The Sunshine of the Family

CHAPTER XI. Maplewood owned a garden of very tolerable dimensions, but it was already crowded when the Merles made their appearance at the fete on Thursday afternoon. The lawn was covered by gavly dressed people; tennis had not yet begun, but the band was playing. As soon as Alison had greeted her hostess she looked round anxiously for Anna. She had no desire to linger beside Mrs. Hardwick; the handsome, talkative widow had already excited her aversion. As she turned away in search of her friend, Miss Hard-

a tall, dark man. "Mabel, dear," she said, almost ignoring Alison. "I must introduce Tony to you-my cousin, Captain Harper. Tony, this is my especial friend, and I shall expect you to pay her a great deal of at tention, on peril of my displeasure."

"I am too happy to perform such a pleasing duty, I am sure," lisped Anthony, but his bold black eyes passed over Alison's.

"Is this another special friend of yours, Eva?' he observed, twisting his mustache and looking full at her as he spoke. Miss Hardwick made the introduction somewhat reluctantly; Alison bowed a little hanghtily; she was not prepossessed with Captain Harper's appearance, and she determined to have as little as possible to do with him; he seemed about to speak to her, but she turned suddenly to will be pleased with him unless you set Miss Hardwick.

"I do not see your a low voice.

carelessly. "I never knew Anna ever ed, I suppose. Now, Tony, you must take Mabel for your partner in the first set, and Edgar Dawson and Miss Freeland will play against you."

"We had better take our places then," drawled Captain Harper; and, left to her self. Alison turned to Roger and asked him to walk with her to the bouse.

"I am going in search of Anna," she said as she left him, and she asked one of the servants who was just entering the tea room to take her to Anna's bedroom The maid looked surprised, but she put down her tray at once and preceded Alison upstairs.

"That is Miss Anna's room," she said, pointing to the door; "she is dressing, I believe. A hamper of flowers came, and coolness of his manner to Captain Harshe has only just finished arranging

"I dare say I shall be able to help her," returned Allson, knocking at the door, "My dear child," exclaimed Alison, in a surprised voice, as she entered, "why, you have not begun to dress," for Anna was standing at the window in her gray linen gown, evidently watching the gay arene, but the tears were rolling down her of tears.

as Allson klassed her. "It is so late, and I am so tired; Eva said the flowers must be done, and I have only just finished them. I saw Mr. Roger and you and out, but now I am just tired out, and I can't stop crying."

"Oh, you will cheer up directly, and I am going to stop and help ron." Aurned Alison, brightly. ares with some cau-de-cologne and water ning downstairs Alison made her way into the good-natured mald she had already accosted, she was soon provided with a emp of coffee and some delicious looking

"Now you are to leave off crying and you," coaxed Alison, "and then I will help | real opinion," she persisted in saying. you to dress. You are tired and wor. Roger had put him up to it to spite her ried, but the coffee will refresh you." and Era. What would Eva say if she But Anna's answer was a fresh burst of

"Oh, how kind you are to me. I do love me before."

"Then you must thank me by enjoying the coffee," laughed Alison, but a sympathining drop hung on her own lashes. Mayortheless, she talked on cheerfully until Anna had dried her eyes and drunk har coffee, and then she coaxed her lat her brush her hair and arrange Anna sat quite patient and docile under Allaon's hands; she did not even look at herself till the pretty cream colored dress was fastened, and the flowers arranged. and then Alison led her to the glass.

"Why. I look quite different; what have you done to me?" observed Anna, in a bewildered tone. "I am not like my-

"You have never taken enough pains with your appearance," she replied. They were met in the hall by Roger and Captain Harper; the gentlemen were evidently in search of them.

"I thought you had lost yourself, Al-He," observed Roger; and as he turned her companion a low whistle of astonishment broke from his lips, and was at once promptly suppressed "I did not know you, Miss Anna," was

all be rentured to say, but both Alison and Anna colored with pleasure under the approving look he bestowed on them "Miss Merie, I hope, now I have taken all this trouble to find you, that you will not refuse to be my partner in this

met," asked Captain Harper, so eagerly that he had almost forgotten his usual

Alison assented rather coldly, but her refuetance vanished when she found Roger and Anna meant to oppose them. She almost forgot her dislike to her partner during the long, well contested game. which soon drew a crowd of spectators round them; her skill and animation de-Highted Captain Harper. Missie was watching them father curiously.

