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MISS FINCH

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

Neil Latimer had met Celia Finch and Ethel, the youngest of that popular family, noted for its feminine politeness, but of Rosamond, the eldest, he had only heard echoes of her own beauty. Men said she was a marble statue and that nothing could awaken her descending peace.

"My sister Rosamond!" Celia had repeated one day. "She's the dearest thing, but she wouldn't be interested in any of this," she waved her fan at the room full of dancers. "She is browsing among books most of the time, is the most absent-minded creature imaginable, and—we are missing most of this dance, aren't we?" she ended wistfully.

Neil apologized and in a moment they were vanishing in the maze.

One afternoon when the fever of spring was in the air and he could not remain indoors harnessed to the routine of a busy office, Neil got into his car and rode out East avenue to the country club. The Finch residence was on East avenue and he had passed Mrs. Finch and the younger girls in the shabby car driven by a middle-aged negro. The Finches were poor in this world's goods but, as they came of a good old family and had many rich relatives, the fatherless family went around a great deal and entertained occasionally in their lovely, decaying home, filled with heirlooms.

Just as Neil reached the Finch residence he became aware that the machine needed water. A maid was standing with her back to him hanging out a smoky washing of clothes. She wore a pink sunbonnet, but he could see a couple of clothepins protruding from the depths of the bonnet.

"Good morning," he said in his pleasant voice. "May I have a pull of water, my car?" he did not finish the sentence but paused in dismay, for the clothepins were removed from the loveliest of lips and the face turned to his was never that of an ordinary maid-servant. Such rare beauty could only belong to the sister of Celia and Ethel—he saw his embarrassment and smiled gravely.

"Water? Certainly," she said in a voice which made his pulses tingle. "If you will come to the house I will give you a pull; there is water in the garage, but you may as well fill the pail in the kitchen." She led the way into a great kitchen, immaculately clean, where an ancient colored woman, crippled with rheumatism, sat in a comfortable armchair by the fire. She croaked hoarse protests when the girl gave Neil a shining pail.

"Hi, Miss Rosamond, honey, done you be waitin' on folks lak that—"

"Please be quiet, Aunt Heppy," cried the girl.

"I am sorry to trouble you—I didn't know that I might be intruding—I am acquainted with Mrs. Finch and her daughters and—"

"You must be coming to dinner to-night, then," suggested the girl. "I recognized you at once—I am Rosamond Finch."

Neil took her hand. "May I stay a little while and let the kitchen company?" he asked. "I'd like to get acquainted."

Rosamond looked doubtful. Then a wave of color invaded her fairness. "I shall be glad, Mr. Latimer, but you see it would embarrass mother and the girls if it were known—you see, Heppy is crippled, so as we cannot afford another maid, I come out and help. Heppy directs me and I love to cook."

"She shore am de bestestest cook!" interrupted Heppy.

Rosamond joined in Neil's laughter. "Heppy is a good teacher, and it gives the younger girls a chance to go about. 'I've been out two seasons already, and I do like a chance to keep up with my studies. I must fly around now because there is dinner to get—oh, we have an extra maid in for that to help Abner in the dining room. Can you mix mayonnaise?"

"Can I?" Neil washed his hands and pushed back his cuffs.

"If you will let me help you a little I'll forewear any knowledge of you and your dark plottings in this kitchen."

"Very well," she laughed merrily. "only you must fly at the stroke of four, so that you will not scandalize mother and the girls."

Neil never forgot that hour spent in the kitchen with lovely Rosamond Finch.

That night at the happy, informal dinner party for which the Finches were famous Neil saw her again and she seemed another girl. Her family and friends took fire from her gaiety and it was a never-to-be-forgotten evening. Rosamond Finch had awakened.

During the weeks that followed Neil learned more about the interesting family of girls who maintained their social position on a depleted income, remade their own clothes, until there came a day when they had to unpeck Mrs. Finch's own wedding dress and veil for Rosamond's bridal. After all the "eldest Miss Finch," who had contentedly stayed at home in the kitchen, was the first bride, and Aunt Heppy, who had turned her into a famous cook, was almost as proud as Neil himself as the bride came up the aisle. "She looks like a lovely statue," said some on that day.

Neil only smiled. He knew that beneath the marble there was flame—had he not kissed his Galatea into life!

President Washington's Deafness.
"No, did his hearing remain entirely good. Mackay noted, at one of the President's dinners in 1780 that he seemed in more good humor than I ever saw him, though he was so deaf that I believe he heard little of the conversation," and three years later the President is reported as saying to Jefferson that he was sensible, too, of a decay in his hearing."—From "The True George Washington," by Paul Leicester Ford.

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The terms of sale to be all cash or part cash and the balance due in installments or on or before 3 years with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, represented by promissory note secured by mortgage upon said real property or part thereof.

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