

A REAL DAUGHTER OF THE REVOLUTION

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CHAPTER XVI. YORKTOWN.

It was gray dawn when she rode into the inn stable-yard, but there was no stir about the premises, and she found the stable-door open, as she had left it.

The Ellerys found Edward quite as ill as Bessemer's letter had led them to suppose, and for the next few weeks their hands were full with nursing him.

Next came information of Washington's arrival, then news that the French and American forces were marching forward from Williamsburg.

During all the worry and excitement of these troublous times Bessemer did not neglect Jane or fail to look after her comfort as well as he could.

Returning from the conference with his chief, he stopped to see Jane and took her into his confidence sufficiently to tell her something of the enterprise he had on foot.

"If we succeed, sweetheart," he said, "if we get out of this hole where we are held like mice in a trap, then we shall be able to soon turn the tables upon these allies and bring the war to a speedy close; then I shall, shall I not, claim the fulfillment of your promise and carry you back to England with me as my wife."

"Col. Bessemer," said Jane, who tried more than once to interrupt him, "I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me this afternoon, but I feel that I have been most remiss in receiving it without first acquainting you with something which, when you learn of it, may cause you no longer to desire me for your wife."

"Then, with voice which faltered not a little under the growing anger in his eyes, she acquainted him with her side to warn Lafayette's army Bessemer's brow darkened; his lips compressed. Pushing back his chair, he walked to the window. "And so," he said, turning to her at last, "you thought to serve a double purpose by your treachery? To save the partisans of your lover, and to forge a means of making me repent the wish to make you my wife? You have miscalculated in the last. You shall marry me. Had I time, did not other matters press, would I wedded to-night; but as it is, the delay will not be for long, and I will take care that my wife shall be loyal."

He strode from the room. Jane sat for a moment, trembling under the lash of his anger and not less under the misconception he had put upon the motive of her confession; then she moved towards the window. It looked out upon an October sunset. To the north and west a crimson curtain had been dropped, and against this curtain was clearly the figure of Col. Bessemer as he rode towards the river.

A heavy fog had wrapped the little town and its environments in a chill embrace when, next morning, the British rode out from their quarters. It was not yet four o'clock, and the sun had not thought of rising, nor was there a streak of dawn. The troops rode silently, for their mission must be performed quietly or not at all. It was, in truth, to capture some new batteries on the French side which had only been completed the day before and were supposed to be poorly guarded. If the effort were successful, it was proposed to throw the whole weight of the British army against the weakened point and cut through a road of escape.

Bessemer and his legion were in the lead, for it was his plan and he was to take the brunt of its execution. He and his men went forward gallantly; they swarmed upon the batteries; they captured them—but, ere the rest of the British force could come up, the alarm had been sounded along the French and American lines; guards rushed to the relief of the assailed point, and the British were driven back, leaving their dead and wounded strewn along the batteries; leaving there too the body of their leader.

It was the last attempt of the British save one to escape from the toils which held them, and when that last effort had been made and foiled, it was little wonder that Lord Cornwallis gave up in despair, nor that he should send proposals for surrender to Mr. Washington.

The day of the surrender dawned fair, but Jane refused to go with her triumphant aunt to see the spectacle. She felt that it was a small enough act of loyalty towards both the dead Bessemer and the living Edward to remain away from a scene that would have been so humiliating to both had they been present to witness it.

But Aunt Susannah was deterred by no such scruples, and, arrayed in all the finery she could muster, with her head held very high, she set forth to view the pageant.

The spectacle was well worth coming miles to see, and many had come. There was a surprising concourse of onlookers considering the smallness of the town, the poor facilities for travel between the place of surrender and the surrounding country, as well as the haste with which the whole affair had been arranged.

Upon the left stretched the long line of French troops; upon the right, the even longer line of Americans with Washington, the one splendid figure, upon his white charger at their head. The appearance of the triumphant armies was shabby. The uniforms showed the hard work of the siege; the mud-stains of the trenches; the powder burns; the mildew patches woven by foggy nights and hot days. Of the Americans, many were threadbare, and not a few in tatters.

