# The SKY PILOT

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### CHAPTER XX.

HOW BILL FAVORED "HOME GROWN INDUSTRIES."

THE building of the Swan Creek church made a sensation, and all the more that Bronco Bill was in command.

"When I put up money I stay with the game," he announced; and stay he did, to the great benefit of the work and to the delight of the Pilot, who was wearing his life out trying to do several men's work. It was Bill that organized the gangs for hauling stone for the foundation and logs for the walls. It was Bill that assigned the various jobs to those volunteering service. To Robbie Muir and two stalwart Glengarry men from the Ottawa lumber region, who knew all about the broadax, he gave the hewing down of the logs that formed the walls. And when they had done, Bill declared they were "better 'an a sawmill." It was Bill, too, that did the financing, and his passage with Williams, the storekeeper from "the other side" who dealt in lumber and building material, was such as established forever Bill's reputation in finance.

With the Pilot's plans in his hands he went to Williams, seizing a time when the store was full of men after their mail matter.

"What do you think of them plans?" he asked innocently.

Williams was voluble with opinions and criticism and suggestions, all of which were gratefully, even humbly, received.

"Kind of hard to figger out jest how much lumber 'll go into the shack," said Bill. "Ye see, the logs makes a difference."

To Williams the thing was simplicity itself, and, after some figuring, he handed Bill a complete statement of the amount of lumber of all kinds that would be required.

"Now, what would that there come to?"

Williams named his figure, and then Bill entered upon negotiations.

"I ain't no man to beat down prices. No, sir; I say give a man his figger. Of course, this here ain't my funeral; besides, being a gospel shop, the price naterally would be different." To this the boys all assented and Williams looked uncomfortable.

"In fact," and Bill adopted his public tone, to Hi's admiration and joy, "this here's a public institooshun" (this was Williams' own thunder), "condoocin' to the good of the community" (Hi slapped his thigh and squirted half way across the store to signify his entire approval), "and I cherish the opinion" (delighted chuckle from Hi) "that public men are interested in this concern."

"That's so! Right you are!" chorused the boys gravely.

Williams agreed, but declared he had thought of all this in making his calculation. But, seeing it was a church, and the first church and their own church, he would make a cut, which he did after more figuring. Bill gravely took the slip of paper and put it into his pocket without a word. By the end of the week, having in the meantime ridden into town and interviewed the dealers there, Bill sauntered into the store and took up his position remote from Williams.

"You'll be wanting that sheeting, won't you, next week, Bill?" said Williams.

"What sheetin' 's that?"

"Why, for the church. Ain't the logs up?"

"Yes, that's so. I was just goin' to see the boys here about gettin' it hauled," said Bill.

"Hauled!" said Williams, in amazed indignation. "Ain't you goin' to stick to your deal?"

"I generally make it my custom to stick to my deals," said Bill, looking straight at Williams.

"Well, what about your deal with me last Monday night?" said Williams angrily.

"Let's see! Last Monday night!" said Bill, apparently thinking back. "Can't say as I remember any pertickler deal. Any of you fellers remember?"

No one could recall any deal.

"You don't remember getting any paper from me, I suppose?" said Williams sarcastically.

"Paper! Why, I believe I've got that there paper on to my person at this present moment," said Bill, diving into his pocket and drawing out Williams' estimate. He spent a few moments in careful scrutiny.

"There ain't no deal on to this as I can see," said Bill, gravely passing the paper to the boys, who each scrutinized it and passed it on, with a shake of the head or a remark as to the absence of any sign of a deal. Williams changed his tone. For his part, he was indifferent in the matter.

Then Bill made him an offer.

"Of course I believe in supportin' home grown industries, and if you can touch my figger I'd be uncommonly glad to give you the contract."

