

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'Neill 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, I'll 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 Marketown, 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'Neill 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 resembling her mother, than in being told she was "her father over again." 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 "Pepy'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 fad 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, it 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 will be 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 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 path 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 all 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 eyes.

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 characters. 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. Steinforth, 2401 Parade St., Erie, Pa., had used Pratts 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 'Pratts' 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 'Pratts' because Pratts Poultry Regulator has never failed me." A. G. Lukens & Co., J. H. Menke, E. H. Stegman, Omer G. Whelan—Advertisement.

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 9:30 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 had 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

LA PORTE, 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 kidney trouble for years. Doctored and tried everything. I don't know what to do. Finally a friend sent me Foley Kidney Pills. They helped me so much I used them every night. Now I feel fine. Spent the sleepless nights. Suffered so it seemed I hardly could live. Recommend Foley Kidney Pills to all who suffer from kidney trouble as I did. —G. Lukens & Co., 626-628 Main.

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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 Curtain Stretcher, size 6x12 ft.—Monday special **.51.89**
Wall wool Dusters, with long and short handles, Monday special **.98c**
A heavy four-sewed Broom, on a good smooth handle; Monday 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 Garbage Can, Monday special **.12.29**
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**

\$1.00 Seamless Sheetings, 9-4—guaranteed full width in bleached and unbleached; Monday special **.39c**

New Spring Dress in plain and fancy Plaids for Monday only **.16c**

All Romper Cloths worth up to 65c for Monday only, **.25c**

35c extra heavy White Outing Flannels for Monday only, per yard **.18c**

39c extra heavy, large size Turkish Towels, Monday only **.19c**

Yard wide extra good quality bleached Muslin for Monday only, **.14c**

50c Marquisette Curtain Materials, yd. wide; special **.19c**

25c large Huck Towels, with red borders, Monday each **10c**

50c full standard Unbleached Muslin, yard wide. Special for Monday only, **.10c**

25c extra large and heavy Turkish Towels, Monday special—each **.29c**

\$2.50 best 40-inch Crepe de Chines, all new spring shades, special yard **.31.59**

40-inch All-Silk Georgette Crepes—Special yard **.29c**

—Special yard **.31.39**

Shoe Values Priced for Monday

Ladies' black or brown Kid Lace Oxfords, plain toe, covered Louis heels, turn soles, widths AA to C; \$8.50 values; Monday special for **.34.68**

Ladies' black or brown Kid Colonial Pump, leather Louis heel, \$6.00 value, Monday for **.33.48**

Ladies' black Kid Lace Oxford, Military heels, for dress or everyday; Monday at **.33.19**

Ladies' low heel, solid leather, one strap comfort Slipper; Monday at **.32.48**

Ladies' hand turned, Military or low rubber heel, cushion sole nurses comfort Shoes, glove kid leather, \$5.90 grade—Monday for **.34.48**

Growing Girls' brown Calf low heel Oxfords, sizes 3 to 6 **.34.48**

MEN—We will make this a big day for men by placing in our Men's Beacon Shoes in two groups. Choice of all styles from \$7.00 to \$9.00 at **.86.00**. Choice of all styles from \$5.80 to \$7.00 at **.55.00**. Think of it, Beacon shoes at **.85** and **.36**

Men's Russian Calf, welt sole Army Shoe, our **.60** value—Monday at **.34.89**

Men's Outing style Work Shoe, solid leather, \$3.85 value; sale price for **.32.89**

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 30 to 36; Monday **\$2.98**
ALL WOOL PLAID SKIRTS—Pleated models, 75 in the lot for Monday **\$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**

SPECIAL LOT NEW SPRING COATS—Monday **\$15.00**

TALK ABOUT DRESSES AT A PRICE! You should see these! Tricotette, Taffeta, and Serge. **\$15.00**

compare them at **\$15.00**

LADIES' UNION SUITS, knee lengths, tight or lace knee, 85c grade—Monday for **.59c**

WOMEN'S SATIN KNICKERS, all colors; Monday for **.89c**

SILK JERSEY KNICKERS, \$3.50 grade—Monday for **.82.49**

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 **.51.50**

Long Chamoisette Gloves in White and new Grey, Monday only **.1.25**

Ladies' Black Mercerized Lisle Hose, Monday only **.39c**

Real French Kid Gloves—new spring shades; Monday **.82.10**

New Shades Silk Gloves—two clasp, Monday **.85c**

Special lot Ladies' Lace-trimmed Muslim Skirts **.81.50**

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