

The Declaration. 'Twas late, and the gay company was gone, And light lay soft on the deserted room...

The Price of Dora's Gold. If you had half the spirit of a man, you would go too!

'See here, Dora,' he said, pulling his wife down upon his knee, and holding her fast, 'do you mean that? You have said it about fifty times since this expedition was talked about, now tell me if you want me to go.'

'I have been working hard for five years, to clear off the mortgage on the farm, that I might have a home for you,' continued John earnestly, 'and it is mine now, clear of debt. We are not rich, but I am strong and not afraid of work, and you have been brought up a farmer's daughter, and know the duties of a farmer's wife. Six months ago you were as happy as a bird, my bride and darling, but now—'

'Now,' interrupted Dora, 'I see an opportunity for you to become rich in a few months, instead of toiling and slaving for life, as your father and my father toiled and slaved to make a bare living by farming. They tell us that gold can be picked up at the Black Hills in pocketfuls at a time.'

'And we could be rich. We could leave this miserable farm and go to the city to live in a great house, with servants, carriages and fine furniture. Oh, John!'

'Dora had slipped from her perch upon her husband's knee and stood before him, her little figure drawn erect, her big blue eyes flashing, her cheeks crimson with excitement.'

'And it would make you happy?' asked John, wistfully. 'Yes! Of course it would! Who would not be happy with plenty of money?'

'There are two sides to the question,' said John, quietly. 'The Indians have the right to keep us out of this promising gold country, and they defend its passage. It may be your bag of gold will be only John Raynor's scalped head!'

another was the cottage furniture he had sent all the way to 'York' to get to please his bride. The parlor carpet and substantial heavy-hair set had come at the same time, filling him with pardonable pride at the preparations for his marriage.

These white curtains Dora had made in her first week of home life as his wife. This autumn leaves they had gathered in their lover's strolls, and Dora had made them into wreaths and bunches to bring with her to adorn the walls of her new home.

He was but a simple farmer, not yet twenty-five, but with a meagre education, and not given to dreams of castle building. Thoroughly content to live as his father and grandfather had lived before him, he could not comprehend the visions filling Dora's imagination.

He half hoped yet that she would urge him to give up his intention and remain at home, and yet he knew that her content with the humble happiness he could give her, was gone.

But Dora, though frightened twenty times a day at the success of her taunts, would not speak the words he hoped to hear. Very rapidly the preparations were made to depart, for the others were nearly ready, and the little nest egg at the bank was all gone before John Raynor was fully equipped as a miner.

The first realization of what she was giving up for a dream, came to Dora when she stood upon the platform of the rustic railway station, with Tom upon one side and John on the other, the former full of exultation, with merry smile and bright eyes, the latter grave and stern, with lowering brow and set lips.

'John!' the little wife whispered, 'if you do not wish to go—' 'It's too late for that!' he said, harshly, and then hearing the approaching train, his face softened, and he caught her in his arms.

'God keep you, little wife,' he said hoarsely, 'I go for love of you! I may come back rich and make you happy. No man will work harder for gold than I will, to bring it to you!'

Through a mist of tears she saw him follow the others into the car, and then joined the groups of weeping woman who had come upon the same sorrowful errand as her own. Letters came but rarely. John's hard hands could guide a plow far more easily than they could wield a pen, and when he wrote, his epistles were brief, though loving. As the expedition went further and further from the borders of civilization, the communications became less frequent.

to Chicago. But we were not so fortunate. We were encamped one night, and John was writing to you by the fire light. He looked up at me, to ask if it was worth while to write, when after so long a silence we were going home, and while he spoke the crack of a rifle told us the Indians were upon us. The first shot killed John. He fell upon the grass beside me, gasping 'Dora—Dora—farewell. I forgive—and die. I have a letter stained with his life blood. And I only, of all the party escaped. I will tell you later of how I managed, but—' 'The letter!' Dora whispered, 'The letter!'