But Bill's figure, which was quite 50 per cent lower than Williams' best offer, was [illegible]

"Thought I'd make you the offer," said Bill carelessly, "seein' as you're institootin' the trade and the boys here 'll all be buildin' more or less, and

*"Ain't you goin' to stick to your deal?"*

I believe in standin' up for local trades and manufactures." There were nods of approval on all sides, and Williams was forced to accept, for Bill began arranging with the Hill brothers and Hi to make an early start on Monday. It was a great triumph, but Bill displayed no sign of elation. He was rather full of sympathy for Williams and eager to help on the lumber business as a local "institooshun."

Second in command in the church building enterprise stood Lady Charlotte, and under her labored the Hon. Fred, the Duke, and, indeed, all the Company of the Noble Seven. Her home became the center of a new type of social life. With exquisite tact—and much was needed for this kind of work—she drew the bachelors from their lonely shacks and from their wild carousals and gave them a taste of the joys of a pure home life, the first they had had since leaving the old homes years ago. And then she made them work for the church with such zeal and diligence that her husband and the Duke declared that ranching had become quite an incidental interest since the church building had begun. But the Pilot went about with a radiant look on his pale face, while Bill gave it forth as his opinion, "though she was a leetle high in the action, she could hit an uncommon gait."

With such energy did Bill push the work of construction that by the 1st of December the church stood roofed, sheeted, floored and ready for windows, doors and ceiling, so that the Pilot began to hope that he should see the desire of his heart fulfilled—the church of Swan Creek open for divine service on Christmas day.

During these weeks there was more than church building going on, for while the days were given to the shaping of logs and the driving of nails and the planing of boards the long winter evenings were spent in talk around the fire in my shack, where the Pilot for some months past had made his home and where Bill, since the beginning of the church building, had come "to camp." Those were great nights for the Pilot and Bill, and indeed for me, too, and the other boys, who, after a day's work on the church, were always brought in by Bill or the Pilot.

Great nights for all of us they were. When the pipes were lighted then came yarns of adventures, possible and impossible, all exciting and wonderful, and all received with the greatest credulity.

Happy nights, without a care, but that the Pilot would not get the ghastly look out of his face, and laughed at the idea of going away till the church was built. And, indeed, we would all have sorely missed him, and so he stayed.

### CHAPTER XXI.

HOW BILL HIT THE TRAIL.

WHEN "the crowd" was with us the Pilot read us all sorts of tales of adventures in all lands by heroes of all ages, but when we three sat together by our fire the Pilot would always read us tales of the heroes of sacred story, and these delighted Bill more than those of any of the ancient empires of the past. He had his favorites. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, never failed to arouse his admiration. But Jacob was to him always "a mean cuss," and David he could not appreciate. Most of all he admired Moses and the apostle Paul, whom he called "that little chap." But when the reading was about the one Great Man that moved majestic amid the gospel stories Bill made no comments—he was too high for approval.

By and by Bill began to tell them tales to the boys, and one night, when a quiet mood had fallen upon the company, Bill broke the silence.

"Say, Pilot, where was it that the little chap got mixed up into that riot?"

"Riot!" said the Pilot.

"Yes. You remember when he stood off the whole gang from the stairs?"

"Oh, yes, at Jerusalem."

"Yes, that's the spot. Perhaps you would read that to the boys. Good yarn! Little chap, you know, stood up and told 'em they were all sorts of blanked thieves and cutthroats, and stood 'em off. Played it alone too."

Most of the boys failed to recognize the story in its new dress. There was much interest.

"Who was the duck? Who was the gang? What was the row about?"

"The Pilot here'll tell you. If you'd kind o' give 'em a lead before you begin, they'd catch on to the yarn better." This last to the Pilot, who was preparing to read.

"Well, it was at Jerusalem," began the Pilot, when Bill interrupted:

"If I might remark, perhaps it might help the boys on to the trail, mebbe, if you'd tell 'em how the little chap struck his new gait." So he designated the apostle's conversion.


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### APPENDICITIS.

