Nelson House, and two on the Whol-

An hour later Jan went slowly across the open to Cummins' cabin. As he

quickly passed from her flushed face

to the young man who was sitting op-

posite her. He caught a nervous trein-

"I'm glad to know you, Cummins."

he took the extended hand. "Jan Tho-

"Oh, I beg your pardon. I thought"-

He turned inquiringly to Melisse. The

flush deepened in her cheeks as she be-

the words with cool precision. "Only

we have lived under the same roof

come to be like brother and sister."

about your run this morning," ex-

claimed the young Englishman, his

face reddening slightly as he detected

the girl's embarrassment. "I wish I

"There will be plenty of it very

soon," replied Jan, caught by the

frankness of the other's manner. "Our

runners will be going out among the

"You may go with me if you can run,

"Thanks," said Dixon, moving to-

Melisse did not lift her head as he

"I've kept your dinner for you, Jan.

"I had dinner with Gravois," he re-

and, throwing it over his arm, turned

in spite of himself there was a strange-

ness in his manner which she would

trappers within a fortnight."

"And will they take me?"

went out. Faintly she said:

I accepted his invitation."

others? You didn't tell me."

"Over the Neison House trail?"

looked at him. Then she laughed, and

a bright spot leaped into either cheek. "I understand, brother," she said soft-

ays that she is as sweet as a wild flow

Melisse saw only the first effect of her

"I turn off into the Cree lake country

before I reach MacVelah's," he was on

the point of saying, but the words hung

A few minutes later he was talking

with Jenn de Gravols. The little

Frenchman's face was ominously dark

and he puffed furiously upon his pipe

"Running away!" he repeated for the

ing in a sneer. "I am sorry that I gave

you my oath, Jan Thoreau, else I would

in the papers. Fish! Why can't you

He shrugged his shoulders despair

Jean snapped his tingers with a low

Thorean, and if it turns out as you

say I swear I will abandon my two

"I am going the day after tomor-

The next morning lowaka complained

to Melisse that Gravois was as surly

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at once for the south, a

"And then what."

Then'

upon his lips, and he remained slient.

up and visit us some time, Jan."

south." he answered.

not understand.

Why didn't you come sooner?"

I leave the day after tomorrow."

gan to gather up the dishes.

"Mr. Dixon, this is my brother, Jan."

wrong way of his eye."

data, and one"-

held out a hand.

By James Oliver Curwood

CHAPTER IX.

The New Agent and His Son, AN thrust a hand inside his coat and clutched at the papers that Jean de Gravois had read. Then he drew them forth slowly and held them crumpled in his fingers, while for many minutes he stared straight out into the gray gloom of the treeless plain.

His eyes shifted. They went from rock to rock and from tree to tree until at last they rested upon a glant spruce which hung out over the precipitous wall of the ridge, its thick top beckoning and sighing to the black rocks that shot up out of the snow 500 feet below. Mokee had told Jan its story. In the first autumn of the wo-



He Thrust In the Papers, Crowded Them Down and Filled the Hole With

Chunks of Bark.

man's life at Lac Bain he and Per-ee had climbed the old spruce, lopping off its branches until only the black cap remained, and after that it was known far and wide as the "lobstick" of Cummins' wife. It was , voiceless ceno- Ledoq's!" taph which signifier flut all the bonor and love known to the wilderness people had been given to her.

To it went Jan, the papers still held in his hand. He had seen a pair of Iowaka called out shrill adieus. whisky tacks storing food in the butt of the tree two or three summers be- two will be as you and I, my lowaka." fore, and now his fingers groped for said Ivan in his poetic Cree. "I wager the hole. When he found it he thrust in the papers, crowded them down birthday!" and filled the hole with chunks of bark.

"Always my sister, and never anything more to Jan Thoreau," he said gently in French as if he were speaking to a spirit in the old tree. "That | ed on the dogs in a sourt that left her is the honor of these snows; it is what the great God means us to be. I swear that Jan Thoreau will never do wrong to the little Melisse!" With a face white and set in its determination he turned slowly away from the tree.

