

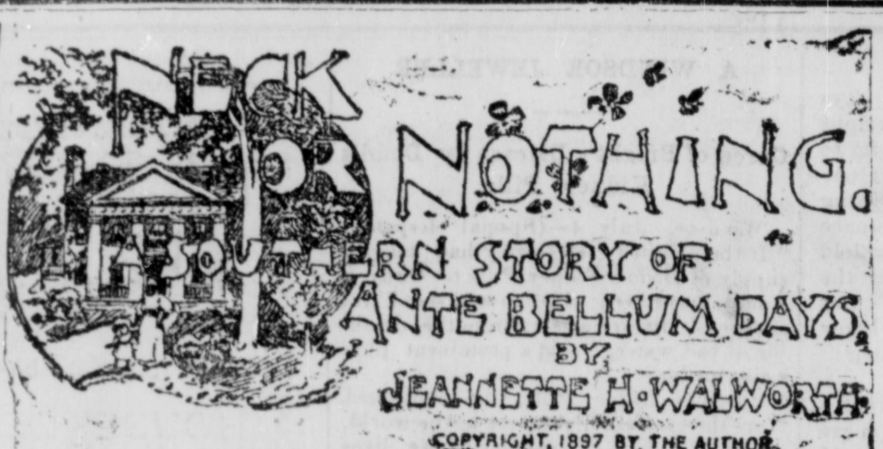
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**NOTHING ABOUT ANTE BELLUM DAYS.**  
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CHAPTER IV

"I don't know whether to feel mad or proud at her astonishment, boys. Sounded something like she didn't think our Liza had any right to her good looks and her proud air. I think she seen that I wasn't particularly complimented, for she said very quick and very sweet:

"She was always very pretty and very bright, but this is the picture of a patrician beauty."

"Then I says: 'I suppose you mean she don't look like she belonged to Martin and me. I reckon the books and the smooth days and ways has done a heap for her. Brooms and dishwater don't help nobody's good looks. I warn't us rough lookin by a deal when I went to live in the quarter lot, and I've seen many a worse lookin feller then my Eben."

"Now, Eben, don't let that silly old head of yours get turned. The madam sorter smiled when I spoke up so spunky and said, 'Mr. Martin is an unusually handsome man, Rebecca, and if you had cared 'nough for appearances you would have been as good lookin today as when you were married.'"

Here Mrs. Martin waved such small pleasantries aside with a broad sweep of her blunt fingered hand.

"But that's neither here nor there, Mrs. Strong," I said, short and crisp. "I wanted to talk to you about my girl. You was the one that urged us on to sendin her away from the quarters till her schoolin was done. You was the one that done all the letter writin for me and helped to keep her in the dark without our ever thinkin of the day when she'd hafter come back to it all. But she's comin. We can't keep her away no longer. She's finished. Don't you reckon we'll be somethin of a shock to her—us down home, I mean—me and Martin and the boys?"

"What did she say, mammy?"

It was a moment of thrilling interest to them all. Mrs. Strong's opinion carried incalculable weight with it. Mrs. Martin had paused reflectively.

"She is a great woman, Seth. She weighs her words as exact as she weighs out the sugar for black Suzanne to preserve with. Speakin of preserves, Eben, she wants you to have them gherkins gathered for the pickles. She says gherkins is Adrien's favorite pickle."

"All right about the gherkins—but 'bout Liza. What did she say?"

"Nothin. She asked me to leave the picture there. She wanted to show it to her father. She came down stairs still a-holdin on to it. Her face looked soberer than when we went up to fix Adrien's room. I reckon she was thinkin how sweet it would be if her Gabriella was comin home lookin like that to sleep in the rose scented room that looks out over the lily pads."

"She didn't say nothin?" Seth's voice was full of disappointment.

"Nothin that counted, Seth. She just said once or twice, 'Mrs. Martin, I envy you.' The idea of her envyin me!"

The overseer tilted his broad shoulders sidewise, the better to consult a huge silver watch by the light of the moon. A broad beam of white light fell athwart the recumbent form on the steps. Charlie had taken no part in the family council. His eyes were closed and his folded arms rose regularly with the rise and fall of his jeans waistcoat. Seth leaned forward and took him gently by the shoulder.

