

THE SERGEANT'S DAUGHTER.

A Story of the Fifteenth Infantry at Fort Sheridan.

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Suddenly the click of the gate latch broke in upon her dream and Frieda hastily sat upright and rubbed her eyes. But still she seemed to be dreaming, for who was coming up the walk, but the very one of whom she had been dreaming all day.

Knowing that this must be reality, and not a dream, she rose to meet him, saying: "Mr. McKenzie, this is truly an unexpected pleasure, for I supposed you were five hundred miles away."

"So I was, Miss Frieda, a day or two ago," he answered, with a hearty handshake, "but our house decided to send me out this way on business, and Miss Churchill had already written, asking me to come some time during the summer, if I could."

"Well, now you are here, I hope you will enjoy yourself and not have cause to regret your long trip."

"That rests with you," he answered earnestly.

Frieda made no reply, but entered the house, and calling to the Sergeant, introduced Mr. McKenzie and then escaped as soon as possible to her room. There she sat down and tried to collect her thoughts and calm herself.

Jessie came home much surprised to see a stranger sitting on the porch and Anna, coming up just then with Mr. Carroll, they had a merry time, exchanging greetings and compliments

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This Mr. McKenzie, Frieda's old friend, had come for the express purpose of finding out something very important to them both, and before the week was over they had settled it satisfactorily. Jessie and Mr. Huffman, after some delays, decided that they would follow the fashion set by Anna and Frieda.

So it came about that at Christmas there was a triple wedding at the Churchill's, after which Frieda and Jessie went to their new homes, while Anna stayed in her own home, for both the Sergeant and his son-in-law decided when they obtained their discharges to make that their home.

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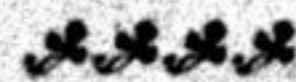
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