## Bobbie, Goneral Manaber. <br> $\checkmark$ By Oliva/ifgginProuty

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(Continued from last weete.)
Syaopsis.
Lucy Dars, Bobtic, 16 years old, is "littte mother" to a Massachusetls family of seven The fanily consists of her father; Tom, who is in busincse out West; Alco, Bobbic, Oliver and Malcolm, the twins; and Ruthie, the youngest. Bobbie fecls she is a gonites, so begins a diary. Bobbie goes to a boording school. The father dies and Bobuic has to stop her schooling. From collegc Oliver writes Boblie that he minst have $\$ 100$ or he will be disgraced. And the Vars business is failing. Bobvie unacriales to raise the moncy by darnitg clothes for Doctor Maynard. Alce discovers the plan and is angry. Bobbie bortows $\$ 19$ from Doctor Maynard and takes the money to oltver. She notices a change in the doctor's friandship for her. The doctor no th the doctor's friandship for her. The doctor no
longer visits the Vars family on Sunday afterlonger visits the Vars family on Sunday after-
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Bobbie. The old home is romodeled. Edith is Bobbie. The old home is romodeled. Eath is
a society woman. Doctor Maynard proposes to Boblie, but she decides she will not marry him. Bonbie and Doctor Maynasd are married and go to live in a collcge town where Dactor Maynard teaches. The family is angered by Oliver's martiage to Madge Tompkins. All, except Bobbie and her husbati, turn the cold showteder to ofiver and his bride. Bobbie takes Malige into her own home and Oliver goes to South America to work. Bobbic buys a home. Ruth comes to visit her and announces she is to marry Brecte Scwell, son of a rich quoman of socicty. Bobbie does not want Ruth to marry Breck.

Chapter XXIV-(OOnthucd).

THE whole thing has made ree sick and tired of the social game," ejaculated Ruth, "I don't beliore there's any such thing as pure, unadulterated friendship between people who are socially ambitious, Why some of the girls, who I thought were my best friends, have been acting very cool and offish since they've observed Mrs. Sewall's attitude towards me. And both Edith and I are omitted from lots of other people's parties besides the Sowalls, simply because Mrs, Sewand Miss Oliphant are often the guests of honor. Oh, I think that all womer are vain and selfish and insincere, and, if sometimes they appear thoughtful or sacrificing, it's simply because such an attitude toward someone will help them up another rung on the latder. I'd like to get away from sociaty for a while. It almost seems," Ruth added vehementiy, "as if I'd like to enter a convent!"
"Oh, I'm awfully sorry, Ruth," I began.
There's nothing for you to be sorry about. You couldn't help it. If I only had more money," Ruth went on, "I'd travel, I'd escape this sort of life, But what can anyone do on my income? wight hindred dollars! And I won't iake any more from Edith."
"Did you quarrel very bady?" I dirid to ask.
"Oh, quite, She went into an awfo pession when I told her that ld broken the en racoment. She called He a short sighted little fooll Breek,