When he came into the cabin for breakfast next morning Jan's face showed signs of the struggle through which he had gone. Cummins had already finished, and he found Melisse alone. Her hair was brushed back in Jan gathered in his whip and ran close its old, smooth way, and when she heard him she flung her long braid over her shoulder, so that it fell down trained forest runner, his chest thrown in front of her. He saw the movement, and smiled his thanks without | ing trail ahead.

"You don't look well, Jan," she said anxiously. "You are pale, and your eyes are bloodshot."

I am not feeling right," he admitted, trying to appear cheerful, "but this coffee will make a new man of me. You make the best coffee in the world,

"What are you going to do today, Brother Jan?" she asked.

Drive out on the Churchill traff. Panting and breathless, Jan pursued Ledoq wants supplies, and he's too busy with his trap lines to come in." "Will you take me?"

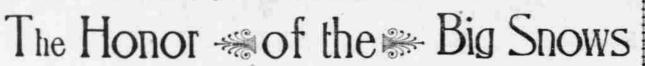
"I'm afraid not, Melisse. It's a him when he came to the top of the the dogs-so loud that it startled hertwelve mile run and a heavy load." "Very well. I'll get ready imme-

She jumped up from the table, dart- with admiration, "Prettier than the ing fun at him with her eyes, and ran fairy in the book!"

to her room. "It's too far, Melisse," he called aft- lieve you do still love me a little." er her. 'It's too far, and I've a heavy

"Didn't I take that twenty mile run his tongue. with you over to- Oh, dear! Jan, As they went on to Ledog's he found have you seen my new lyng skin cap?" that the joyousness of the morning

It's Best to Remember



Author of "The Danger Trail"

and heartache. "Brother Jan, Brother stood perplexed and undecided. Me-Jan. Brother Jan!" The words poundlisse had risen from the table at the ed themselves incessantly in his brain sound of his approach, and his eyes until they seemed to keep time with his steps beside the sledge.

Ledoq was stripping the hair fat from a fox skin when the team pulled | ble in her voice when she said: up in front of his cabin. When he saw the daughter of the factor at Lac Bain with Jan be jumped briskly to his feet, flung his cap through the door of the shack and began bowing and scraping to ber with all his might

Melisse laughed merrily as Ledoq reau." continued to bow before her, rattling away in a delighted torrent of French. "Ah, thes ees wan gr-r-reat compleeman, M'selle Melisse," he said. Then he turned to Jan. "Did you meet the strange team?"

"We met no team." Leden looked puzzled. Half a mile away the top of a snow covered ridge was visible from the cabin. He point-

"An hour ago I saw it going west ward along the mountain-three men and six dogs. Whom have you out

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"It's out here, hanging on the wall,"

"Are the dogs ready?" she called.

replied Jan, falling into her humor de-

spite himself. "But I say, Melisse"-

utes," he replied, surrendering to her.

him through the partly open door, de-

lisse was waiting for him, a gray thing

in greeting, pointing to the sledge.

And Melisse was saving:

team and waited.

put me on the sledge."

ran quickly to his side.

as barny as Jean and Joweka"

of motion over the smooth trail. Then

to the leader, his moccasined feet tak-

ing the short, onick, light steps of the

a little out, his eyes upon the twist-

Mile after mile slipped behind, and

not until they reached the mountain

ary did Jan bring his dogs to a walk.

Melisse jumped from the sledge and

"I can beat you to the top now!"

she cried. "If you catch me"- There

was the old witching challenge in her

She sped up the side of the ridge

"You're as pretty as a fairy. Me-

"Thank you, brother mine! I be-

"More than ever in my life," replied

Jan quickly, though he tried to hold

on which he had fought the mission

you can harness them. Jan."

toward the store.