Appendicitis must be the subject of this lecture, and I can assure you it is not from choice. Of late I have had a great many letters asking for advice regarding the home treatment of the disease, and if I thought surgery always necessary. The second question is easy, and may be answered with an emphatic no; but to answer the former question is no mean task. Nearly all medical books that have been published in recent years contain elaborate descriptions and minute directions for the treatment, nearly all of which is where to cut, when to cut, how to cut, and in some books how many timse to cut. In fact, some do not recognize any method of cure but a surgical method. Now if they should take the view of a St. Louis physician, i. e., that all kinds of sickness that could be cured without medicine were surgical cases, then possibly people who think that an operation is the only cure for appendicitis are correct. I, however, beg leave to differ, although I admit that there are cases in which an operation is necessary; but they are few.

What Appendicitis Is. — In the first place, what is apendicitis? In the simplest form that I can express it, I would say that it is an inflammation of the mucous lining of the vermiform appendix, commencing as a catarrhal inflammation, and extending sometimes to other parts, and sometimes confining itself to the vermiform appendix, but advancing to such a degree that destruction of the parts takes place, causing perforation and gangrene. I presume I might fill half a column with long names which would be meaningless, so what is the use? You know what I mean when I say that inflammation has so far advanced that a hole has been made through the little sack called the appendix, and allows pus or fecal matter to pass into the abdominal cavity. Now, while such a condition is quite serious, it is not always fatal, if properly treated, even without an operation.

The appendix is situated on the right side of the abdomen at the end of the small intestines, just above the right groin. Just before the large intestines commence, there is an enlargement of the intestines, called the caecum, and running out from this pouch-like enlargement is a small appendage, which on account of its wormlike appearance is called vermiform appendix. Some will contend this is a useless thing, but it is not. Through neglect, abuse, misuse, or accident, various organs of the body may become weak, sick, atrophied, or entirely destroyed, and still the person may live happily, but a decided change takes place. The voice and manner of a eunuch becomes womanish, while the voice and manner of a woman unsexed, becomes, as a rule, coarse and manlike. A more striking object lesson is afforded in the ox, the wethers and the gelder horse. An all-wise Creator placed that little lubricating sack there for a purpose, and if man will observe the laws of nature, with regard to diet and exercise and avoid constipation and gluttony, the little thing will do its share of work faithfully throughout a long and useful life.

No Harm in Grape Seeds.—There is one thing about the appendix which I am tempted to tell you, but I have made it a rule to tell the simple, plain facts and then, if you neglect my advice and suffer, I cannot be held responsible. It is seldom, if ever, that the dreaded grape seed is the cause of appendicitis. Now the terrible fear of the disease has caused many to adopt the proper and prudent plan of discharging the seeds of grapes and raisins. They should never be swallowed under any circumstances. They might cause the disease by irritation. Large quantities of them have been taken into the stomach at a time and being hard and indigestible, are hurried on by the instinctive action of the alimentary canal as soon as their nature is discovered. Nature soon notifies the brain that the colon should be evacuated, but no attention is paid to the notice. The efforts of the intestines grow feebler and feebler and at last cease. Then we have fecal impaction. At last the colon is partly filled, and when the ilio caecal valve opens to pass the contents of the small intestines into the large, there is found no room, and as that little valve is very sensitive, it at once closes and refuses to open for some time. More food is eaten and more waste is forced down until the little valve again tries to discharge its contents, but still no room has been made, and again it becomes closed, more tightly than before, and now the trouble begins. A little cold is taken, and the little pouch becomes heated, the inflammation extends to the little appendix, and it relaxes until some of the fecal matter is crowded into it. The symptoms which follow are nearly always the same.