During the weeks immediately following Rath's decision in regard to Breck Sewall, she became an absorbingly interesting proposition, to herself. For the first month she wouldn't show any interest in anything outside her own problem. Ruth has admirers wherever she goes and under any circurastances; and as soon as it was learned that slie was staying with me the telepbone began to ring every day-the door bell evary night or so with would-be suitors. But Ruth wouldn't see any of her callers or accept any invitations. She assumed such a blase and indifferent attitude toward life that it worried me. She used to take long walks alone over the hills and improvise long walks alone over the hills and improvise by the hour by firelight in our living room. Eve nings after dinner she spent in her own room reading Marcus Aurelius, Omar Khayyam, Oscar Wilde and Marie Bashkirtseff. I used to find the books missing from the book shelves, and discover them on the couch in Futh's room later. $\Lambda$ drop light arranged on a small table by the head of the couch, a soft down quilt wrapped around a china silk negligee, and Ruth nestleđ down inside of all that, was the picture to which Will and I always sang out good night when pe closed our door sat or to priting but a clay to writing, but whether it wis a novel or an epic poem that she was so husy abon't, I didn't know. She kept her papers saiés iocked away in her trunk and I didn't like to intrude on her intimacy. I think Ruth rather enjoyed herself during these first days after the settlement of her affair with Breck. Her newly won independ ence, her freedom, brought about ontirely by her own will and volltion, flled her with a little self admiration. Slic afpealed to leerself as rather an unique and remarkable young person, bearing the interesting distinction of a broken engatement nteresting distinction of a broken engagement. longed to no one;; her future lay in her own longed to no one, her future lay in her own hands; she didn't know what she would do with it, but it was hers-hers alone, and full of al surts of exciting possibilities.
I don't want to see anything more of men for a. long tlme," she would say. "I haven't decided yet what I'm going to go into, but I want to do something. I want to see all sides of life. I have bad enough of society and bridge and silly glrls who only want to get married. I'm seriously con sidering settlement work in New York Some time did like to oro to Paris and study sculpture me the end of Ruth's third week with ptare. At the 1 believe it one Saturday ulght, I believe it was-the door bell rang about 8 o'clock. The maid answered it and when she came upstairs and passed by the door of Will's study (which is a little room over the from door and where we sit evenings) I said with a sigh of reliet, "Thank goodness, it's for Ruth. I did want to finish this rutfle." And a moment ater I added, wonder what excuse she'll senc down tonight."
I was surprised five minutes later by Ruth's ap. pearance in the doorway. She had put on a favorite gown of hers-crow black metegreatin, so plain it had kind of a nalked appenranoe, with a $V$-thaped nock that showed a bit of suth's throat. There wasn't a scrap of any kind of trimming on it.
"Will vou honk this mipå\%?" she asked and
suppose, Will, that you could find a place for me to room somewhere around here?" "Co room, Ruth? Why, we should want you to stay right here with us," I exploded.
"Oh, of course," Ruth scoffer, "I couldn't break in on you and Will that way."
"But, Ruth," I began.
'Oh, no, Lucy, I wouldn't do that. I've been fifth wheel at The Homestead for years, but fifth wheel at The Homes
I don't intend to be here."
"Nonsense," said Will; "wo'd like to have you, Lucy spent a lot of time preparing that room you're in and-"
"No. Please. I shan't linen. Why, you haven't even talled it over. Wait till morning anyway. I simply came in to ask your ndvice on my turning into a "blue-stocking." Do you think it absolutely ridiculous?"
We thought it was spiendid-both Will and I. We talked and plauned and built air castles with Ruth till after midnight. She even read us Ruth till after midnight. She even read us
some of her pretty verses and before she went to some of her pretty verses and before she went to
bed at 1 o'clock a, m., she lad already become a bed at 1 o'clock a, m., she lad already become a
poetess of renown with contributions appearing poetess of renown with contributions appearin
frequently in the nisst exclusive magasincs.

A new-found genius alopt in the southeast chamber that night, and at i c'iluon when ghe sun and I crawled into her room togetacir we found her fast asleep with one hand tuckerl cozily under her cheek. Her lair, which is neither blond nor brown, but kind of a dull mouse color and almost mave when she wears the right shade, was braided and flung up back over the pillow. Upon the pillow beside her lay her left hant itpturned and fres from her lay her left hand risturned and fres from
jewelry of any kind. That upturned hand had dewelry of any kind. That upturned hand had
kind of an zppealing, whstful expression about kind of an uppealing, whstful expression about
it that made me want to cry. Somehow the sight of Ruth's bare unpromised hand making the only dent on the surface of the pillow by her side filled me with a wave of thanksgiving. She breathed coftly, regularly, ler piolet-tinted eyelids quivering a little, a half-smile lingering in the corners of her mouth. A fly lit on Tuth's chin and, unmolested, walled audaciously up alorig the flushed, velvety surface of her check. It stopped just beneath her long-curved eycIt stopped just beneath her long-curved eye-
lashes. She didn't stir-just kept or with her lashes. She didn't stir-just kept on with her even, meazared breathing and her steady sleap. I frightened that bold creature away with a
wave of miy hond. I honestly believe that Brecir Sewall hadn't disturbed my sister any more than the fly on her cheek, She seemed to me the most superbly viginal creature I had ever gazed upon.

