

diety girl, sat on the veranda of the West Point Hotel, looking far away up the starlit Hudson toward Newburg. There came the sound of a rapid step. The girl's eyes brightened. James Delaney, cadet first classman, came to write himself second lieutenant of artillery, United States army.

field. He stood up straight in that moonlight garden, gave Helen Forbes his arm, and by the course they had chosen they returned to the hotel. The music was there, the lights were there, but in one boy's heart there was neither music nor light.

They reached the veranda. They were almost on the same spot where they had met earlier in the evening. They were standing where the flowers were rather heavily strewn. "Helen," came a voice, a sudden voice.

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