"I did not know Alison was such a good player," she said at last, when Eva joined her, "Captain Harper did not exert himmelf quite so much when he played with me," with a displeased tom of her head "He knows we are watching him, darling, and that puts him on his mettle," returned her friend, soothingly.

"Really. Eva," Mabel said presently. I never saw Anna look so well. Miss Hardwick turned her long neck ercilionaly, and regarded her sister

"That must be Alison's doing," she said th evident pleasure. "Anna never did own hair, I am sure of that," But handsome face clouded still more en Missie proceeded to take her to if my sister looked as dowdy as Anna gen-

The rest of the afternoon passed like a happy dream to Anna. She played another game with Roger, who seemed bent on having her for a partner; and afterward, when Alison had succeeded in shaking off Captain Harper by infusing into her manner a fine degree of girlish hauteur and coolness not easily to be mis taken, the three sat together, passing kindly remarks on the rest of the com-

But the crowning happiness of the afternoon to Anna was when Missie addressed her in the condescending manner of one who confers a benefit.

"You have not been to see as lately," she said, quite graciously. "I have told Eva that she must bring you sometimes to talk to Alison." And after this Anna's cup of joy seemed overflowing.

CHAPTER XII.

"Thank you, Mabel dear, for what you have said to Anna," said Allson, gratefully, as they left the grounds of Maplewood. "Oh, of course, I gave Eva a piece of wick came up to them in company with my mind. She is always so reasonable and sweet-tempered that I never have any difficulty. Anna may come to The Holms as often as she likes." Then, with perceptible effort to seem at her ease, she continued hurriedly: "Eva is going to bring her cousin to afternoon tea to-morrow. I hope it will be fine, and then we can set the table under the lime trees our drawing room is such an ugly room.

"Do you mean Captain Harper is com-Missie's simpering pretty little face to | ing?" returned Alison. "Oh, Mabel! how could you ask him? I am sure papa will not be pleased. I do not like him at all his manners are so artificial and dis-

> "It is a pity you did not stop at Riverston," she returned, in an injured voice, "for none of our Chesterton folk, with the exception of that stupid Anna, seem good enough for you. I think Captain Harper charming, and I am sure papa

"You may be sure that I shall say nothing to papa," replied Alison, with so much dignity that Missie was silenced. she was terribly annoyed all the same, and locked the drawer, but the ledger had been took Roger into her confidence, exacting left open on the table, with my entry writfrom him a promise that he would be present at all risks.

"Perhaps I am wrong," she remarked, candidly; "I am always so ready with my likes and dislikes. But I can not bear Captain Harper, and it is odious to me to pour out his ten for him."

Alison's anxiety was soon set at rest. The party from Maplewood, including Anna, had not long been gathered under the lime trees before Mr. Merle made his appearance, greatly to her delight and Missie's discomfiture. Alison never found out if Roger had betrayed her trust and given his father warning of the expected guest. But there was no mistaking the per. That unlucky individual was clearly not at his case, and certainly no inducement was held out to him to repeat his

As soon as the unwelcome visitor had departed Mr. Merie expressed himself as much displeased to find Captain Harper there; indeed, his severity quite overwhelmed Missie, and she retired in floods

"Papa is never angry with me," she sobbed; "this must be your fault, Alison You have come home to stir up strife and

"Don't be absurd, Mabel," returned Al son, a little crossly; "you have brought it all on yoursels. Papa seems angry with me, too, and yet you know I am not at all in fault. If you do wrong you must bear to be scolded. Papa says he is quite shocked at our forwardness. You see, he blames me, too. He says no one but himself or Roger ought to invite gentlemen to the house, and Miss Leigh says the same. He told me after you left the room that he would take care that Captain Harper should not repeat his whit, as he was not the sort of man whose acqualitance he could approve for his

daughters." Missie dissolved into fresh trare on hearing this. "I am sure it is not papers were forbidden to bring her cousin The Holms? She wished Alison would go back to Aunt Diana, and not stop here to make her so wretched. She did not see the use of having a sister who hated and thwarted her.