I sat down and touched her shoulder softly. "It's morning," I said, and when she was entirely awake I continued, "It's morning, and you wanted us to wait till morning. We've talked it all over together alone and we both still want you to stay with us as long as you still want you to stay with us as long as you
possibly can. Why, Ruth, we built this room possibly can. Why, Ruth, we built this room
for you-especially for you-and I do hope you'll for you-especially for you-and I do hope you'l like it well enough to stay."
"It's prettier than my roon at Fdith's," replied Ruth. Then suddenly she put out her hand and touched my lenee. "Lucy," she said, "I'm crazy to stay. I'd hate a stuffy boardinghouse."
"Of course yon' would!"
'This is so adorably fresh and clean and simple, Have you and Will really talked it simple, Have you and Win reany taked
all over? I think $I$ ought not to stay, but I'll all over? I think I ought not to stay, but I'll
promise not to be the least bother in the work. promise not to be the least
"Bother !" I exclaimed.
'I'll be busy with my studies daytimes and keep out of the way evenings. Really," she asker", "do you want me?"
"We really do," I said solemuly.
She turned and suddenly sat up beside me on the odge fof the bed.: She was of lovely creatule with hor long thick hair, heir white arms and her pretty, soft, beribboneü nightgown falling off one shomlder. She seemed too

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the slze of Olfer's and Madge's, which she had formerly pronounced "cunnin䒨" but "impossible." If Puth, as the boasted, confined matrimonlal questions to the region of her head she ought to have sent Bob on liis way the very instant that she learned these sallent facts about him. But she didn't She kent right on Beafic him, nigat ther ant, if he were millionsire who conld after nisht, ins it he were a mollong fiosione of supply har every desire by merely dashing of his signature. She kept on rendins her poetry with him, discussing art and literature by the hour and quoting him to me all the next day as if he wera an anthority, Ruth simply lost her equiibriam over Bob. I don't belfave she had exar ibriam over Bo. He cartainly is dif. seen a man like him belore. Ha cen. torent from Breek Sewall, pacloed with sentment, tull impreasions and delicate eensibilitios. I overheard him talling with Ruth about womer smoking once. He said you might as well deface it beautiful picture by painting cigarettes in the ongels mouthe. I suapoze it might have been the fact of bing clageed with the amgels that the fact of being clissed wher Bob for her "took" Futh so, Anjhov she wanted Bob Korm so own, salary or no balary; sae wanted him so bedly that wo coutan't even joke on the aubjact in her presens... By Christmas time the situation wno trasic.
Cast quirrel with Edith, as nll quarrels with Fdith are sure to be, hid been of short duration The fact, that Mrra, Sewall had Invited her to as sist at a tea before her fimal departura irom Hit ton hud assuaged her Erievances nomewhat in thint quarter. Moreover is sturtions piece of new in the Now York papers in carly December, ter days befor the Oliphant-Sowall weddins was to take place, take place, had vindicated evell in Eidith'a eyes, beyonti a shmiow on done It seems that there was alrendy a Mro. Breok ridge Sowall. Breck had, aiter all, been more decent than Will thought. He had inarried the tirl whom he had known in college, and it was he who was now bringing sult geginst the room to bis nothing but roum-to-be. So as there Edith and Futh now, kindly feelings between Euth shoull not bave thero was no rasson why Ruth shou spent tha holidays in Hilton, but abe so Jenwouldn't give up a single bour with Thurstays. nings. He alwayz came Tuesabectrie light bill, Saturdays and Sunduya. Our eloce was dollor dim as Futh prefers the room to eall extra a month, after Bod began the during the I wes glad to lane Ruta Otherwise I should have Christil Forls in December Will had gone been an rione. Wind in Chicago, to a medical conference to some and just ns he was about to start form in canal big physicien out there called him in, in consut tation, on tha case of a Ifttle boy, who had some awfin thing the mather with fis spine. He was the son of a milltonnire, and experts and apeciat ists from all over the country had siven up bope of rocon of rocovery. The father wal frentment of when Will bllggested some rill his own which he hat triod out succesatuly on one of our litile guinea piss, he wrote that thit father simply clung to him bodily, zot hold of him itll his hands and told him he could have every or morld it So Will staynd hed otlly give but in the man bad boen a pau He would have atayed If che man bouse er, if he'd loved his iftle boy tike turk. Jou se it just the way Fill would feet about his son. He underatoon. I wanted him to stily, toc. I was only sorry that, wher all the long mights he had to sit up bF the liftle chnp's bed (for flrat there
wanted. I had said if that little sick boy lived, so would my hoses, and I be leved it, I lit a candlo and went ut Into the unfinished part of our attic where thert is a lot of old inrniture packel away. It'a ratior a spoolly placos in tho dark, and cold, too, but I dand notice It tonight. Way over in the corner stoct tho httie old mothorcradlg that belonged to one of those low, wooden hoodad ones with rockers, that you can ruok with one foot. I had always planned to use that. It's so quaint and denr and old tashioned. In the cradle in a greer paateboard box wes a whole bundle of Will's baby ciothes-tho queeregt, fincst Iittle hand marle mislin filiris and dresses with is lot of stift embroidery and ruffles.
I had no iden what time it was when later I heard Ruth callinis no from be low.
"Lacy, Lucy! Are you ap there?" "Yes," I answered. "What time is it? "Why, it's after midnight! What are you doting?"
"Oh. Looking up some old istuff. Il be right down.
I met hor on the stalrs. I felt gulity.
I was afratd that foy was writton all over my fece. I might as woll have just loft tho arms of a lover.
"Oh, Ruth," I exclaimed, "imn't it fine? That ilttle boy in Chicago is Eving to live! 1've hisd a special dellvery from Will. Isn't if grcat] He's going to get well!"
"That's splendid," satd Ruth, and then. eyes sparkHng, volce trembling, ghe ex ploded, "Oh, Lucy, Bob has just gone. Wotre engaged!'

