

JOHN BURT

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Chapter XVII—Continued.
That evening Arthur Morris called on Jessie. Of her father's name to his suit he had not the slightest doubt. He had carefully rehearsed his avowal. After critically reviewing his campaign, since quitting her, he decided that he had made no mistakes.

He made his declaration confidently, but with more of feeling than Jessie thought him capable. "Mr. Morris," she said with an earnestness which almost choked herself, "is a duty to my father which I cannot forego. He is alone and in trouble, and I cannot leave him. You know little of the price of the garden you imagine that the daughter of General Marjorie will give her hand in marriage so long as the shadow of bankruptcy hangs over his name."

Morris assured Jessie of his absolute confidence in General Carden's financial future, and attempted to secure some conditional promise from her.

"I am willing to wait, don't you know," he said. "I'm sure General Carden will come out all right. Go abroad if you like, but promise to marry me when you return." He gazed longingly at her.

"No, I will promise not to marry with the next two years. Will that satisfy you?"

Morris left Jessie's presence with a bright smile on his face. A few days later General Carden arrived from Boston, and held several conferences with Arthur Morris. One night he greeted Jessie with unusual tenderness. The old prodigal light was in his eyes. His shoulders were thrown back and his step was elastic.

"I am no longer a languishing, wretched creature," he said, when they were alone. "I have so disposed of my securities that I can pay all the bills due to me, and I am left with enough remaining to let you abroad, my pet. Mr. Morris has given me a position which I have not a chance to work into a partnership."

"Oh, that splendid!" exclaimed Jessie. "Are you sure you will not be disappointed?"

"Here is the check," said General Carden, with some surprise. "Why do you ask, Jessie?"



"Because I wish to go to Paris as soon as possible," was the answer. "I am just crazy for the Continent, and I am just crazy for you. And now I can go, can't I, papa?"

"Certainly, my pet," said General Carden. "I will send you a check for five thousand dollars. Do you believe what I have told you, my child?"

"I do," answered Jessie Carden, and her voice and the confident look in her eyes had such an effect on the old man that he declared.

Peter Burt abruptly changed the subject, nor did he return to it. For nearly three hours they talked on various topics, and never once did Peter Burt lead the conversation in a direction not entertaining to his fair young listener.

"You have made this afternoon a very happy one for me, my child," he said, as he lifted her to the saddle. He drew a deep breath and raised his powerful arms.

"May God bless and keep you, my daughter."

Jessie rode home in the fading sunlight, a great joy in her heart. "He is alive and well!" she repeated, time and time again.

A week later Jessie sailed for France. It was nearly two years before she completed her studies, and again entered Boston harbor.

CHAPTER XVIII.
It was delightful to be again in the old-fashioned country house overlooking the ocean. Jessie confessed to Edith Hancock that she felt a keen anxiety to return to Paris was assumed.

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