"Oh, you silly child !" exclaimed Al son, kissing the wet, ill-tempered fittle face that still looked so pretty. "What a storm in a tencup! I don't hate you a bit. I am very fond of you, though you will quarrel with me about every trifle but it takes two to quarrel properly, and do not mean to take up the cudgels to please you!" And here she gave he a playful shake, that so astonished Missie that she speedily grew more amiable, for her temper had never been so set aside before.

Roger had been looking very worried and careworn for some days, and Alison was afraid, from her father's grave face and silence with his son, that things had gone wrong again at the mill, and that, as usual, the blame had been laid on Roger. She was waiting for an opportu ner to speak to him, for his engagements had taken him out several nights, when opment companies now employ one or one evening she met him as she was re-

turning from the town. He was walking along rather moodily with his eyes fixed on the ground, and did not see Alison until she called him by name; and then he looked up and his

face brightened in a moment. "Where have you been, Allie?" he ask ed, smiling at her; and Roger's smile was very pleasant. "The house felt dull withon; you, so I came out for a solitary which in the last season kept ninety-

"Very well, you shall have your prowl only it will not be solitary any longer, for I am not tired in the least, and mean

"Very well, then," he said, leading the way toward a quiet, shady road, "I am just in the right mood for a talk, and you are the right sort of company. "I am so glad I satisfy you, Roger," she said, looking at him affectionately, "

wish all brothers were like you, and cared as much for their sisters." "So they would, if all sisters were your sort," was his flattering answer; only Roger meant what he said. "Allie, of course I know you will go back to Aunt

Diana one day, but you must promise me not to leave us just yet." "Oh, Roger, of course not. How course

go while you wanted me?" "My dear, in that case you would never leave us at all. No, no, I am not quite so selfish as that. One day you shall go, Allie, but not just yet, not till things are more settled, and we are all happier. Do you know, dear, I wonder sometimes how I held on those two years without you; your absence made me miss mother more." And Roger's lip trembled a little. Alison pressed his arm without speaking: ht to look after her a little | there was no need for other words be wife, "You have no tween them, they were so sure of each

has been troubling you for the last few "Something has gone very wrong; you have been yesterday you were too worried to eat properly. I hope you mean to take me into your confidence, dear; perhaps I

could find some way of helping you." "I wish you could, Allie," he returned, sadly; "I wish I could see a way out of our terrible difficulties. Promise me you will be as secret as a statue, and I will tell you a little of what has happened."

"Oh, you may trust me," she replied, lifting her honest brown eyes to his face. "I believe I may, and it will be a relief to speak, Allie, Fergusson is going too far: I am convinced in my own mind that he has tampered with the accounts; we shall come to a crash directly."

"What do you mean?" turning a little pale. Roger spoke so vehemently. "It would take too long to tell you all. but something very unpleasant has happened this week. You know my father went to Lancaster the other day. Well, check in payment for a consignment timber was unexpectedly paid in during his absence. Of course I indorsed the check, wrote out a receipt, inclosed it in an envelope and put it in the usual rack for postage. I then made an entry in the ledger, and was just going to lock up the ledger and the check in the safe, as it was nearly time for closing, when the sudden cessation of the machinery told some accident had happened, and

Fergusson, our manager." "Oh, I know! when poor Mitchell was hurt," returned Alison, with a shudder. "I remember seeing both you and Mr. Fergusson standing bare headed among the men in the yard; you were sending Timothy for a doctor."

