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feel that she is doing a really noble

thing in helping to keep a whole family

in the comfort of body and peace of

mind that will make the family more

girls and get each side to realize what

There were tather and mother and the

boys at the station,

I believe a circle of such people can be

fermed in such a way that gradually

ized into a mutual helpfulness, and it

to love Faith right then and there

But Faith's plan led to a discussion

she was able sooner than she expected

Conrad will never forget the anni-

versary week held in honor of Malcom

Kirk and his church. It was a week

of surprises to him and Dorothy. The

town waked up in sudden, hearty,

western fashion, and before he knew it

Malcom was the recipient of a whole

Sunday the church had appropriate

exercises to celebrate their 25 years'

existence. There was a great sermon

by old settlers and charter members in

the afternoon. In the evening the

young people crowded the church with

their meeting, and when they adjourn-

ed they went out in front of the par-

their own members had composed in

The only sad feature of the day to

Maleom was the presence of Mrs. Bar-

ton at the morning service. It was a

"Ob, Mr. Kirk," said the old woman,

bowed now with years and sorrow, "if

Phil had only been saved! Thank God,

I owe my other son to you!" She went

on to speak of Malcom's efforts which

had made the saloon outlaw in Conrad

those many years and pointed with

pride to her remaining son, who was a

member of the church and one of Mal-

com's great friends. "He'd gone the

way of Phil and his father if the sa-

loon was here," she said and wrung

Malcom's hand and went out, but Mal-

com knew her heart was still hungry

In the courthouse, at which the mayor

presided. Malcom was present as the

guest of honor. He had tried to pre-

ent any such expression toward him-

elf. But when he found himself pow

erless he seized the occasion to glorify

the cause of God's kingdom. His

speech was a splendid tribute to the

ower of righteousness. Throughout

it all his modesty and unselfishness

had never been more forcibly or beau-

tifully illustrated to his townspeople.

The citizens of Conrad remembered

that address long years after countless

political speeches had faded out of

Next day the citizens held a meeting

to put into working practice.

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CHAPTER XX.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AT CON-RAD.

So the winter quickly passed, and spring melted into summer, and then a growing plan developed in Faith's happy and more useful in the world? mind. She had not been able to crowd That is 'the hired girl' problem in one it out of her "heart thoughts," as she sentence. My plan is to start with called any ideas that kept making her | Christian families and with Christian think of other people. Even her rapidly developing artistic power could not prevent the silent, increasing, powertul pressure of an idea that she had also a mission to perform for the good

of people in a certain peculiar way. "I shall have to go home and talk it over with father before I can settle it right," she kept saying to herself all summer, and when fall was ushered in and she could see the frosty mornings on the prairie and call up in memory the sound of the prairie chickens out in the cornfields and see the great stretch of sky that was never possible in the smoky city, with its ugly piles of buildings that shut out sun and air. then Faith grew really lonesome and homesick, and one day she resolutely told Miss Varney that she must go home for a little visit.

"I don't blame you, my dear. Go out home and breathe some fresh prairie air and photograph some Kansas ideas and come back with them, and we will make our fortune."

"I don't know about getting photographs of Kansas ideas," replied Faith, "but I do know about the prairie air. And I'm going to get some.

So Faith ran out to the Pultons', said goodby to them and Francis Raleigh at the same time and started for home that day.

She had written home, telling of her coming, and when she reached Conrad, will be more honorable and better there were father and mother and the financially and morally for a girl to go boys at the station and a little back of | but to service than to go into a store that eager group a stalwart, manly | er an office even, at least for a time ligure, Malcom Stanley, who had come for it really takes more brains to be in quite suddenly the day before from an efficient cook and housekeeper than New Mexico. It is not exactly certain to stand behind a counter and sell no how he knew that Faith was coming | tions." home or, indeed, if he knew anything Faith paused as if she suddenly felt about it, but it is very certain that he that Malcom Stanley was looking at was there at that time and that Mal- her with the greatest interest, as, incone and Derothy had given him a deed, he was. And if he really began hearty welcome.

"You're just in time to help our more truly than he yet had done it was church celebrate our twenty-fifth an- owing to the sudden glimpse he had niversary," Malcom had said to him. caught of a young soul on fire to be and His church was planning in a quiet do for the good of others. way for such an anniversary, and it pleased him much to think that Faith that was long and continued through was to be at home in time and also that Sinnley could be with them.

had were rehearsed in the raining to the lee, and there never had been so much For safe in Middlebascob, Pa., by bearty, pure laughter in the parsonage MIDDLEBI RGH DRUG (Q. since it was built. In the frosty evenings they sat around the one open fire in the parlor, and even Malcom shut up his study and joined the group early, talking over matters with Faith and entering into all her new plans with the enthusiasm of a boy. Dorothy smiled often through happy tears as she looked at her children and saw them growing up into sturdy, useful lives, and in her heart she thanked the Great Pather continually for such treasures, worth more to her and her husband than all the gold and silver in the worlds

"I want the boys to go to Phillips nendemy next fail," Faith said, with an air of one possessed of untold riches. "That's where father graduated, and it will be a fine thing for them to follow him there."

"Splendid;" exclaimed Malcom, "I've

always drawned it would be so."
"Art is long." continued Faith, "but I'm sure I can win some of the prizes for the best photographic ideas offered by the eastern papers. If the boys had \$100 apiece, they could enter the school and earn their own way for the most part, couldn't they, father?" "Of course they could," replied Malcom, and he told of some of his own experiences as a boy in academy and ollege life.