Between these faded columns came the British in their bright new clothes which Cornwallis had had made, in a final spurt of lavishness, ordered issued; but if their garb was bright their faces were in contrast. With sullen countenances, downcast eyes, and leaden tread they marched down the long, wide aisles that had been left for them, their colors faded and their drums beating sardonically that appropriate tune, "The World is Turned Upside Down."

It was after the ceremonies were over that Mrs. Ellery and Geoffrey met, for young Worthington, it seemed, was a captain of infantry in Gen. Washington's army, and his had been one of the very companies that engaged in the defeat of Bessemer on the foggy morning so fatal to that warrior. Nothing would do but Aunt Susannah must carry him back in triumph with her to the house where she and Jane and Edward were quartered, and on the way Mrs. Ellery's tongue was not idle.

As they entered the door-way of the house Jane was just descending the stairs, on her way to the dining-room for some food for Edward. At sight of Geoffrey the color—considerably dimmed by events of the past months—deserted her cheeks, and she laid her hand upon the balustrade for support. It was surprising how so susceptible a woman as Aunt Susannah could melt away so quickly, but disappear she did, and Worthington and Jane were left the only occupants of the hall.

"Jane," he came swiftly towards her. "Jane, your aunt has just told me what you have done, what you were to do for my sake, of sacrifice you had made and were to make to save my life. My God, to think that you could have sacrificed yourself thus for me, and that I, fool, poltroon, should have misread you, should have—Jane, can you forgive me the words I spoke at your father's house the last night we were together? Can you, perhaps, still care a little for a man so dull that he could not read your too generous heart aright, and must needs have it interpreted for him by others? Tell me, Jane, can you care for such a one?"

The gray strains of a martial band passing the house drifted in from the street as he bent his head to receive his answer.

THE END.

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Farmers' Institute begins Sept. 1.

Commissioner of Agriculture Hubert Vreeland has sent out the following letter to farmers of the State apprising them of the preparation of schedules for the Farmers' Institutes which will be held this year, and of plans:

"I am now engaged in preparing a schedule for the farmers' institutes to be held in Kentucky during the coming institute season, which will open not later than September 1. This department will hold at least one institute in every county in the State this year, and as soon as the schedule is completed it will be published so that every county will know just when its annual institute will be held. These dates will be made to conform to the wishes of the various clubs as nearly as possible, out as the holding of 119 institutes is such a tremendous undertaking, it will be necessary to proceed with system and to take the counties consecutively from the starting points.

"There will be two lecture forces; one for the eastern section and one for the central and western. These forces will be kept going constantly until the entire State has been covered. You will readily realize that this will entail considerable hard work and the hearty co-operation of the farmers will aid the department greatly in carrying out the project. The best lectures to be found will be employed, and with the aid of the farmers, I have no hesitancy in saying that this movement will be fraught with more practical results than any movement ever set on foot in the State.

"I, therefore, respectfully urge that every farmer lend a helping hand and assist in making institute work in Kentucky what it is in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and other progressive agriculture States. Kentucky has the soil and the climatic conditions that should make her take front rank in the line of agricultural States and it is my earnest desire that she should take the place that is rightfully hers.

"As you are probably aware, the last Legislature increased the appropriation of this department \$20,000, making the total appropriation for institute work and the general conduct of the office \$32,000 annually instead of \$12,000. Without the co-operation of the farmers, I could not have brought this bureau into such prominence as to cause the legislative body of our State to increase the appropriation to such an extent, when only a short while before it was regarded as a mere drain on the public funds. It is therefore my earnest desire to bring this department as close to the people as possible, and in that way alone I hope to make it of practical value to each and every farmer in the State of Kentucky.

"Feeling assured that you will help me to give the results I pledged you when I was entrusted with the management of this office, and assuring you that this department stands ready at all times to aid the farmers of your county and of the State in a practical way, I beg to remain, "Very sincerely yours, "HUBERT VREELAND, "Commissioner."