"Yes; I was detained for nearly half an hour. Fergusson must have gone back to the office-at least I missed him after the first few minutes. When they had taken Mitchell off to the hospital I went back to to be seen curling up from the mounlock up things for the night. Fergusson tain where the Great Spirit and his him against the poor fellow." And here was just coming out of the office and family lived and still live, though handed me the keys. Everything was their hearth fire is alight no longer. locked up, he said, and the messenger had fetched the letters. I had put the check into my father's private drawer and had ten on the top of a blank page. I had noticed the page was a little loose, as though the corresponding one had been cut out some time previously, but I was in a hurry, and I thought it did not mat ter. When Fergusson told me everything was locked up for the night and handed me the office keys, of course there was nothing for me but to take them. Allie, what do you suppose were my feelings when we opened the private drawer the next morning and there was no check there? Neither was my entry in the ledger; the loose page was gone, and, to add to my perplexity, the firm who had paid in the check wrote to complain that there had been no acknowledgment or receipt and yet I had written both myself and placed the stamped envelope among the other letters for postage."

(To be continued.)

Service of the service of AS TO A CAREER IN SCIENCE.

Excellent Opportunities for Young Men but No Great Money Reward. The members of the Illinois State Academy of Sciences recently discussed the opportunities for young men to earn a living in various branches of science. On the whole, they think the opportunities are excellent, though

they offer nothing great in the way of

financial compensation. John G. Coulter, the well-known profemor of botany, said that the demand for trained botanists exceeds the supply. The most extensive employer of young botanists in this country is the United States government. The bureaus of the Department of Agriculture are not yet able to obtain all the men they need adequately trained in the various branches of botany, says the New York Sun.

The market for teachers of botany to brisk and good teachers who are doctors of philosophy in botany command beginning salaries which average about 50 per cent more than those offered eight years ago.

There is a fine field for botanists in the Philippines, where a trained man is wanted in every province to take charge of the educational side of botany, especially from the standpoint of agricultural science.

Prof. W. A. Norrs of the University of Illinois said that twenty-five years ago fow chemists were employed in the manufacture of Iron and steel. To-day chemists are required not only in the large establishments where steel is produced, but also in Iron foundries and factories of all kinds. About 8,000 chemists are now employed in the United States. Not long ago nearly all chemists here were engaged in teaching, while the majority of them to-day are working in industrial lines.

Dr. Bain, who is at the head of the Illinois geological survey, said that many railroads and mining and develmore geologists. Their employment in private enterprises is crippling the surver work of the government, because private companies offer higher salaries and draw away many of the best men. The larger number of professional geologists are still connected with the official surveys. The greatest of these is the United States geological survey, three geological parties in the field. each including from one to three geol-

According to Prof. H. V. Neal it is much easier now for zoologists to get good places than it was a decade ago. It is difficult to find competent men needed for zoological posts in schools. museums, and the bureaus of the general and state governments which require entomologists and other zoological workers. It is believed that the brisk demand for trained zoologists will continue in the next decade.

The prospect is good that competent men of science will have better opportunitles in the future than ever before will always have to be content with 12. relatively poor financial returns for their work.

Colombia is 10 times as large as New York State, as long from north to south as from St. Paul to New Orleans, Its coastline is equal in distance from New York to Chicago. It has produced over \$600,000,000 worth of gold.

THE ORIGIN OF MAN

The Indians say that the Great Spirit made Mount Tahoma the first of all. Boring a hole in the sky, using a large stone as an auger, he these lands. pushed down snow and Ice until they had reached the desired height, then stepped from cloud to cloud down to the great icy pile and from it to the earth, where he planted the first trees by merely putting his finger into the soll here and there. The sun began to melt the snow, the snow produced water, the water ran down the side of the mountain, refreshed the trees and made rivers.

The Great Spirit gathered the

leaves that fell from the trees, blew upon them, and they became birds. He took a stick and broke it into pleces. Of the small end he made fishes and of the middle of the stick course I ran out of the office, and so did made animals-the grizzly bear excepted, which he formed from the big | \$225,000. end of the stick appointing him to be master over all the others. Indeed, this animal grew so large, strong and cunning that the Creator somewhat feared him, and so hollowed out Mount Tahoma as a wigwam for himself where he might reside while on earth in the most security and comfort. So the smoke was soon now that the white man is in the land. This was thousands of snows

