

SISTERS

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CHAPTER XII—Continued.

"I don't hate him," she answered quickly. "Indeed I don't. And it isn't just the place and the life, Peter! I could be happy in two rooms—some-where—anywhere— But not—with him. Oh, Peter, if I hadn't done it—"

Her beauty, as she pushed her plate aside and leaned toward him, was so startling that Peter, a lighted match half-raised to a fresh cigarette, put the match down aimlessly and looked thoughtfully at the cigarette, and laid that down, too, without the faintest consciousness of what he was doing.

The day was warm, and there was a little dampness on her white forehead, where the gold hair hung to the brim of the drooping hat. The soft curve of her chin, the babyish shortness of her upper lip, and the crimson sweetness of the little earnest mouth had never seemed more lovely than they were today.

For a moment she looked down at the table and the color flooded her face; then she looked him straight in the eyes and smiled. "Well! Perhaps it will all work out right, Peter," she said with the childish, questioning look that so wrung his heart.

They met Alix on the boat, but she did not ask any embarrassing questions; she sat between them on the upper deck, blinking contentedly at the blue satin bay, her eyes following the wheeling gulls or the passage of ships, her mind evidently concerned only with the idle pleasantness of the moment.

"I must go home to Mart tomorrow! I—let's not—let's not talk!" she broke off in quick interruption, as he would have spoken. "Let's—let's rather not! I—where is my book? What was I doing? Peter—Peter—"

"Just a minute!" Peter protested thickly. "Cherry—I want to speak to you—will you wait a minute?" She was halfway to the door; now she paused, and looked back at him with frightened eyes. Peter did not speak at once; there was a moment of absolute silence.

And in that moment Alix came in. She had said good-night half an hour before; she was in her wrapper and her hair fell over one shoulder in a rumpled braid. Cherry, sick with fright, faced her in a sort of horror, unable to realize at that moment that there was nothing betraying in her attitude or Peter's, and nothing in her sister's unsuspecting soul to give significance to what she saw, in any case.

"I happened to finish my novel," Alix said, "and I reached for Dad's old Bible—it's been there on the shelf near my bed ever since I was married, and I've even read it, too! But look what was in it—there all this time! It's Uncle Vincent's receipt to Dad for that three thousand that is making all the trouble!"

"I can—I shall tell Alix that this new business needs me in town for two or three nights," he said, forcing himself to quiet speech, but with one fine hand propping his forehead as if it ached. "I'll stay at the club."

"And as soon as I can go," Cherry added feverishly, "I shall join Martin. I'll wire him tomorrow—this is Sunday—and I'll go on Wednesday!" Peter sprang over the porch rail and vanished, walking with swift energy up the trail that led toward the mountain.

"Really, Peter?" Alix asked, with dancing eyes. "And it means that you can keep the old house, Cerise," she exclaimed triumphantly, "and we can be together part of the year, anyway! Oh, come on, everybody, and sit down, and let's talk and talk about it! Let me see it again—in recognition of all claims against the patent extinguisher aforementioned—sit down, Peter; it's only ten o'clock! Let's talk. Aren't you simply wild with joy, Cherry?"

It was a Sunday, foggy and overcast, but not cold. The vines about the porch were covered with tiny beads of moisture; among the bushes in the garden little scarfs and volis of fog were caught, and from far across the ridge the droning warning of the fog-horn penetrated, at regular, brief intervals. Alix was away.

"Cherry," Peter said suddenly, when the silent meal was almost over, "will you talk about it?" "Talk—?" she faltered. Her voice thickened and stopped. "Oh, I would rather not!" she whispered, with a frightened glance about.

They had both gotten to their feet, and now she essayed to pass him, her face white, her cheeks blazing. He stopped her and held her close in his arms, and after a few seconds he felt her resisting muscles relax and they kissed each other.

world came muffled and dull through the thick mist.

Then Peter knelt down beside her chair and gathered her hands together in his own, and she rested her forehead on his, and spent and silent, leaned against his shoulder. And so they remained, not speaking, for a long while. Presently Cherry broke the brooding, misty silence.

"What shall we do?" she asked in a small, tired voice.