I blew ont the candle for snfety's salce, ani put my arma about my nister.
and put meally, Puth?" I exclaimed, and we ant down side by slae on the daris itairs. sat down sitlo by slae on tie darit ita the
"Heg cared hor ile of cousie we both
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$\ell$ Bob, Lucy?" bhe broke off.
"I've always satd that, next to Wil) Pd rnther parry Bob than any man Ive known," I replied heartly.
"And does Wtll IFE him?" quivered Ruth.
"Will oaths 3ob the salt of the earth Everybody Thea Bob Jenninge, Ruth!' "I know they do I know it I don't sea how I aver get him. You know all the men in his classens simply adore him. Hic courses ara nwfully popular He's goisg to have junfors arni senior nest year. The presldent stopped Bo the other day in the streat and compli mented him on his work. Oh2, BoD is soing to ko Flelst to the top! And he isn't 8 bit spoiled. His dear ord हitro halred mother worthips him fust lise evorybicty else. Do you know, BoD was evargid wortitn't want her to live with us-bo's the fovliest olf lady-of cour I do And he thourit, bealdes, cour ando an apartment and one maid. Dut didn't know me. My nature But to dit the reguires "Things. It isn't the kind that requires underatandit didin't have sytupathy and kind that life and insplration, its the kind But woutd simply shaf in tust tha right way, Bob, be responds in Just the rignt way, to evary fide of ray tompernent. Its wonderful!"
"Oh, really," said Rath, not much impressod nfter ntl. "Of cour My room tues meant to be the nursery I remember now. Wall, I Rupposo you're what, and thera'll be a vacancy ou're glat, aut therelt III right for somoone to inll in June Wo're Evints to be murriad right after commencement. We'vo got it, all plinned. Isn't it exciting? she erlaimed eager on that trail of her own hspuiunas "uTV 'te not enine to Europe, appinnas. Wore not goms Ve'ra soor anythuf grand ink. With my eight mis to begin by savir Bob's satary, and hunared a ycur ardes, our income will atime wo golng be ubont four thousma. fire goblikes to have a lovely houeymoon $n 0$ one the word 'honeympolt, thousht We'ra uses it how. Dows so furlo whole going to camp out all alone for a whole month in tho Adirondecks and Im Eohig to cook while he cats woo he was didn't know I corild cools. Why, ho was awiully surpriset whon he discoverad how practical I an, and that I trim ath my own hats even now. Lucy, dont you talnk Bob's $G u f$ ully nice 100 ghe aaked and pressed my hand.
"Yes, I do. I've always toti will that Bob was the best looking man on the facuily," I roplicd and pressod back.
An hour later wo groped aown the stairs together. It was 1 oclock in the mornis. Thio light in the study was stil soing and I went in and turnet it ofl.

