

BY LUCY J. RIDER

O Home-land ! O Home-land !
The veil is very thin
That stretches thy dear meadow
And this cold world between ;
A breath aside may blow it,
A heart-throb burst it through ;
And bring, in one glad moment,
Thy happy lands to view.

O Home-land ! O Home-land !
One—Chief of all thy band,
One—altogether lovely,
One—Lord of all the land,
Stands, eager, at the gateway ;
The bridegroom waits his bride
And resting on his bosom,
“ I shall be satisfied ”

TWENTY POUNDS STERLING

my £20." I was quite forgotten about the bet and £20; in fact I dreamt not of thinking of it. I left £200 in the hands of a drab respecting Staining since I had found that money had wasted, he had fallen in position and even into poverty.

"Poor fellow!" I thought, "there may be some consolation in that dream. If his pride will accept it he will have that money back, and very glad I will be to see him." Back in England, settled down in the old counting-house, Main matters disposed of, I began to think of my minor ones, and among the latter the discovery of Staining. He was not in his former haunts, and I failed so long to find him that I was beginning to despair, when one night I met him in the street.

He looked out of the ball-room may increase his drunkenness in my eyes, but if you want to see him, go down again in his worst aspect, survey him from the street, and you will find him in a white frock, strolling discommodately under a hat, and with a strolling rain descending upon him, and he will be armed presenting a picture of mute despair. I beheld Staining. I put my hand upon his

Take the smallest terrier-dog you can find, that sound and not a puppy, and try a race with him. He'll beat you badly. He'll run a third faster than you can, and ten times as far, and with ten legs you can't see more than six inches long. I have a hound so fast that he'll beat me at least seventy-five miles when I stay a day in the woods. I have a fox that he certainly runs more than seven miles an hour, and if I am gone ten hours, you see he must travel about seventy-five miles of distance. And you, a good hound will sometimes follow a fox for more than two days and nights without stopping, and will run a few hundred and fifty miles, and he will do it without any rest or food.

Then, you may have heard how some of the runners in the South African tribes will run for long distances—hundreds of miles—carrying dispatches, and making very few stops.

To make these comparisons to show that our boys can not run a mile without being badly winded is to make a very poor comparison.

But I believe I can tell the boys something that will help them to run better. I was a pretty old

"Yes, I do,"

"Well, now, sir, please listen," said he. "I will ask you a question; you are a publican, are you not, and sell beer?"

"Yes, I am a publican, and sell beer."

"Well, then, suppose I come to your house for a bit of beer, would you sell me about my business case I am so young?"

"Oh, no," said the Boniface; "that is quite a different thing."

"Very well then," said the noble little fellow, with a look of triumph in his face; "if I am not young to drink the beer, I am not too young to give up the beer."

The publican was defeated; he didn't want to argue with that boy again.

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