JAMES ANDERSON,
Chatham, 2nd August 1886.

BUILDING LOT FOR SALE.

The Lot of Land known as the "Bugs" lot, in Chatham, owned by William Burr, for Particulars apply to ALEXANDER BURR, at his residence.

LOGGIE & BURR,
Aug. 2nd '86.

Carpets etc.

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The subscriber offers for sale, cheap, two good second hand BRUSSELS CARPETS, also a dining room. The articles are shown at my time.

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TO RENT.

The subscriber desires to let her dwelling house situated on St. John Street, in Chatham, N. B. It consists of eight rooms and a good front porch. There is also a good lawn on the premises, a kitchen garden and spring water at the door. Possession given immediately. Apply at the office of the subscriber.

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Chatham, 4th March, 1886

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Wesleyan Church Property.

This lot has a frontage of 95 feet on Canal St. and 50 feet on Duke St., and will be sold with buildings and the site. It is one of the best building stands in town. The buildings are in good repair and suitable for a dwelling. Possession given on the first of June next. Price low and terms moderate.

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R. GOGGIN,
Chatham, May 18th, 1886.

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For Sale or to Let.

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TO SELL OR LEASE.

The Grindstone QUARRY

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Mr. Joseph Goodfellow

There is at the Quarry a large building, situated on the South side of the back road to the farm of J. H. Chatham, and lying immediately in rear of lands occupied by Samuel Halsey, Esquire and others.

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REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

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All persons having any legal claims against the estate of J. H. Chatham, deceased, are requested to present them to the undersigned, within three months from the date of this notice, or they will be barred.

By order,
BENJ. FLOOD,
Chatham, 1st Aug. 1886.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday the 11th of November next, in front of the Sheriff's Office in Chatham, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, the following property: The farm on the North side of the back road to the farm of J. H. Chatham, and lying immediately in rear of lands occupied by Samuel Halsey, Esquire and others.

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