At my door Rutli beggad, "Come on into my bed, Lacy. I shall neyer be abl to set to stcep tonight.
ath rigit In fiva minutes," I agreod. When I went into Rutis's room sise was fiting by the window ready for bed, her lons halr braided, and a knitted worsted shewl wrapped around her white sted shaw
shanders.
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"Rob's comins at 9 o'ciocle, baiore his Irst racitation," remartsed kuth dreamHy umpats in hourn, itn't it?"
ily, "And a half," I smiled.
"Oh Iucy" sudionly exclaimed Ruth, Ch, lacy, bere m'm terribly standing

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Are yous? Well, so am I!"' I replled. "It just seems as if I'd havo to open th window
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was junt before Christmas that my dread f sear tubout that 11 ttle boy＇s life in Chicnso sme Intermingled with a thrilling hope that 3 very minch nearer lome．My ntartitug reali＋ jon came so unexpetedty to me－nfter all the jting，so undreamed，so miraouiouly a fift of jven，that I couldn＇t belisve at first that tacre is any real substantina fact about it．I Idn＇t，or I wouldn＇t，I don＇t know whion，I Ended difagyont boing mine at last，made Bility of such a joy being mine at last，mande e to happy that I cotuldn＇t help but thow il bilunt spirit in mily lettara，I that that titule git somehow，suddenly，I feit thet mell；Id heen doubtful as he thst week，but now，uneccount－ oly，I mase gure that the dour fittle fellow sam oing to live to grow un．I didn＇t tell Whil they felt so（is wus such a Billy worms＇s reason） I kent on writing it over and over gatain， fery day as I woke each moriving with the re－ yery day，ant the thing I wanted more than any－ ssurtunes in the world wres coming true．
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 had run off with her father (imagine comparing me to that ympossible Mrs. Camplbell!) and that If I didn't marry Breck everybody would think he had gotten tired of me-cast me off, and all that sort of thing. I don't get angry often, but I gave Edith a piece of my mind that I guess she'll remember for a long time, and Ales didn't she'll remember for a long time, and Nlec didn't
like it a bit. So this morning I just decided to like it a
"But of course Breck will follow you," I suggested cheerfully.
"Oh, no, he won't. I've quarreled with him, too." Ruth smiled. "I seem to have guarreled with ev erbody. But Breck threatened, and threats never have the least effect on me. He really did want to marry rac, in spite of what people said about his marked attentions to this Oliphant girl. He was crazy to marry me. Things got to an awful plach of excitement and one night three days ago he said that if I wouldn't run off with him in the dark like some common girl in a news laper story, and get married by a country parson along the road somewhere, he wasn't going to spend any more of hls time waiting around. He said that Gaft-that 's Mins Oliphant-would marry him, motlier or no mother; she bad some heart and feeling 'in her', I told hirn that $I$ on the other hand wouldn't lower my self respect ore iota, for love, or position, or any othel' reason. And so * * Well, here I am, with all my briges burned. By the way," Ruth broke off, "please don't ask me to discuss this matter with Will. He was tof intolorant last spriog for me will. He was too intolorant last spr
"You needn't mention it to hir," I assured her. "You can imagine," said Rutn, "that I'm not feeling very much like talking about it to anyone."
"I understand, and we won't refer to it at all. I know how hard it is, Ruth-but time
"Oh, time!" replied my sophisticated sister. "There's no scar on my heart for time to heal. You see now, don't you, how safe it is to kenp such affairs strictly in the region of one's head." C Two or three weelcs later I received a letter from Mrs, Sewall. I didn't know her writing but I saw Grassmere engraved on the envelone, so I suspected before I broke the seal.
"My dear Mrs, Maynard:
"You will be interested to know that the engagernent of Miss Gail Oljphant to $\mathrm{I}_{4} \mathrm{y}^{\prime}$ son is to be publicly announced on Wednesday next. But for you I alp aflaid this very happy alliance might not have been arranged. Relying absolutely on what you told me I could expect from your sister I have acted on your suggestion, with these results. I was sorry to treat so lovely a girl as your sister seems to be ini so cruel a manner, but tuch an object lesson seemed to me the nost effectual way of showing what a future relation fectual way of slowing what a futime relation