Symptoms.—First of all will be a very sharp pain in the region just above the right groin, and intense suffering upon the pressure or movement. At that point examination will reveal tenseness, and soon considerable swelling beneath which may be found an oval tumor, and the whole abdomen will become enlarged. The patient will be found on the right side with limbs drawn up to relieve all tension of the muscles in the affected region. Constipation is marked, and the urine is partially suppressed; often there is vomiting of offensive material, having a fecal odor, the pulse is wiry and frequent, the countenance distressed and the voice feeble.

If the appendix alone is inflamed there will be no fecal odor to the vomited material, and the swelling and tumor will be less pronounced, although the pain will be intense. The danger in these cases lies in the liability of suppuration and perforation into the abdominal cavity. Sometimes there may be suppuration and evacuation outward, or through the bowels, or the suppurative materials may be absorbed.

Injections Should Be Given.—If the inflammation is caused by accumulations of feces in the caecum, large injections of warm water or infusion of spearmint (three or four quarts in amount) should be given, and repeated if necessary until free evacuations are obtained. When inflammation of the appendix exists place over the affected region a large and hot mullein leaf poultice, containing considerable lobelia herb, and sprinkled lightly with ginger, and administer by the mouth teaspoonful doses of an infusion of lady slipper, one teaspoonful, and lobelia, half a teaspoonful, to a cup of boiling water every half hour. Sustain the strength by broths or malted milk or other liquid foods. Enjoin perfect quietude in bed, and move the bowels by injection, never using cathartics.

Men are more subjected to appendicitis than women. Children and old people are more liable to have it than persons in the prime of life. Persons who eat heartily after a long fast, or while the intestines are empty, after having used a cathartic, are subject to it, because the severe strain caused by the cathartic has weakened the canal throughout.

Avoid constipation, gluttony, and indigestible substances, drink plenty of water, and after a fast or cathartic eat sparingly of easily digested food, and don't be in a hurry to have an operation performed.

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## INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

Parchment Obtained in Mexico Showing Evidences of Extreme Age.

A New York lawyer who lately returned from Guadalajara has brought with him a document which, if authentic, is valuable beyond price. It was secured from a man in the Thieves Market, in Guadalajara, who was ignorant of its value and had no information to give concerning its history beyond the fact that he bought it from a woman about a year ago. It is a parchment showing evidences of extreme age and bears in Latin the sentence which was pronounced upon Jesus Christ by Pontius Pilate, which translated reads:

"I, Pontius Pilate, here in Jerusalem, regent of the Roman empire, judge and condemn to death Jesus, known as the poor Nazarene, and of the nation of Galilee, a seditious man, opposed to the law and to our Senate and the great Emperor Tiberius Caesar. And I determine that his death shall be upon the cross, fastened with nails, as is the custom with criminals. Because here join and congregate each day many men, rich and poor, who have not desisted to provoke tumult throughout Judea, proclaiming this man the Son of God and King of Israel, and threatening ruin to this noted city of Jerusalem and its temple and this sacred empire. And because he had refused tribute to Caesar and has had the boldness to enter with palms of triumph and a great multitude into the city of Jerusalem and into the sacred temple of Solomon.

"I therefore command the first centurion, named Quinto Cornello, to remove from the city of Jerusalem this offender, putting upon him such robes as shall make him known to all, and the same cross on which he is to be crucified, and conducted through the streets between two robbers who also have been condemned to death for thefts and murders, in this manner making an example which all people and all criminals shall heed. And I further command that the public crier shall proclaim his offenses as here expressed, and that after having traversed the public streets he shall be taken by the port of Fegora, now known as Antonina, to the mountain of Calvary, where it is the custom to execute all criminels. There he shall be crucified on the same cross that he has carried, and his body shall be left hanging between those of the two robbers. And above the cross, in the three languages which are now generally known—Hebrew, Greek and Latin—shall be placed the inscription: 'This is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews,' so that all may understand and that he shall be known to all. And let no one, of whatever state or condition, under penalty of losing rights and life, dare to interfere with the execution of this sentence with full rigor as I have commanded, according to the Roman and Hebrew laws.

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