"No one," replied Jan. "It must have had seen it." been the new agent from Churchill. We expect him early this winter, Shall we hurry back, Melisse, and see if he has brought our books and violin strings?"

"You must have dinner with me." objected Ledon. Jan caught a quick signal from Me-"If they're not I'll be dressed before

"Not today, Ledoq. It's early and "They'll be here within fifteen minwe have a lunch for the trail. What do you say, Melisse?" Her merry face, laughing triumph at

"If you're not tired, Jan." "Tired!"

stroyed the last vestige of his opposi-He tossed the last package from the tion, and he left her with something sledge and cracked his long whip over of his old cheeriness of manner, whisthe dogs' backs as they both cried out tling a gay forest tune as he hurried their farewell to the little Frenchman "Tired!" he repeated, running close When he returned with the team Mebeside her as the team swung lightly



"Mr. Dixen, this is my brother, Jan." tired with you watching me run, Me-

"I wouldn't mind if you did-just a go myself and tell Melisse what I read little, Jan. Isn't there room for two?" She gave a coquettish little shrug of | forget?" her shoulders, and Jan leaped upon the moving sledge, kneeling close behind

"Always, always, I have to ask you" after the big roast. If I remain here she pouted. "You needn't get too near | another week I shall tell Melisse, and

you know, if you don't want to!" The old, sweet challenge in her voice was irresistible, and for a moment Jan ingly. felt himself surrendering to it. He leaned forward until his chin was buried in the sliken lynx fur of her with the dogs. Her advantage was coat, and for a single breath he felt laugh. too great for him to overcome this the soft touch of her cheek against his time, and she stood laughing down at own. Then he gave a sudden shout to

and his whip writhed and snapped lowakas and little Jean to the wolves!" twenty feet above their heads like a lisse!" he exclaimed, his eyes shining thing filled with life, He sprang from the sledge and again ran with the team, urging them on faster and faster until they dropped as a bear. into a panting walk when they came to the ridge along which Ledoq two hours before had seen the strangers

hurrying toward Lac Bain. They did not lunch on the trall, but drove into the post in time for dinner. Jean de Gravois and Croisset came

forth from the store to meet them. pecially recommended for coughs, colds and whooping cough. Sold by "You have company, my dear," cried colds and whooping cough. Sold by Jean to Melisse-"two gentlemen all druggists. fresh from London on the last boat and one of them younger and handsomer than your own Jan Thoreau. They are writing for you in the cabin. Protect Wourself! where your father is getting them dinner and telling them how beautifully you would have made the coffee if you

were there." "Two!" said Jan as Mellsse left them.

"Who are they?" "The new agent, M. Timothy Dixon, as red as the plague, and fatter than a spawning fish. And his son, who has come along for fun, he says; and I believe he will get what he's after if he remains here very long. Jun Thoreau, for he looked a little too boldly at my Iowaka when she came into the

Rich milk, malted grain, in powder form. store just now." "Can you blame him, Jean? I tell you that I look at loweks whenever I Take no substitute. Ask for HORLICK'S. Not in Any Wilk Trust get the chance."

rapture. "You are welcome to every look that you can get, Jan Thoreau. But the foreigner-I will skin him alive and spit him with the devil thorn if he so much as peeps at her out of the Croisset shrugged his shoulders.

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Odd, Va.:- "I am enjoying better paused for an instant at the door he heard a laugh that was strange to him, health than I have for 20 years, and I and when he opened it to enter he The stranger jumped to his feet and "Thoreau," corrected Jan quietly, as

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Mendota, Ill.-The annual camp meeting of the General Western Advent Christian association began here and will hold over to Aug. 25. The as-He faced her slowly, knowing that sociation is composed of 13 confer-

Columbus, Ohio-The state board of "Why are you going away the day administration, sitting as a parole after tomorrow-two weeks before the eard, refused to grant a parole to Charles L. Warriner, Big Four embez-"I'm going a hundred miles into the zler from Cincinnati. Warriner is serving six years for the embezzle-

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