with me might prove to be, Let me say I think with me might prove to be, Let me say I thinl
she is a very fine principled and high minded she is a very fine principled and high minded girl, and another scason when I shall return to Grassmere with my son and his britle I trust I may see a great deal of her. Another season I hope I may set everything right with Mrs, Alexauder Vars also, whorn it semed necessary to sf Hee for a little while to our couse, if, cannot do something loward reparation the few weeks left before I return Let me add with all leartiness that fiarly anticipating the pleasure of metime soon, an old fellow soldier "Sincerely,
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I wonder who it can be!" I exclaimed efter she had departed. "It's the first one she has seen." Will looked up and smiled.
"Oh, it's just a man, Rest assured that this pose of Ruth's can't last much longer. Three pose of Ruth's can't last much longer. Three
weeks of a diet that excludes all forms of masweeks of a diet that excludes all forms of mas-
culine admiration is a long fast for Ruth, They'll culine admiration is a long fast for Ru
be calling here thick and fast now."
But it wasn't. just a man! About $9: 30$ I stole down the back stairs to get two pieces of chocolate cake and two glasses of milk for Will and me. I peeked into the front hall before crawling back again.
"Will," I said two minutes later, "leaning up against the Chippendale chair in the hall is a man's walking stick and it has got a plain silver Lops like Bob Jennings's. I introduced Boh to Ruth last week at a Faculty Tea and he walled home with her, before I was ready to loave. It does secm odd that he didn't send cards up to us, too, doesn't odd
it?" $\quad$ It was almost 11 o'clock betore I heard the front door close and Ruth snapping off the lights in the living room. Will was staying up late to night, and I had put on a seft wrapper and curled up ill the Morris chair with a magazine. The door was slightly ajar, and as Ruth passed it on her way to bed she stopped just outside and asked softly:
"Are you both still up?"
"Are yoly;" I replied. "Come in."
She came over and stond by the table where will was working.
"Can you be torn away from precious hooks for a while, Will?" she asked sweetly.
"Of course I can," he replied.
"Because," Ruth went on, "I want to tell you something." She paused.
"Yes?" encouraged Will "fire amay."
"I suppose," Ruth continued, "you two are wondering when I am going home. I've been here nearly a month now and I ought to decide what I am going to do. I'd like your adrice if fou're not too busy."
"Certainly I'm not," Will responded, heartily. Ruth can be very complimentary and deferential when she chooses. She chose so to be now. Will closed his hooks. Futh was standing bitthe table; her tapering finger tips just reached the mahogany surface, she leaned lightly on them; her face was in the shaclow, for her arme! suddenly appearing out of the dark were startlingly white and pretty.
"It was Mr. Jennings who called tonight," she went on. "I saw him because he rather interested me last week when I met him at one of your Faculty 'reas. I was talking with him tonight a little about my life. It came in after I had read him a few of my verses, which he said he would be kind enough to give me his opinion about, when I told him last week that I wrote a littie. He surgested a plan that rather apa little. He surgested a plan that rather ap-
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it, but he soys that there are a Jot of girls who take special courses here at Shirley (Shirley is the girls' college connected with the university) and that, even though l'min not a college girl, he thinis he could arrange for me to take a course or two in noetry and interature. He wants me to develop my talent. Oh, I'd love to do it!" Ruth exclaimed suddenly enthusiastic. "Mr. Jennings is so encouraging! He thinks I really might write something worth while some day, I've always thought that poetry was the rery highest form of expression. Mr. Jennings thinks highest form of expression, Mr. Jennings thinks
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haps. He's going to get the Shirley catalogue and lay out a course of siudy for me. Do you

I'm going to be nice to you,"
I don't remomber that Ruth had ceen betor put her arm around me of her own accord. A. lump came in my throat. Tears blinded me I get up hastily and began jutting down the windows.