"Blest if the boy ain't gone sound asleep! He's just tuckered out. He knew I wanted to finish that fence, and he stuck by me. Wake up, old chap! Nine o'clock. Bedtime!"

"Better blow the horn fns', Seth. I hear them niggers in the dancehouse yet."

From a nail in the side of the back door Seth took down the long tin horn and, putting it to his lips, executed a soft melody more in unison with the quiet serenity of the stars and the tender, wan light of the moon than with its own sordid mission. It was the plantation "tato."

As the melody of Seth's horn playing penetrated to the ears of the governor and his daughter-in-law it gave a fresh impetus to the discussion that had filled all their evening.

"That's another one of them, Adele. That boy has real musical talent. Martin's children are rather an unusual lot. I am sorry he ever married."

"Father!"

"Yes, sorry. What has he brought children into the world for? No amount of beauty or brains will give them positions. They are overseer's children and will be to the end of the chapter."

"Strong need not necessarily remain under the ban. He has all the world before him. But this girl!"

"Yes, this girl. And, if I understand you aright, she is herself in ignorance of her father's true position. You did wrong, Adele, very wrong."

"I see it myself now, but my motives were good. I knew the class prejudices of the girls with whom she was to

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associate for five or six years. School-girls can be so very merciless. I thought it would militate against her reaping the full benefit of her opportunities."

"Well, now that she has reaped the full benefit of the opportunities given her, what then?"

"What then? I am troubled for the girl, father."

The governor waved his hand autocratically.

"Make a governess of her."

"But if she doesn't want to teach?"

"Doesn't want to teach! Do you suppose she will want to settle down for life yonder?"

He jerked his head impatiently toward the quarter lot.

"Scarcely. Poor child! If it were not for Adrien!"

"Yes—but it is for Adrien. Don't entertain the idea of having her about you a second, Adele. Young men can make awful fools of themselves sometimes. And there is temptation in that girl's face. Help her out of the mess in any other way you can contrive."

Early hours obtained at the mansion as in the cabin. There was nothing to assist the quiet, soberly shod hours in their flight. The governor lifted himself from the depths of his deep Spanish leather chair by a firm grip on its elbows. With the courtesy of a past century he raised his daughter-in-law's smooth, white hand to his lips. It was his good night to her. Soft footed servants closed the long windows and the carved doors against the harmful dews of night.

In full orb'd majesty the moon climbed higher over the trampled quarter lot, the grassless dooryard, the paintless framework, the sordid environment of the home to which Eliza Martin was coming back. It softened, but could not conceal, its unloveliness.

Higher still it had to climb before it could pierce the leafy crowns of the orange trees and the laurestinias that flung sheltering arms about the stately white pillared house, whose lonely occupants were looking forward eagerly to the home coming of Adrien Strong.

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These are to require you and each of you and all and every other person or persons interested, or claiming to be interested in the said Company, as Shareholder or Representative, Agent, Trustee or Agent or Shareholders, to appear before me, Rowen Robert Fitzgerald, Vice Chancellor, in Charlottetown, at the Court of the Vice Chancellor, on Thursday, the Twenty-eight day of July next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why an account should not be taken of the affairs of the Company, and of its debts, property and assets, and why a sum of money now in the hands of the directors, the proceeds of the sale of property of the said Company, and all other the assets of the said Company hereafter to be realized, should not be divided among the shareholders and others interested therein, or having claims thereto, as soon as can be, and why a decree should not be made declaring the rights of shareholders between themselves and their respective rights, and directing the mode of dividing and paying out such assets among shareholders and creditors of the company, and the payment of costs incident to the said proceedings. All persons interested are hereby notified that a decree to be made in the premises shall be final, and that all persons not making claim at the time and place aforesaid shall be barred from any right or claim not allowed by such decree. You are further notified that a petition has been filed by the directors of the said Company with the Registrar of the Court of Chancery in Charlottetown setting forth the names of shareholders and their respective shares as far as known, and other facts in connection with the affairs of the Company pursuant to the Act of the Legislature, intituled "An Act to Facilitate the Liquidation of the Affairs of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company." You and each of you are further notified that in default of your appearance at the time and place aforesaid the hearing of the matter of said petition will proceed, and a decision will be made by which you will be as effectually bound as if you had appeared.

Dated at Charlottetown this Eighteenth day of June, A. D. 1898.

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