"It seems to me, Mr. Kirk, that you have done a little of everything in your lifetime," said Maleom Stanley, who sat in the family circle and some how seemed quite like one of them. "Everything except looking out for

himself," said Faith quietly, "The Lord has blessed us very much," said Malcom, looking at Faith onderly. "I'm afraid your poor old father has had to fight a good many hard battles against selfishness that he hasn't told you about. Your mother might tell you how bad I am if she

wanted to." "I don't feel like doing it now," replied Dorothy as her eyes rested on Malcom's plain, loving face, and her love for him was stronger than ever.

"But about my plan, father," said Faith after they had all been silent before the fire. "What do you think of it? Can I do anything that way?" "It is worth trying," said Malcom

very thoughtfully. "It will take a good deal of wisdom. Do you think you can do it and carry on your art studies "I don't know." Faith spoke softly. "But now just think of it. Here is the fact: Thousands of families all over

It was perhaps significant of the pe culiar esteem in which Malcom Kirk and Dorothy were held in Conrad that the world are dependent for their physical and mental and moral comfort know that what would be most accept- disciples for the building of his kingable to Malcom Kirk and his wife on dom on the earth. Their children also that kitchens and homes. Now, if this that anniversary would be the love of were going out to fight the same good

so much to them. One incident of that anniversary week illustrated Malcom's character

better than any other. The picture that Stanley had brought to Kirk had been placed in the parson-

age, but it was almost ridiculously large for the small room. Dorothy and Malcom both felt that it was out of place, but the gift meant

so much that they were in doubt what was best to do with it. The day after Malcom's address in the courthouse one of the managers of

the orphans' home that Malcom had been largely instrumental in organizing was calling on Dorothy.

She saw the picture and instantly said:

"If we only had that in the hall of the home!" "Just the place for it, too," said Mal

com when Dorothy told him of it. Without delay and with Stanley' hearty assistance the picture was taken to the home and hung up in a conspicuous place in a large hallway. It had a remarkable effect on visitors One ranchman, who was never known to give anything to any cause, visited; the place shortly afterward, and the

sight of the picture moved him to give

\$25 to the home.

"The sight of that baby in Mr. Kirk's arms just hypnotized the money out of my pocket," he said afterward "That is the sort of hypnotism wa

believe in," said the matron of the home, and Conrad celeast the sentiment.

When the eventful week was gone Faith made her preparations to return Malcom Stanley also automicent his return to the New Mexico facility Tak night before he departed he went into Maleom's study and, with some embarrassment told him what Maleon had seen already, for he and Impothy had not been able to concent forms each other the fact that the yould disglishman had grown to have a ... it living for Faith's company.

"It seems like a short three Mr Kirk, but I love Fairly, and I want your consent to be her sulfor."

"I should think her a men search to worth more to you," solid Mallenia kirk with a flash of his old wit, water has not the slightest approach to levity But he had grown to love Maleson Stanley and felt saire, fram hallen tions, that Faith was not far from the same feeling.

Then I may write to her?" sale Malesun Stanley: "I don't want to eat her away from her plays or her profession. Indeed, if I win her heart. we will accomplish more our shey than separately.

"I believe It." said Malcom gravely and he added with a smile, "My dear fellow, I hope you realize what it means to have a 'hired girl problem' to take care of."

"I will gladly assume that," said Stanley, and he went back to his sol leary work in New Mexico with great enthusiasm. It seems entirely possible that he even found courage to say something to Faith before he went, for Faith and Dorothy had a confidence so many days that we cannot follow it talk that evening, and Dorothy had in detail here. It is enough to say that tears on her face when it was ended, That was a wonderful homecoming for Faith. The experiences she had were rehearsed in the family circular when faith went back to Chicago she carried with her a definite plan which letter with a queer postmark comes she was able sooner than she expected into the studio at Kenwood, where she is making her mark as an artist and fee brooding over her plans for the good of the world, into which plans she now

includes a tall, manly figure out west. When Stanley and Faith had gone at the close of that week, Malcom went over to the church one evening to get his Bible, which he had left on the pulpit. The new church was lighted with electricity, and Malcom turned on the light near the desk, and after finding the Bible he stood on the platform the morning by Malcom and papers | a moment.

While he was there Dorothy came in to get a pot of flowers which had been taken into the church during the an niversary exercises. She came up to the platform and

sonage and sang a hymn that one of stood there with her husband. They were both reminded of that

first night when they had gone into the little church and had made their prom-"It is not like the old room, Malcom,

sadness relieved by one great burst of Is it?" Dorothy said it with a feeling as if a

Presence was in the church that was not human or earthly.

"No, my dear, God has been very good to us all these years." Dorothy crept nearer to him, and

Malcom put his arm about her, and



Dorothy crept nearer to him, and Mal-com put his arm about her. no attempt was made that week to they looked out into the dimly lighted present them with a gold watch or a church together. The battle in Conrad tea set, or any physical token. The was still going in. There was still the church at a business session voted to rum power to meet in one form and increase Malcom's salary, and there another; there were still ugly forms of were very many flowers sent to the evil, selfishness in many shapes, to face, parsonage, but the people seemed to but God had gloriously used these two

find fael the to whe first of the faith, to battle for the

right, to relieve distress and overcome the world. It seemed almost certain that as they stood there an angel of light noted their lives and breathed over the town a benediction of peace, and Malcom and Dorothy passed out of the church and into their home with God's blessing in their hearts. It was not by any chance that Malcom chose for his text as he took his Bible and went up into his study that night the words in the book of the Revelation:

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