## Chaptel: XXV,

If you want to know what became of Ruth I'll tell you-I'll tell you right off. She fell in love with Bob Jennings. She fell awfully in love with him-absorbingly, overwhemingly in love. Futh, the lofty, the Jigh, the pelestalled! Ruth who prided biesself on her coolness and her circpmepection, Futh who boasted 1bat fate had foreordained a brillinnt marriage, lost her head over a young college instructor, who taugh Dnglish composition to ireshmen and sophomores, at a salary something less than $\$ 3,000$ a year. It simply proves that the eternal feminine will crop out, however much it has been choked and blighted, just like a dry bulb that's been kept in a damp dark cellar all winter. Once you put it in the sun and warmeh, and give it a little water, it just can't help but grow up bright and gresm-brilliant rank green, foll of juicy stalks and buis. Why, Ruth got to be such a normal sort of Eij" that she hlushed every time Bob's name was mentioned. Fulh the invulnerable! She even lost her appotiteof all ordinary things-and great circles appeared under her eyes. The most astounding feature to me was that Ruth fell in love before she was asked to. Imagine that if you can rath the haughty! The bulb began to staciew shoots like a common onton or potato, lefore invited by the sun. Thines came to such a pass that Will finally touched on the delicate subfect with Boh. We thought the man must be blind, crazy or heartless, not to have seen the tell-tale symptoms in Ruthis manner long before circles began to appear, But Will found that Bob was simply penisiess. This university pays salaries about large enough to keep two canaries alive, and Bob told Will that though br had loved Ruth ever since the day he first-katy her, be couldn't say a word to her ahount it, because he already had a wotine ante alone and dependent living with him, besides a sister he was trying to mat though college, and he knew Ruth ras a girl who had been used to luxuries.
Bul is a kind of dreamy sort of man. He says the simplest things in a way that thills you, His letters, even his notes accoptims dimmer invitations (and such are the only lint I hare ever reccivei) have a kind of "way" with themexclamation points here and there, single words capitalized and perioded, to express a whole sentence. Oh, Dob is awfully indivitual; but he"ll never be rich. He's a teacher, in the first place; and in the second, he hasn't a father with a Cortune. When I realized that Rath loved Bob Jemnings, I wes worried about those demands of chat temperament of hers-the soft-footed, unobtrusive servants, the exquisite china, the fine lace, the dinners perfectly served, all thoze expensive things that Bob couldn't supply in a lifetime. If only Hob had had Breck's fortune, or Breck had had Bob's poetic soul, everything breck have been all rirht, for I am sure rath would have eloped with Eob Jennings the first would have eloped
time he asked her.
I realised that. Ruth was thinging soriously about Bob Jemnings when she began inquiring of Will about the salaries of instructors at the university, Later she asked me how rants were in this section of the country, She was perfectly aware from the very begining that Bob carned just about enough to aiford an apartment


THEA WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR, WEDNESD

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moch sballer than uathi.
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that with three or four weeka more itumunity from killing frost the exceed any previous harvest.
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A Kunsas City woman who has been in touch with all Red Cross work the piat summer visited her old farm home in Minnerota last month. She had oceasion Ainnerota fuet mough a lituen chest it to rummage thrown a center plece. The chest was it roomy one, mude a cen tury ago in Scotland, and out of its lav theior icented depthe came to many in teresting and azeless old garmenta thit the rummager took everything out. She combed fourteen tassed shegts fren split niffitgowne of the voluminoue type, and five thole ones, even chnmine of the 'S0s and white petticonth of a do parted fastion and contalning yards an yards of good white mustin. Bexides the whole garments, there were many roll of table damask and sheating and man sook, yellow with age, but wom erase clean as only country सuchims lamide bleaching could mate it. Ne tashat



