

The Girl Who Had No Chance

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Chapter 12
LOVE STORY

"I can't take your money like this, child," Mrs. O'Neil protested. "It isn't fair."

"Of course it's fair," Ruth answered sharply. She had to be sharp, because if she allowed herself to fall into her mother's sentimental mood she knew that she would start to cry.

"You were to use it to study, to improve yourself."

"Well, use it now to improve Father," Ruth answered simply. Heavens, Mother, all I ever wanted to do with that was to get a start to earn money. One of the first things I wanted to do with my salary, when I finally got one, was to send Father to see his sister. So I'll do it now. I'll find a position here in the market, too, and earn money. Only it won't be so much."

They were brave words. And to give them weight, Ruth went out of the room. After all, it was a little hard to give up—and give up—everything. To give up her one chance to better herself at least.

And, finally, to settle the matter—for Mrs. O'Neil was inclined to argue—Ruth took her \$75 to the station agent and bought two tickets. The agent and herself, with a few yards of timetables, finally arranged the trip. "You go from here to Pittsburgh," Ruth said. "From there you get a through train, with a sleeper. You have an upper and lower, that's \$3.50 extra, but on that train you get there faster and don't have to buy meals. You can take a lunch to eat going to Pittsburgh, get supper there, and next morning you reach your station around 10, so you needn't buy breakfast on the train—you can take some fruit. Aunt Sara will meet you in the new car, if you write ahead when you're coming."

"But I needn't go—"

"Father couldn't go that distance alone."

"You certainly have it all arranged for us. I guess you're my daughter, after all, more than your father's. You've all my decision of character."

Ruth did not answer. Somehow she found less pleasure in the idea of remembering her mother, than in being told she was "her father's daughter." As a matter of fact, she knew she was unlike both. Sometimes she thought she was a changeling, an ambitious infant slipped into a happy-go-lucky family.

As for Duncan O'Neil, he began to thrive from the announcement of the trip. And all that afternoon, Ruth sat with him and read him "Pep's Diary"—with an English history open beside her, to look up the many great figures that delightful old chronicler talked about.

And Tim came in the evening. But this time they sat indoors, and Ruth built a fire of small logs in the fireplace of the library—a fire, of her father's, who would not tolerate a coal stove in his special library.

Ruth told of the trip. Tim guessed it was her money, and she admitted it finally.

"Why don't you go with him? It's your money."

"I—oh, I never thought of going."

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young married man of 21. I have been married seven months to a young widow who has a girl aged three.

My folks didn't want me to marry, but I did anyway. We have been living in furnished rooms until I could get enough to go to housekeeping. There is a man of 40, a widower, who has been causing trouble between us. Ever since my wife quit working for him he has caused trouble. I have several letters which he wrote her trying to coax her to come to his home and stay. My wife realizes I cannot give her the home and clothes she would like to have, for I do not earn enough. Please tell me what I can do about it?

FRECKLES.

I would suggest that you secure a position in another town and take your wife there. Of course you could sue her former employer, but it would take a good deal of money and he might have power enough to defeat you. Right now is a bad time to change positions. If you love your wife, however, it would be better to live with her on a farm than to have her lured away by a dishonorable man. I hope she realizes that a loyal love means far more than riches.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: You were rewarded for your answer to "I. L. Y. F." Yes, what would our Jesus have done to this fallen girl but picked her up and been a friend to her? It is by good company and good influences that bad girls are made better.

I was left alone in this world and I know what kind words and sympathy have done for me, and also know what "knocks" have done. I bless God for the people who have encouraged me and tried to help me bear my loneliness.

This girl, "I. L. Y. F." ought to cast her light before the whole world so that the poor down-trodden may have a gleam thrown across their pathways instead of gloom. I hope she will be to this girl a friend to the end and not listen to other people. Let her friends who advise her to shun the "talked about girl" take a look at themselves, cast a mote out of their own eyes and then they will be more able to see the beam that is in the outcast's eye.

ALONE.

I have printed your letter because you say you know from experience how much kindness means to the outcast. All of us help daily in the making and breaking of character. When we fail to reach out a helping hand, we sin as the outcast is sinning, and just as greatly, although maybe in a different way.

50 HENS LAY OVER
600 EGGS A MONTH

Henry J. Steinfurth, 2401 Parade St., Erie, Pa., had used Pratt's Poultry Regulator for nearly 12 years, but was induced to try one of the highly advertised tonic tablets. Here's the result in his own words:—"I used 2 packages, giving it a thorough trial, with very unsatisfactory results. I started using 'Pratt's' again and in a short time my hens were laying 20 to 22 eggs every day. I will never again be induced by catchy advertisements, to use any other tonic than 'Pratt's' because Pratt's Poultry Regulator has never failed me." A. G. Luken & Co., J. H. Menke, E. H. Stegman, Omer G. Whelan.—Advertisement

Ruth said, hurriedly a little. "Mother really should go—she has not been away for years."

"Neither have you."

"She knows Aunt Sara so well. You see, she used to live down that way, too, and knows lots of people there. She and father spent their honeymoon near there."

