

The Girl Who Had No Chance

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THE DEPARTURE.

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Ruth O'Neil and Myra Weed are bosom friends, and have been so from the time they were children. When they have finished school they plan to go to the city together, where Myra is to study—if she feels like it—and where Ruth is to enter a business college. Myra wants the pleasure of the city. Ruth its opportunities to learn, for Ruth must make money for her family.

Ruth's chances are helped by winning \$100 as a prize when she graduates. A few days before the two girls are to start, Ruth comes running into Myra's house, crying, and saying that she cannot go—her one great chance to be something in life has been taken away from her.

Chapter 7.

Myra looked at her chum in wide-eyed surprise.

"But—I don't understand at all," she managed finally. "What do you mean—that you really aren't going?"

"Yes," Ruth fairly gulped out the words.

"But it was you who persuaded me to go. I wasn't going to—this fall."

"I know," Ruth answered, raising her head and showing her eyes all wet with tears. "You will have to go alone."

Myra was a sympathetic little soul. And though she could not quite understand what this sudden change of plans meant, she knew that Ruth was feeling very badly. So she put her arms around her and hugged her affectionately.

"Poor Ruthie," she crooned. "We will both go some time, even if we don't now. Tell me all about it."

Ruth by this time had obtained her self-possession, and was rather ashamed of herself for the exhibit of emotion.

"It is simply that we haven't the money," she explained.

"But that is exactly why you wanted to go to make money?"

"And it's exactly why I can't go. You know how much the railroad fare is, and there's board at the house—"

"Cousin Emily says it's ridiculously little, because it's just for girls who work—"

"Yes, but 10 weeks—40 weeks—think how much it amounts to—then there's the tuition at the business college."

"But you've your prize money, that's \$100."

"So is the tuition, the money was to cover that, and Mother was to send me my living expenses."

"She can't!"

"And she can't! We haven't enough money in our bank account to pay my train fare even—to say nothing of sending me money while I was there."

"But the couple who rented your top floor—"

"Ten dollars a month! And we owe a dentist \$25 for some work. For Father done a year ago. He should go again, but he can't till the bill is paid, and meantime the poor dear has awful toothaches."

"I didn't know it was as bad as that."

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of seventeen and I am not at all popular. I can think of no reason, for I have as good clothes and am as good-looking as those who are popular. I do not dance, however, and all the rest of the girls do. Do you suppose that is the reason? But I hardly think so, for I could learn that easily. I am afraid that the only reason for my not being popular is that I am too self-conscious. I hate to admit it, and I suppose I am foolish, but I can't seem to get rid of it. I am not able to make friends and when I have a chance I cannot talk easily or of interesting things. I feel almost sure that if I could conquer that feeling I could make friends easily.

RESPECTFULLY.

A person who is self-conscious usually spends too much time thinking about herself. She is super-sensitive, afraid to act or speak for fear of making a mistake and imagining a slight when none was meant.

The only cure for self-consciousness is to become more thoughtful of others. Watch what others are doing and listen to what they are saying. When you are absorbed in other people, you will forget about yourself.

It is also well to consider how little notice is given any one person unless that person is deliberately conspicuous. In a crowd there are so many things to see and listen to that not much attention is given to any one person.

Do not be alarmed because you are not popular at the age of seventeen. You are still very young and doubtless have many good times ahead of you. To be popular is not so much to be desired; to have a few valued friends would mean far more.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Could you tell me a good lotion for chapped hands?

Also, what will remove rings from around the eyes? BLACK EYES.

A good lotion for chapped hands is made with one ounce of glycerin to two ounces of bay rum, twenty drops of carbolic acid and enough perfume to kill the odor of the acid.

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that," Myra said, settling down on the bed to consider the matter. Her pretty gray eyes grew serious as she concentrated on this problem.

"You've such a big house," she said. "Why can't you rent out lots of the rooms? Your folks can live in a part of it and make lots of money," she ended rather vaguely.

"Don't you suppose we've tried?" Ruth asked vehemently. "It always upsets Father awfully to have strange people living in our house, and I didn't like it, either—but now and then Mother has had them, and she always put it to us that it was an accommodation to the people. But you can't get people in this little town. There are too many houses as it is. And when you can find people, they're the sort that want heavy meals cooked for them and that can't pay much. So Mother says."

Myra gave up the problem as too difficult. She took and held one of Ruth's hands, and for a while the girls sat quietly side by side on the big bed. Myra looked at Ruth's profile—the big window threw it into a sharp silhouette and brought out small and slightly irregular nose and the round, determined chin that just now rested on one of Ruth's capable little hands.

"But you're still your hundred," she suggested finally. "You could go for a little time on that—and maybe something would turn up. I'll share my money with you, and I know Papa would lend—"

"No, I won't borrow. Please don't even let him suggest it!" Ruth said positively—but with a smile that softened the words, too. "It's sweet of you to want to share with me, but I can't let you do it. If I'm to get anywhere, it must be on my efforts not on borrowed money."

"Besides," she went on, as if she had only then overcome a great deal of reluctance. "Father's had another attack, and he's worse. And he should have the doctor again. But we owe Dr. Lane a great deal of money and Father knows it and won't have him called in. If I paid \$25 on account, it would be all right, and then we would know whether this is just one of Father's bad weeks, or whether it is something serious, whether he needs different medicines."

Myra felt overwhelmed before it all. She wanted to stay home now and help Ruth share the burden that was settling so tightly on her young shoulders.

But, after all, the prospect of a winter in the city was not to be resisted. When the Weeds learned that Ruth was not to go, they sent a telegram to Cousin Emily saying that Myra would come alone and received a wire in reply stating that Myra should then stay with Emily, whose small apartment could accommodate only one guest.

And that settled the question. Myra left for the city—and Ruth, turning homeward from the station platform, tried not to feel that the world was in conspiracy to take away her chance of ever amounting to anything.

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Financial Budget Adopted by Whitewater Friends

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Levi T. Pennington, director of the

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Friends' Forward Movement, left Monday for Baltimore and Philadelphia, where he will speak in the interest of the financial campaign. Sylvester Jones, associate director of the movement, and Fred E. Smith, of Amboy, Ohio.

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