

# Secret Honey Moon

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**SYNOPSIS**  
Cathy Layne, Army nurse, was disappointed when Bill Kendall, with whom she had been in love since childhood, failed to meet her when she arrived home on leave after long service in the Pacific. Aunt Maggie, with whom Cathy lived, disclosed that Edith Kendall, Bill's wealthy, arrogant aunt, had sent him on a short business trip, and had undoubtedly failed to give him the telegram Cathy had sent announcing the time of her arrival.

**CHAPTER TWO**  
"LOOK FAMILIAR?" suggested Aunt Maggie wryly, and jerked an inelegant thumb towards the house.  
"Very impressive," said Cathy dryly.  
"The Dowager Queen would be happy to hear you say that," said Aunt Maggie. "She's had herself a time throwing her weight around, with the mills all

broke down, just about, with war contracts, and the town bursting at the seams with war workers. Folks say she's made so much money that it would take a coal scoop to handle it."  
"That's nice," said Cathy.  
"What wonders me," said Aunt Maggie as the Betsy-Bug scampered past the impressive field-stone fence with its gridded iron gates, "is how Bill stands living there. Like living in a jail—Oh, of course, with all modern improvements. But a jail just the same."  
Cathy hesitated. "Well, I suppose he feels under obligation to her. After all, she did adopt him when he was fifteen, and gave him every possible advantage. And he and his mother had had a terrible time."  
"Sure, sure—but if Edith Kendall could be made to remember that Abe Lincoln freed the slaves," said Aunt Maggie.  
Cathy laughed unsteadily.  
"Darling, I'm beginning to suspect that you don't like Mrs. William Kendall too much," she said teasingly.

"Like her? Does anybody?" snorted Aunt Maggie. "Anyway, she'd resent it furiously if anybody dared to like her. She's much too important to be liked. She wants to be like Ben Bolt's 'Sweet Alice'—she wants people to tremble with fear at her frown and weep with delight at her smile. She wants to be known as the Lady Bountiful of the Manor—provided she doesn't have to spend more than a dollar and a quarter befriending the poor."  
The Betsy-Bug had left the yellow brick with its imposing grounds and was progressing steadily, if not speedily a mile or so beyond, to where several cottages faced each other along the highway, each with its own garden plot and half an acre or so of farm land.  
A neat white picket fence enclosed one of these. It was a trim white cottage, freshly painted, hip-deep in blossoming shrubbery, its walk and drive blazing with spring flowers, the orchard at the back hung with scarves of palest pink and creamy white.  
Aunt Maggie turned the Betsy-Bug's blunt nose through the

gate, drove along to the back of the house, and heaved a sigh of relief as she hid herself from behind the wheel.  
"I'm either going to have to diet or stop trying to drive," she said comfortably as she had said a thousand times before. "I starve myself, drop a few pounds—and then I laugh it back on again!"  
"If you lose so much as an ounce, I'll—sup you," Cathy threatened. "You're just exacting by the way I want you darling!"  
"Then I'll make an apple pie for supper, with lots of cinnamon and sugar," said Aunt Maggie cheerfully, and put her arm about the girl and held her close. "It's good to have you home again, chick."  
"It's good to be here, darling. I used to dream of the place—and of you." Cathy kissed the plump cheek and looked about her. "But you're terribly spruced up, darling. Fresh paint and the pickets all in the place."  
"Well, what did you think I was going to do with all that money you sent home—spend it in riotous living?" demanded Aunt Maggie. "I finished paying for the house, and then I put in electricity and waterworks and some new furniture, and painted it—and made a deed out in your name."  
Tears were very close and she finished tartly. "And now, for Pete's sake, cut out the weeds and come on in. I know you're worn out."  
She unlocked the kitchen door. Since she made her trips to and from town, seven miles away, in the Betsy-Bug, and since the garage was at the back of the house, the front door was rarely used, and seldom even unlocked. Aunt Maggie led the way in and Cathy was properly impressed with the spick-and-span kitchen with its new electric stove and icebox and hot-water heater, the shining green-and-cream-colored linoleum, the perky green percale curtains with their yellow tulips tumbling gaily over the background of green.  
Aunt Maggie took her proudly through the house and Cathy was deeply touched at the shining order, the freshness and undeniable charm of the little place.

"This is your room," said Aunt Maggie, and stood back to look at it. The cream-colored walls, the ivory woodwork, the honey-maple furniture, the glazed chintz draperies with the ruffled organdie looped back beneath them. "If you don't like it, we'll leave it all out and start over again."  
"Like it? I love it! You're a darling," said Cathy warmly.  
"Phooey!" said Aunt Maggie, once more her brisk, vigorous self. "Your clothes are in the closet—the stuff you left behind. Maybe you'd like to get out of that uniform and into something cooler. There's plenty of water for a hot bath. I can't get used to the fact that there's always plenty of water for a hot bath, with that electric heater in there. And I'll fix us some supper."  
They had had supper and the dishes had been washed and put away, and Aunt Maggie and Cathy were on the wide, old-fashioned front porch when a car came swiftly out from town and skidded to a stop at the gate. A man leaped lightly over the low gate and came running up the walk.  
It was dusk, but Cathy would have known him in pitch-black darkness, even before he spoke. She sat very still in the green-painted porch glider, a dim figure in her pale blue linen frock. She could not have stood up or gone to meet him if her life had depended on it. Her knees seemed to turn to rubber, and her heart was beating so fast that her body seemed shaken with it.  
"Cathy!" said Bill. His voice was little more than a choked whisper, yet to Cathy it was like a great shout that made her heart turn over. "Cathy—on, my dearest—is it really you?"  
He came to her, stumbling a little, and knelt beside her and drew her into his arms, holding her close and hard against him. Neither of them knew that at the first sight of him, Aunt Maggie had risen and left the porch. They had forgotten Aunt Maggie; they had forgotten every body save themselves and each other.  
There was a long, blessed interval. It might have been moments; it might have been hours; neither of them knew nor cared. It was enough that after long, long months of waiting, they were together again. But when at last he held her a little away from him and could look into her eyes, Bill asked sternly, "What was the idea of just slipping home and not saying a word to me, Cathy? Why didn't you let me know you'd be here today?"  
"I sent you a wire from Atlanta yesterday," she told him. She saw his brows draw together in a puzzled frown.  
"You sent a wire? I didn't get it," he said then.  
"I sent it to the house, think-

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ing you'd be more certain to get it there than if it went to the mill."  
A look of bitterness touched his face and he nodded.  
"I see," he said after a moment.  
"Bill, if she still—" Cathy said impulsively, but stopped herself before she could finish.  
Bill grimaced wryly.  
"She still would like to do my breathing for me, but since that is out of the question, she just tries to live my life for me," he admitted, and finished grimly, "It's quite a tug o' war between us—but I think I'm holding my own."  
(To Be Continued)

## MEDICS PLAN OWN PUBLICITY GROUP

### Because of a need for better public relations, members of the New Hanover county medical society are planning to form a public relations committee, a spokesman for the society announced Thursday.

The idea was developed Wednesday night at a meeting of 40 members of the society and was in response to a suggestion from Dr. D. B. Koonce, chairman of the state public relations committee of the North Carolina Medical society.  
Dr. Robert M. Fales, president of the New Hanover society is expected to appoint a local committee within the next few days, the spokesman disclosed.  
A suggestion that the meetings of the local society be thrown open to newsmen was discarded in favor of a plan to summarize the meetings and issue a prepared summary to newspapers, the spokesman said.

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### The final plans for the Christmas party will be completed at the December meeting of the association.

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