THE CHARITY GIRL

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CHAPTER IV.

FRASER.

The village of Fraser, almost hidden among the thick growths of evergreens around it, was twenty miles by horseback from New York City, and its name was almost universally pronounced as Fraser, with the F pronounced as a voice.

The house she had been born in was a small frame one, built in 1830 when the Fraser settlement was a place of some importance.

The Fraser family consisted of three sisters and three brothers, whose ages varied from ten to forty years.

The eldest, Miss Frances, was married to a man who had been a captain in the American Civil War.

Miss Frances had never been outside of Fraser, and had no idea of the outside world.

As for the other members of the family, they had all been born and brought up in Fraser.

The eldest brother, who was a lawyer, had been to college and law school.

The second brother, who was a farmer, had been to college and had married a farmer's daughter.

The third brother, who was a doctor, had been to medical school.

The two sisters, who were married to farmers, had been to school and had brought up their children in Fraser.

The three children of the family were all born in Fraser, and had never left it.

The Fraser family was a happy one, and lived in peace and contentment.

The house was situated on a hill overlooking the village, and was surrounded by a beautiful garden.

The garden was full of flowers, and the house was surrounded by a beautiful lawn.