"And you gave up a trip to the city for it—at least, if you weren't spending the money on this, you might still have a chance of going—"

"No," Ruth said. "It would have taken several hundred to send and keep me in the city long enough to take a thorough business course. We were not likely to have that."

"At least, you might have had the fun of a trip and a rest, or a vacation. You might have gone with your father."

"Rest, vacation!" Ruth exclaimed, with passion. "When the thing I'm longing for is work! Tim, you don't understand—"

"No, I don't, except that you are the most unselfish girl I know. You make me ashamed of myself most of the time."

"Besides," Ruth said, her eyes brightening up in a little, whimsical smile, "you said you stayed back because I didn't go to New York. Nice treatment, wouldn't it be, for me to run off then, and leave you without—"

"Ruth," Tim jumped to his feet suddenly, and stood over her chair. "Was that the real reason why you didn't go?"

"No, it wasn't. I just said that."

Ruth answered, frightened at his change of manner.

"Why, then—"

"Oh, I have some ideas I want to carry out. If I must stay home, I must make money at home. Mrs. Belding is coming to live with me, she'll help—"

"Ruth," Tim interrupted again, his usually laughing eyes now bent upon her with all the intensity of his spirit.

"Ruth, dear, please say you gave up the trip because you didn't want to leave me—"

"Please," he went on, stooping and

catching her two hands in his. "Please, because, I love you."

Ruth looked up at him, unable to speak.

Monday—Tim's Pleading.

Masonic Calendar

Tuesday, March 15—Richmond lodge No. 196 F. and A. M., called meeting, work in Master Mason degree, beginning 7:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 16—Webb lodge No. 24 F. and A. M., stated meeting. Friday, March 18—King Solomon's chapter, No. 4 R. A. M., special meeting, work in Mark Master degree.

Saturday, March 19—Loyal chapter No. 49 O. E. S., stated meeting.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP RECORD
SEYMOUR, Ind., March 12.—Miss Dorothy Spanagel of this city, the youngest student at St. Mary's-of-the-Woods, near Terre Haute, received the highest scholarship record in the freshman class during the first semester. She held second honors in the Seymour high school, from which she was graduated last spring. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spanagel.

PLANS AUTOMOBILE SHOW
LAPORTE, Ind., March 12.—Laporte will hold its first annual automobile and tractor show March 17, 18 and 19. Fifteen dealers will make displays.

THIS WOMAN SUFFERED
Mrs. H. A. Leaman, Sturgis, Colo., writes: "I suffered with bladder and kidney trouble for years. Doctored and tried everything. No help. Finally a friend sent me Foley Kidney Pills. They helped me so much I used 7 bottles. Now I feel fine. Spent sleepless nights. Suffered so it seemed I hardly could live. Recommended Foley Kidney Pills to all who suffer from kidney trouble as I did. A. G. Luken & Co., 626-628 Main. —Advertisement"

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for Boys and Girls
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WESSEL SHOE CO.
718 Main St.

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sale, between 6:00 and 9:00 o'clock TonightPlaid Blankets
\$2.88

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There's more than perfect time—there's more than melody, there's the very spirit of sparkling eyed willowy youth, in dance music played by the

Starr
PHONOGRAPH

"THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE TONE"

Hear your favorite dance record played on the Starr. What a difference in tone—how smooth—it fairly carries you on the fairy wings of melody. One reason is the Starr Singing Throat of Silver Grain Spruce—the wood that put the sympathy, the feeling in the Stradivarius violin. You'll love the Starr for dancing, but you won't know the height of exquisite dance music till you hear Cennett dance records Starr-played. You are welcome to a hearing any time. Bring your friends. No obligation.

The Starr Piano Co.

931-935 Main St., Richmond, Ind.
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Monday Sales

When have you ever seen new, seasonable merchandise on sale at such prices as these? Look at this array of new Spring merchandise and then remember that these prices are for Monday only. You will find it most pleasant to shop in the morning.



Special Monday Only

SPRING
HATS

Exquisitely Flower Trimmed

\$4.98

Small shapes mostly

In the small hats being favored are various charming sailors, turbans. Off the face hats and pokes made of Milan and Georgette combinations, Bird Nests and Georgette Lisere and Milan Hemp. In navy, benna, crown black, pleasant red, black and all the new bright mixed shades.

DON'T FORGET OUR LINE OF LIDS FOR KIDS

An assorted lot of hats for the little folks, Monday \$1.39
Monday we are offering our customers a special uncovered hat frame—wire brim and nice net crown for ladies—59c

KITCHEN NEED

Special for Monday

Stationary pin, adjustable Cur-
tain Stretcher, size 6x12 ft.,
Monday special \$1.89
Wall wool Dusters, with long
and short handles, Monday spe-
cial for \$98c
A heavy four-sewed Broom, on
a good smooth handle; Mon-
day special \$49c
10-qt. Galvanized Water Pail,
Monday special \$29c
Climax Wall Paper Cleaner—
Monday special 2 for \$25c
A heavy linen thread Floor
Mop; Monday special \$49c
A medium size Cotton Floor
Mop; Monday special \$29c
5-gallon heavy Galvanized Gar-
bage Can, Monday spe \$1.29
Decorated Nippon China Cups
and Saucers, Monday for 19c
Percolator, Aluminum Coffee
Pots, Monday special \$1.00
Aluminum No. 8 Tea Kettle—
Monday special \$2.39
Fancy colored Easter Baskets
Monday special 10c & 19c