'I have it here. And, Dora, John's share of the gold will make you a rich woman. Now, I will go back to mother, but I will bring her back, at once.'

Dora did not hear him. With dizzy brain she was trying to read the letter that was John's dying legacy. Sadly Tom kissed her, and motioning to Nannie, left her to hasten homeward. Scant greeting he gave the loved ones there, to hasten his parents back to the farm, where his widowed sister was reading her letter.

In the deep arm chair where Tom had gently placed her, she rested, still clasping the blood stained letter in her hands. But her eyes never read the lines there, her heart broke over the fatal news that her brother brought. She never touched the gold for which she had widowed herself, she never heard the story Tom had told of his wondrous escape. With her letter pressed to her heart she lay in the arm chair—dead.

The Fatal Convent Fire. Our telegraphic columns last week mentioned the burning of the Convent of St. Elizabeth and indicated its fatal consequences. Fuller details confirm the earlier news of the calamity. The Montreal Star's despatch contains the following:— Last night, at 8.45, the Sister Superior of the Convent of St. Elizabeth made her usual visit through the whole convent, and saw no suspected nothing. There was neither smoke nor smell to lead any one to think of fire. All the community was in bed, when, at 20 minutes past midnight, a faint light was seen in the convent as they were hurrying outside. The nuns as well as the children had only time to run out themselves without any knowledge of the cause of the fire.

It is believed that the fire originated between the floors, but none could suspect the cause. The building has been burning till this morning, and, actually, there still is much smoke coming out from the ruins. The corner called for was just preparing to proceed with the inquest at one o'clock when the Reverend Sister Superior and Sister Marie Ursule and another were admitted at the presbytery which is next to the convent. Thirteen persons are missing, and have perished in the conflagration. Their names are:—Angele Dauphin, an old maid, aged 63 years, kept there by charity; Elizabeth Gravel, aged 19 years; Marie Louise Geoffroy, 10 years; Fancie Desmarais, 9 years; Maria Drolet, 10 years; Lea Gailbault, 7 years; Georgiana Lavallee, 10 years; Lusanna Lavallee, 10 years; Alpha Pallard, 9 years; all of Ste. Elizabeth; Delina Lavallee, 10 years; Rosanna Masse, 10 years; Delina Masse, 11; of St. Thomas, and Melina Jose, of St. Felix. The property was insured to the amount of \$24,000, and nothing was saved. The boarders in the convent were 48 in number.

The sisters of this convent belong to the Providence community, and the convent has existed since above 25 years. Ste. Elizabeth is nine miles from Joliette, and last night it seems the blaze was seen from here in that direction. The building was a wooden one and two story. When the fire broke out and it was perceived it could not be stopped, all that could be done was to save the neighboring buildings. For a distance of about five or six acres on the road riders are to be found lying on the snow.

At one o'clock eight bodies had been found and taken from the ruins. There were all burnt to cinders. Some of the parents of these poor children were on the spot and were to be seen crying and looking for their remains seeking to recognize them by the pieces of linen or cloth found on them or otherwise. It is said that Elizabeth Gravel, one of the victims, was seen out of the convent last night, but that she went back into it, either to save somebody or some of her things, apparently expecting to have time to come out safe, and that she could not return. The three Lavallee girls belong to three brothers.—The Sister Superior it appears was persistent in remaining in the convent to save the children, and at last escaped with great difficulty. The victims are supposed to have been burnt in the stairs while running away, or suffocated in the bed rooms.

The Star further says:— From the sisters in Montreal we found that the Convent was founded in 1849. The building formed two wings, one being occupied by the sisters and the boarders, while the other wing was devoted to orphans and infirm and aged paupers. The sisters in charge were six in number, the Lady Superior being Marguerite du Sacre Coeur. Some 50 lady boarders lived in the convent, while 20 infirm persons and 25 orphans inhabited the other wing.— Directly the sad tidings reached the Order here, the Lady Superior started for the scene of the calamity.

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