After this came a late and severe spring time in which a memorable storm blew up from the sea, shaking the huge lodge to its base. The Great Spirit commanded his daughter, then little more than an infant, to go up and bid the wind to be still, cautioning her at the same time not to put her head out into the blast, but only to thrust out her little arm and make a sign before she delivered her message. The eager child hastened up to the hole in the roof, did as she was told, and then turned to descend; but her curiosity impelled her to look at the forbidden world outside, and the rivers and trees; at the far ocean and the great waves that the storm had made as hoary as the forest when the anow is on the firs. So she stopped and put out her head to look. Instantly the storm took her by the long hair and blew her down to the earth, down the mountainside, over the smooth ice and soft spow, down to the land of the grizzly bears.

somewhat different from what they are at present. In appearance, it is true, they were much the same, but they walked then on their hind legs like men and talked and carried clubs, using the fore limbs as men use their arms. At the foot of the child was blown to, lived a family of ents as well. grizzlies. The father grizzly was rehis hand when he saw the shivering old grizzly, pitying and wondering to the bank on Saturdays. at the strange forlorn creature, liftthe eldest son of the old grizzly married her, and their offspring was neither grizzly nor Great Spirit, but man.-Forest and Stream.

WEALTH OF GIRARD ESTATE.

Careful Management Shown in Rapid Increase.

The time is not far distant when a portion of the expenses of the municipality of Philadelphia will be contributed out of the income that is derived from the Stephen Girard estate, says "The Philadelphia Record." Since the death of Stephen Girard this estate has been most carefully nurtured until the present time. Only a comparatively small portion of the income derived from the real estate, stocks and bonds is required for the maintenance of Girard College, so that in years to come as the surplus accumulates the Board of City Trusts, which has the superrelieve the city authorities of certain municipal expenditures, such as lighting the condemnation of properties in the old section of the city for the purpose of widening important thoroughfares.

The annual report of the Board of City Trusts places an approximate value of \$14,846,650 on the real estate in the city, but a conservative selling value would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000. In addition to this the estate owns eighteen thousand acres of coal lands in Schuylkill and Columbia countles. The estate is also well supplied with gilt edged securities in the shape of first mortgages on real estate and bonds. of various large cities in the state, which are appraised at \$7,605,500. The total value of the estate's holdings of all kinds is placed at \$24,-467,770, with a probable actual value of about \$40,000,000.

During the year 1907 the receipts of the estate amounted to \$1,795,279. 32, of which amount \$526,452.33 was to earn a comfortable living. Capable applied toward the maintenance of and industrious workers make a good the 1,507 boys that were in Girard a quiet nap. As a result it was deliving, but are rarely able to accumu- College. The average cost per capita late wealth. Probably men of science of pupils during the year was \$346 .-

The Girard estate also controls a fire insurance fund amounting to \$63. 000 and there has been set aside a fund which now amounts to over \$500,000, the income of which dis applied to street repairs, cleaning and ghting the Delaware River front. One of the reasons why the estate

during recent years, is the fact that the rents and royalties of the coal lands and collieries in Schwylkill and Columbia counties, which amounted in 1907 to \$687,162.17, are not considered income, but are applied to the principal on the theory that as the coal becomes less in the estate holdings there is a corresponding depreciation in the value of the land, so l that when the time arrives when a!! ! of the coal lands are worked out there will be a sufficient principal applied in investments in other directions to make good the loss of the big income now derived from

The largest holding of the estate is In this city, of course—the ground of Girard College, which covers an area of 666x2,800 feet and is valued in the assessors' books at \$3,000,000. One of the greatest sources of revenue to the estate is the block bounded by 11th, 12th, Chestnut and Market streets, which Stephen Girard originally intended for the location of the college, but afterward abandoned for the present location. This block represents a total assessed valuation of \$8,021,000, with a prebable selling value of \$12,000,000. The Girard estate, like any other individual, pays its taxes to the city, its tax bill for last year being about

THRIFTY CHILDREN.

The Pupils of West Des Moines Public Schools Have \$20,000 in the Bank.

Over 3,000 school children of Wes Des Moines, Ia., have been induced to save money and to start bank accounts. More than 1.500 of them have deposits of about \$10 each.

