

"Yes, Mabel, you look very well indeed. Your features are good, your hair glossy, your eyes a good color, and your dress in excellent taste; it wants but the indefinable air and bearing acquired by mingling in good society to make you a very passably young lady. But, pray, hold up your head when you enter the room, and speak out bravely when you are spoken to. And, above all things, remember what I told you of the season, and don't lose the paper with the number of the house."

"Nervously I fumbled in my pocket to ascertain with renewed certainty that the note which I had just put there had not been taken to itself wings and flown away. I had repeated the number of the house to myself at least twenty times, but at the last moment had mislaid Mrs. Dalton's letter, as I thought, from my dressing table, lest by any unforeseen accident my memory might prove treacherous."

"The cab came at the door, and I in it the next moment, whirling away past brilliant shop-windows, and grand mansions ablaze with light, till I felt bewildered with the dazzling splendor of Britain by gaslight, and by the novelty of my present position."

"My thoughts went back to my country home and our few Christmas parties there, when Willie and Fred and Kitty and I would be bundled up in warm wraps, and drive off in father's old-fashioned four-wheel through dark lanes to the house of a neighboring clergyman, or to the next town where some of our young friends lived. I recollect how mischievous Willie had tormented us on more than one occasion by pulling up suddenly on his jogg-trot steed, and suggesting that it was the wrong day, or that we had come to the wrong house. Surely my evil genius led my thoughts into this train, for suddenly a panic took me; I tried in vain to remember whether 18 or 8 was the number of Mrs. Dalton's my Mrs. Dalton's I-abode. With trembling fingers I drew the note from my pocket. At this juncture the driver pulled up. 'Cumberland street, miss; what number, please?'"

"How I applauded myself for my forethought in bringing the letter. Otherwise I had been utterly lost. The note was in my hand, the gaslight was as bright as day, but the letter seemed to swim before my eyes, as if it were a mirage. I recognized Kitty's school-girl scrawl in the place of Mrs. Dalton's elegant handwriting. I had carelessly left her note, too, on my table at morning, and in my hurry had seized the wrong one."

"What number did you say, miss?" The cabman was at the door, impatient to be quit of his charge. "I—I don't know," I stammered. "Be you only out for a drive, then?" suggested the man with a grin, which made me shiver, and determined not to be laughed at by him at any rate. "I want to be set down at Mrs. Dalton's," I said, "but am not sure of the number; it is 18 or 8, I think."

"The man rubbed his forehead as he said, 'Mrs. Dalton? I guess I know her house; 'tain't 18 or 8, but 28.' 'But there are two Mrs. Daltons,' I urged; 'and I am almost sure it is one of those numbers, for my master was going. This information, elicited by my squeamish driver from the stiff footman, seemed decisive. I told the man to drive on and deposit me at No. 28. Yes, Mrs. Dalton resided there. The two grand footmen looked askance at my homely driver and conveyance, but on my slightest intimation, duly admitted me into a brilliantly-lighted hall. Thence an elderly lady, as she seemed to me, conducted me up the broad staircase to a spacious boudoir, where a bright fire burned. I should certainly have taken this lady for a visiting black silk and distinguished confidante, for my hostess had not addressed me thus, as she ushered me into the comfortable apartment."

"My mistress will be so pleased to hear you are come, Miss Mabel; she was afraid you would not arrive in time. But, perhaps, as you are rather early, you will excuse her not being quite ready to receive you. While I make yourself comfortable here while I take her the good news."

"I listened myself in a delicious arm-chair, rested my feet on the polished fender, and began to ponder my situation. There were two things that struck me as rather odd. First, that I should be greeted by my proper name in a house totally strange to me; second that my hostess should have had such fears of my not being in time. 'Very probably,' I thought, 'my name is so common that it is not surprising that she should not have been unkind as to bring to me, till suddenly aroused by the all-potent tones of the clock on the mantelpiece striking eight, and at the same moment by the turning of the handle of the door and the entrance of the grandest lady I had ever seen."

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