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moderate incresise．The two Northwest moderate increlise．The two Northwest with 4.297 cifsh year ago and 8.620 cars Wo minneapolis has prae are fepondent on the current recejpts． The spring whoit movement should soon be lavge enough to afford ample fupplios for the mith，and some surplas for shap ment，hite the demand for flour is so large font the mills un there will exert their stmost influenice to persuade the food administration to necumulate il stock of wheat，to ure later ln the yeur When roceipts drop off．
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pared with $4,285,000$ bushels the week before and $7,834,000$ bushele a yoar aso Private reports on the Canadian wheat crop indicate that it will be gabout the same as last year，when it was considerably under the avarage．
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tgo it was $59.329,000$ ．
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The rirst frost ecaro of the geason sent new corn futares up about 3 conts， turn of warm weather，and cloains prices yesterday were tibout the siame as a weelt ago．
Freczing temperatures oocurred early Inst week in Nfinnesota．Wisconiln and Michigan and frost in lowa and the sotti half of lmmols，indamis and obio Damage was probably exteative in the northern refions，but repartir to tho weather bureay indicated that losses wire not important in Town and cant－ ward．There was only a tonch of frost
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Prices for butcher catile yesterday were 确 10 50 cents higher thin a wook aro．＂Canner＂nows for a time lasi week were alluest unmalable，but killers are buying tiem freely wgain．Veal valves are up 25 to s 0 cents．
Normal fall buylng of stockers and recters is under way．Last woek＇s bhip ments wera 35,000 ．This weok frate opened active．Prices yesterdsy werc 25 to 50 conts higher than a waek afo Fecefpte of cattle in Kannas City 1ani Wock were 5a，550．Compare tho 71,850 in the preceding week and 71,000 a ysal aso．In the past fwo daya reenipts wer 46.000 ，compared with 38.000 in the same ous erades of cattle are here chown：

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Detmand for Logs ram to 10 cents hish－ or theal weck ano itarge namber of fit sows are coming Tho nverage wetcht of hozs last weak was 189 noundis，tite pound henvier than a year ago．
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The prices of hogs Tuesday are here shown：


Only a rmall ner cent of the tamis recelved in the past week lunve gone to killers．The butk of them sold to feeder buyers at $\$ 1 \$$ to $\$ 18.40$ ．Killers pald up to $\$ 18.40$ alsa．Prices ate 50 to 55 conts
bigher than a week ato．
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## History of Adams and Community By Late Citizen

The following interesting item was found among the clippings belonging to the late Mrs. Roy Tany and wa brought to this office by a son, L, R. Tally. It concerns the early history of Adams and will be of interest to many of our readers.
"The following account of early settlements in Gage county and of pioneer days at Adams was prepared by Mrs. Mary Agnes Shaw of Adams and read before the Adams Woman's Club.
"John Adams, who is conceded to be the first permanent white settler in Gage county, came to the Nemaha valley, selected a tract of land of which Adams is now a part, proved fis choice by stretching a strip or bark between two saplings on which was written 'John Adams claims this tract of land this thirtieth day of March, 1857 ?

At that time not a wagon track was to be seen or a habitation of any kind. Yet in a month's time a comfortable $\log$ house was hewn and built with their own hands; also a crop of sod corn was planted, which proved to be quite a material help in the way 1 of food stuffs. Mr. and Mrs. Adams that number now none sulvive. Nir . Adan.
1887.

First Homestead Entry
"Speaking of the first permanent settlers reminds us that Daniel Freeman of Gage county made the first homestead entry in the United States under the homestead entry act of 1863; their $\log$ cabin is still standing.

## ADAMS HIGH B.B. TEAM TO DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Adams journeyed to Wymore last Wednesday evening where they opened the district tournament with a game with Plymouth. This was a good defensive battle for the first half but the locals started to pull away after the rest period and had a 41-27 lead at the close of the game. Huetson hit 21 points ior Adams while the best Vogt of Plymouth could get was 14. Box score:


## Adams 62, Diller 38

On Friday night the Hornets met the Diller Eagles in the semi-finals. The Eagles led 8-5 at the first quarter mark but quick baskets by all of the starting five put Adams in the lead. At halftime the scoire was 26 18 and 41-29 at the three-quarter