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Home Circle Column.

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

VALUABLE LESSONS.

We have in our community a number of boys and men whose names could be written on the lazy list without doing them an injustice. Solomon was something of a naturalist in connection with his many other accomplishments. Being also of a practical cast of mind he was able to turn his knowledge to good advantage. In the commonplace things of life he found many valuable lessons for man. In the diminutive ant he discovered habits of life which put to shame the slothful, and so when he beheld the human curbstone ornaments, and the fellows who loved to sit upon dry goods boxes of his day, he said:

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise.

"Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler.

"Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

If industry is a virtue, laziness may consistently be treated as a crime. Sociologists are agreed that the child who has nothing to do in a bad way. Parents and guardians who go upon the theory that an occasional job of work will tend to stunt the growth of their offspring, lay the foundation for careers which will prove not a blessing, but a curse.

PICKING FRUIT.

Fruit picking is in some ways similar to the battle of life. There are any number of people who are ready and willing to pick the small, half ripe fruit near the ground, but only an occasional one who will make the effort necessary to secure the large, ripe, full grown fruit on the upper branches. It takes some nerve and considerable grit to reach those cherries on the topmost branch, and it takes nerve, good judgment, and a never faltering purpose to gain those things in the battle of life that are really worth the attaining.

There are hundreds of applicants for the easy work of picking fruit near the ground; there are hundreds of applicants for the easy work of the commonplace jobs. Too many people never realize to what heights they might attain, simply because they are too apt to be content with those things easy of achievement. That which requires long and constant effort to secure, usually worth the having once its possession is obtained.

The school boy should early learn the lesson that the ripest, biggest cherries are at the top and that nine out of ten of his fellows will be crowding for places to pick around the base of the tree where the small, wormy fruit grows. There is plenty of room at the top; there are plenty of cherries growing there. The luscious fruit is ready for the picking and ever smiles a welcome to the hustler to climb up and obtain possession. The best things in life require considerable effort to get, and that's why the strongest men and women have them.

INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE.

The natural education of the home is prolonged far into life. Indeed it never entirely ceases. But the time arrives, in the process of years, when the home ceases to exercise an exclusive influence on the formation of character and it is succeeded by the more artificial education of the school and the companionship of friends and comrades which continues to mould the character by the powerful influences of example. Men of all ages cannot help imitating those with whom they associate. If young men are wisely influenced and directed and exert their own free energies, they will seek the society of those better than themselves and strive to imitate their example. There are persons whom to know is to love, honor and admire, and others whom to know is to shun and despise. Live with persons of elevated character and you will feel lifted up in them. "Live with wolves," says the Spanish proverb, "and you will learn to howl." The life of every man is a daily inculcation of good or bad example to others. The life of a good man is at the same time the most eloquent lesson of virtue and the most severe reproof of vice. There are men in whose presence we feel as if we breathed spiritual ozone, refreshing and invigorating, like inhaling mountain air or enjoying a bath of sunshine. The golden words that good men have uttered, the examples they have set, live through all time. These being undisputed facts how carefully our young people should select their associates and be found only with those whose examples they can take pride in following.

Don't look on the bright side of anything. Don't permit yourself to see good in anyone. Don't have any character for your erring brother or sister. If you have any of the milk of human kindness in your heart curdle it in some way. Believe that all men and women, too, are liars and the truth is not in them. Find fault with your fellowman. Say mean things about your neighbor; envy her; hate her; seek your own; scrape if you don't get it; think evil; rejoice in iniquity; endure nothing; believe nothing, and if you are not completely miserable and unhappy it is because you have not yet quenched the last vital spark of love in your being.

STATE CONVENTION. Annual Sunday School Convention to be Held at Clyffside. 41st Annual Convention of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, August 21, 22, 23, 1906, Clyffside Park, Kentucky's Greatest Interdenominational, Inspirational, Educational, Informational Sunday School Gathering. Ten Sunday School Experts of State, National and International Fame.

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