MONDAY SALES on
HOUSEFURNISHINGS

Dark Green Window Shades,
36-in. wide, 7-ft long, in sec-
onds; Monday only \$39c
\$1.00 Congoleum Floor Cover-
ing, 2 yards wide, for Monday
only, yard \$39c
4 yards wide Linoleum, for
Monday only, yard \$79c
All-Wool Brussels Rugs, 9x12.
Sold last year at \$54, for Mon-
day only \$19.98
\$2.00 heavy Grass Rugs, 27x54-
in. Monday only \$79c
\$5.00 guaranteed all Felt Dav-
enport or Sanitary Cot Pads,
Monday only \$5.00
\$10.00 guaranteed Sagless Bed
Springs, full size, Monday
only \$6.98
\$1.75 Wool Ingrain Carpet—
yard wide, matched free, Mon-
day only, yard \$98c
\$1.00 Part Wool Ingrain Carpet
yard wide, Matched free, Mon-
day only, yard \$50c
\$22.50 best guaranteed all Felt
Mattresses, full size, Monday
only \$10.98



READY-TO-WEAR

Specials for Monday

LADIES' TRICOLETTE BLOUSES—New
Spring colors; special for
Monday \$3.00
MISSES' NOVELTY COAT and SLIP-ON
SWEATERS—All new styles and
colors, sizes 20 to 36; Monday \$2.98
ALL-WOOL PLAID SKIRTS—Pleated mod-
els, 75 in the lot for Monday
only \$4.79
MONDAY ONLY we will place on sale one
lot of 25 Spring Suits of all-wool serge and
tricotine, mostly navy blue, sizes 16 to 40.
These Suits are well worth \$35.00, but for
a real leader for Monday we
are going to sell them for \$21.75

SILK JERSEY PETTICOATS— \$2.98
All colors, Monday
ANOTHER REAL LEADER for MONDAY
—Creme or Taffeta Silk Dresses, all new
Spring colors and styles; in fact, they have
just arrived. Dresses in the lot that would
sell from \$35.00 to \$37.50, but Monday we
are going to sell them \$24.75
SPECIAL LOT NEW SPRING
COATS—Monday \$15.00
TALK ABOUT DRESSES AT A PRICE!
You should see these! Tricolette, Geor-
gette, Taffeta and Serge! \$15.00
compare them at

Monday Specials
for
Men and Boys

ONE LOT OF BOYS' BROWNIES—Blue stripe, sizes 4
to 15, \$1.00 values; Monday special, each 69c
MEN'S MEDIUM WEIGHT RIBBED UNION SUITS—
Sizes 34 to 46; very special Monday, a suit 95c
ONE LOT OF MEN'S WORK TROUSERS—Dark patterns, most
all sizes in the lot, \$2.50 value; Monday's
price, a pair \$1.78
MEN'S SOCKS—Black or cordovan, all sizes—
Special Monday 11c
ONE LOT OF BOYS' SUITS—Fancy mixtures and
stripes, sizes 6 to 14; special Monday \$5.69
MEN'S OVERALLS—Blue stripe or plain blue, all sizes;
very special now, a garment 98c
ONE LOT BOYS' MEDIUM WEIGHT RIBBED UNION
SUITS—All sizes; very special, a suit 75c
BOYS' CORDUROY TROUSERS—All sizes, \$1.95
value; Monday's price \$1.29
MEN'S SUSPENDERS AND BELTS—
Special Monday 25c
MEN'S KHAKI COVERALLS—Sizes 34 to 44;
very special Monday at, suit \$2.25

Underwear
Gloves, Hosiery
Etc.

Ladies' Union Suits, knee lengths,
tight or lace knee, 53c grade—Mon-
day for \$59c
Women's Satin Knickers, all colors;
Monday for \$89c
Silk Jersey Knickers, \$3.50 grade—
Monday for \$2.49
All-Silk Hair Bow Ribbons—Moire or
plain Taffeta, all colors; Monday per
yard \$25c

Ladies' Gauze Vests—Extra fine
ribbed, all sizes, Monday 25c
Easter Glove Special—Long Silk
Gloves in white, black or sand.
Only \$1.50
Long Chamollette Gloves in
White and new Grey, Monday,
only \$1.25
Real French Kid Gloves—new
spring shades; Monday \$2.10
New Shades Silk Gloves—two
clasp, Monday \$85c

Girls' fine ribbed Hose in black,
brown or white and Boys' heavy
black Hose for Monday; all sizes
—Only \$25c
Ladies' full fashioned pure Silk
Hose, in black or brown, Mon-
day for \$1.39
Ladies' Black Mercerized Lisle
Hose, Monday only \$39c
Again—Pink elastic top Corsets
our best seller, Monday \$95c
Special lot Ladies' Lace trim-
med Muslin Skirts \$1.50

Hosiery Store

Corner 6th & Main St.