The credit of the achievement be longs first to the Mothers' Congress of Iowa, which organized the Penny Provident Association in October, 1901. The plan used in West Des Moines is simpler than that of other

The principal of each building is supplied with stamps and folders in which fifty one cent stamps can be pasted. Every Friday at a certain hour the principal is in her office to sell stamps to the children.

When the child has filled the folder with the fifty stamps, says the Congress of Mothers Magazine, he may go to the bank, always on Saturday morning, and either get 50 cents in cash for the book or open an account, receive a pass book and have an account entered in it.

The bank pays him 4 per cent, interest on the deposit after it has remained six months. The principal receives the stamps and all other necessary printed matter from the bank without any expense to the district and she makes an account ing to the bank every week for the number of stamps she has sold.

The financial affairs are controlled by a board of directors representing Now the grizzly bears were then the bank, the school and the Mothers' Congress. This board meets the firs Tuesday in each month from October to June to receive the report of the banker and discuss the affairs of the association. It has worked admirably, without any difficulties or complaints, and has educated not only the mountain, at the place where the children but in many cases the par-

The principals, as a rule do not turning from the hunt with his club find the work much trouble, for they on his shoulder and a young elk in have only to get a cent for every stamp and have no accounts to keep little waif lying on the snow with with the children. They are even her hair all tangled about ber. The allowed carfare for taking the money The deposits now amount to near

ed it up and carried it in to his by \$20,000. Since its organization wife to see what should be done. the Penny Provident Association has She, too, was pitiful, and fed it from induced the saving of about \$35,000, her own breast bringing it up as one of which less than half has been of their own family. So the daugh- withdrawn. The youthful depositor ter of the Great Spirit grew up, and to draw out his money must have the written order of his parents or guar

The amount of the deposits, how ever, is of secondary consideration. | Phone 16 The object of the system is to establish the habit of saving among the children and teach them a little about business methods. The results have been very satisfactory. The decrease in gum chewing and candy eating has

been noticeable The young depositors are discouraged from saving merely for the sake of hoarding. Many of the most persistent say their money is to be used to go to college after they get through the public school. During the disastrous floods two years ago the Penny Provident deposits made by the poor children in the flooded districts were drawn out in large amounts, being in some cases almost the sole reliance of families. It is noticed that during the spring and fall, when the weather is good and work is plenty. vision of the estate, will gradually the deposits are much larger, and that they decrease and are drawn upon during the winter months.

Omnibus Restaurants. The Paris boat strike, which is fi ancially good for the other modes o locomotion, recalls an attempt made when the omnibus was in its infancy of running restaurant omnibuses. The idea was that of Viscount Botherel the son of a very rich diplomat. He organized a service of twelve omnibuses wherein the passengers could obtain a cold collation and wine.

The experiment was not a success, and was only given up after the promoter had lost something like £25,-000.-London Globe.

Fee for Sleeping in Churches. Napping at the Lawrenceville Sunday school will hereafter cost 25 cents. Uncle John Xanders is reaponsible for the new way of keeping people awake in study hours.

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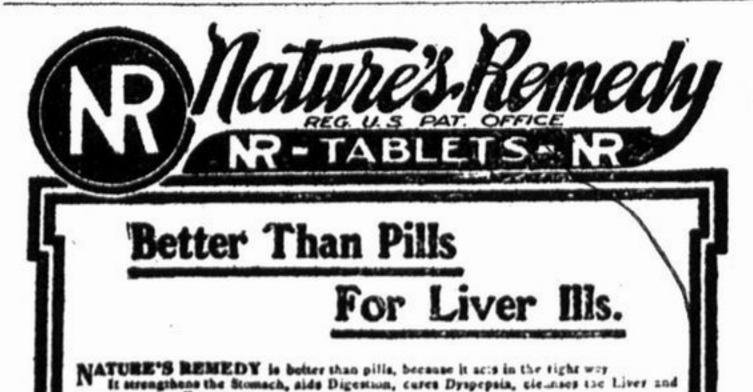


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