"My first feeling, when Frenny told me," said Anne, chatting pleasantly in the shade, "was one of such relief! For I hadn't wanted all that money one bit," she confessed glally. "I only wanted to do what was fair. Only two or three nights ago I said to Frenny that it really belonged to us all, and last night we talked and talked about it, and the result was that I said that I must see the girls—we three are the only ones concerned, after all, and—"

"Why, there is no question that it's Daddy's handwriting," Cherry said, with what, for her, was sharpness, "and it seems to me—it seems to me, Anne—"

Cherry was flushed and uncomfortable. There was an awkward pause. "Board?" shouted a trainman, with a rising inflection. The sisters looked at each other in a panic of haste.

"I can't leave this car here," Alix exclaimed. "I've got to park her and lock her and everything! Run; get on board, Cherry. I don't have to go in, anyway—you've got a date!"

Cherry's heart leaped, sank coldly, and leaped again, as with a swift nod of parting she hurried for her train. The other two women watched her with forced interest as she climbed on board and as the train slipped noiselessly out of sight.

"I think the only thing to do is for you and Justin to take this up with Peter, Anne. I mean—I mean that you were the ones who proposed to bring it into court in the first place, and—I don't understand much about it. As far as coming to any agreement with me is concerned, you might just as well have gone back on the train with Cherry. I hate to talk this way—but we all think you acted very—well, very meanly!"

"Perhaps it's just as well to understand each other!" Anne said, with hot cheeks. They exchanged a few more sentences, wasted words and angry ones, and then Anne walked over to a seat in the shade, to wait for another train, and Alix, with her heart beating hard and her color high, drove at mad speed back to the mountain cabin.

"I didn't ask her to lunch—I don't care!" Alix said to herself, in agitation. "She and Justin know they're beaten—they're just trying to patch it up before it's too late—I don't care—I won't have her think she can get away with any such scheme—"

Hydrolyzed sawdust as a part of a ration for cows is apparently giving satisfactory results in Wisconsin. The forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture reports that cows at the agricultural college of that state are doing as well on a ration of one-third sawdust as they did when their feed was only one-fourth wood meal.

The bureau of animal industry is considering the proposal of the forest service laboratory to start feeding trials with dairy animals in which the wood product will form a part of the ration and the tests will extend for an entire year at least.

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West—Certainly. For instance, the population of the United States is 105,000,000, yet the seating capacity of the moving picture shows is less than 50,000,000.

How He Wanted It.

"Any special way you want your hair trimmed?" asked the barber.

"Yes, with the scissors," replied the crusty patron. "If I wanted it trimmed with passerette and a bird's wing I'd have gone to a milliner."

Had Been in Circus.

"Now you all understand," said the teacher, "that the trunk is the middle of the body, don't you?"

Better Authority.

"It was Shakespeare, wasn't it, who said 'Sweet are the uses of adversity'?"

The Necessary Charm.

Husband—If I should die, would you marry again?



He Seemed Absolutely Dumfounded.

and troubled and ecstatic consciousness of the new relationship between Peter and herself, the knowledge that he did not merely admire her, did not merely feel for her an unusual affection, but that he was consumed by a burning adoration of her slightest motion, the turn of her wrist, the smile she gave Kow at breakfast time, the motion she made when she stopped to tie her shoe or raised her arm to break an apple from the low, dusty branches. The glory of being so loved enveloped her like a great shining garment, and her cheeks glowed softly rosy, and there was a new and liquid softness, a sort of shining glitter, in her blue eyes.

Peter was quiet that evening, and was gone the next morning when the sisters came out to breakfast. He had left a message to the effect that he would not be at home that night, and at four o'clock telephoned confirming the message. Alix chanced to answer the telephone, and Cherry, who was in her room, heard Peter's name, and stood still, listening with a shock of disappointment.

But at eight o'clock that evening, when she and Alix were sitting on the porch, when the last ebbing plink of the sunset had faded and great spiders had ventured forth into the dusk and the dew, and Cherry knew that it was he! A flood of utter, irrational happiness rose in her heart; she had been racked with hunger for the sound of that voice; she had been restless and unsatisfied, almost feverish with longing and doubt; now peace came again, and content.

He came up to them, his glance resolutely averted from Cherry, explaining that he was lonesome, assuring them that everything went well and making them laugh with an account of Justin Little's reception of the new turn of affairs.

"He looked at the paper, read it, laughed and said—in that little nervous, smiling way of his—that he felt it to be by no means conclusive—"