

Blazed Trail Stories

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Stories of the Wild Life

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THE LIFE OF THE WINDS OF HEAVEN

I.

Barbara hesitated long between the open-work stockings and the plain-silk, but finally decided on the former. Then she purchased a pleased little smile to her pleasant little image in the mirror, and stepped through the door into the presence of her aunt. The aunt was appropriately astonished. This was the first time Barbara had spread her dainty chiffon wings in the air of the great north woods. Strangely, daintily incongruous she looked now against the rough walls of the cabin, against the dark fringe of the forest beyond the door.

Barbara was a petite little body with petite little airs of babylike decision. She knew that her greatest attraction lay in her strange backward pose of her head, bringing her chin, pointed and adorable, to the tilt of maddening charm. She was perfectly aware, too, of her very full red lips, the color of cherries, but with the satiny finish of the peach; and she could not remain blind to the fact that her light hair and her velvet-black eyes were in rare and delicious contrast. All these things, and more, Barbara knew because a dozen times a day her mirror showed them true. That she was civility, tenderly, judiciously, calmly distracting, she knew because, ever since she could remember, men had told her so with varying degrees of bitter humor. She accepted the fact, and carried herself in all circumstances as a queen surrounded by an indefinite number of rights matured to her selection.

After her plain old backwoods aunt had admired and exclaimed over the butterfly so unexpectedly developed from the brown tailor-made chrysalis, Barbara determined to take a walk. She knew that over through that cool, fascinating forest, only a half mile away, dwelt the Adameses. The Adameses, too, were only of the woods people, but they were human, and chignon was chignon, in the wilderness as in the town. So Barbara announced her intention, and stepped into the sunlight.

The parcel completed her sense of happiness. She raised it, and slanted it over her shoulder, and drew one of its round tips across her face, playing into it herself a pretty little comely as she entered the liberally down the trail between the stumps and tangled blackberry vines of the clearing. She tilted her chin, and glanced shyly from beneath the brim of her big hat at the solemn stumps, and looked just as pretty as she possibly could for the benefit of the bold, nosy finches. With her light summer dress and her picture hat and her open-work stockings and her absurd little high-heeled, silver-buckled shoes she had somehow signified the feminine self-confidence which her thick boots and sober brown woods dress had fled from her. For the first time in this whimsical visit to a new environment

ed on the other side of the hundred feet of that miserable cedar-swamp, she had ceased to hold up the chiffon skirt, and was most vexed.

"I think you're just mean!" she cried, pettishly, to the still forest; and then caught her breath in the silence of awe.

The forest had become suddenly unfriendly; its kindness had somehow vanished. In all directions it looked the same; straight towering trunks, sphagnum, undergrowth. It had shut her in with a wall of green, and hurry in whatever direction she would Barbara was always enclosed in apparently the same little cell of leaves.

Frightened, but with determination, she commenced to walk rapidly in the direction she believed would lead her out. The bushes now caught at her unheeded. She tore through briar, popples, moose-napies alike. The chiffon was sadly marred, the picture-hat stained and awry, the brave little shoes with their silver buckles and their pointed high heels were dull with wet. And suddenly, as the sun shadows began to lift in the late afternoon, her determined stock of fortitude quite ran out. She stopped short. All about her were the same straight towering trunks, the same straight towering trunks, the same straight towering trunks. Nothing had changed. It was useless.

She dropped to the ground and gave way to her wild terror, weeping with the gulping sobs of a frightened child, but even in extremity dabbling her eyes from time to time with an absurd tiny handkerchief of drawn-work border.

Poor little Barbara; she was lost!

II.

After a while, subtly, she felt that someone was standing near her. She looked up.

"The somebody was a man. He was young. Barbara saw three things that he had kindly grey eyes, which just now were twinkling at her amiably; that the handkerchief about his neck was clean; and that the line of his jaw was unusually clear cut and fine. An observant person would have noticed further that the young man carried a rifle and pack, that he wore a heavily laden belt about his waist, and moccasins on his feet, that his blue flannel shirt, though clean, was faded, that his skin was as brown as pine-bark. Barbara had no use for such details. The eyes were kindly, the jaw was strong, the neatness indicated the gentleman. And a strong, kindly gentleman was just what poor little Barbara needed the most. Unconsciously she tilted her pointed chin forward adorably, and smiled.

"Oh, now it's all right, isn't it?" said she.

"I am glad," he replied, the look of amusement deepening in his grey eyes. "And a moment ago it was all wrong. What was the matter?"

"I am lost," answered Barbara, contentedly.

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The authorities have now notified the legation that the execution of the death sentence has been postponed pending the settlement of the question of principle on which the legation and the porte are now negotiating.

Kennebecasis Bay

"Vox Populi: vox Dei."

That was gospel when I was a boy. Instead, "Vox Populi: vox Sathanus," contains the essence of truth, as is affirmed by all history and observation. The tragedy of Calvary is the most striking example we have of the brassiness and force of man's might. The people demanded the blood of Barabbas, while Pilate, the minority, saw "no evil in this man." So, erated died by poison, while Xantippe, it is presumed, had many sympathizers in her trials before relief was afforded her by the administration of "cup of cold water" to her old man. Among his people he was an uncondemned wayfarer; the great massacre led by the Duke of Guise was a popular massacre, and the burning at the stake of Huss, Wickliff and Latimer, of hundreds of witches, Quakers and Baptists in New England, whose names are forgotten here, but are enrolled on the list of martyrs above, was each sanctioned and demanded by the majority: by the "vox populi."

The people of the United States tolerated slavery until the slaveholders inaugurated a rebellion, and then they fought to preserve the union—not to abolish slavery. And since slavery was abolished, they tolerate barbarities in the south that would cause an Apache or Digger Indian to hide his head for envy and shame to think that he is himself only a second rate devil. The majority sanctions these barbarities, else they would not be tolerated here, but are enrolled on the list of martyrs above, was each sanctioned and demanded by the majority: by the "vox populi."

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- Fredricton, Oct. 31.—(Special)—The board of education announces a special course in manual training of six months' duration, to commence at the Normal School on January 30th next. This course will qualify teachers for the full certificate, which enables the holder to teach the subject in the public schools and to earn the maximum grant of \$200 per annum.
- Male teachers of manual training are in demand in New Brunswick and good openings exist for duly qualified instructors. The subject is compulsory in consolidated schools, and male principals of such schools are asked for. The demand is also growing in the towns and cities and at the present time several instructors borrowed from other provinces are at work in this province. Full particulars of the course may be obtained by writing to E. B. Kidner, the director of manual training, Fredricton.
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ILL IN FREDRICTON

Miss Annie McGrath, daughter of Thos. McGrath, butcher of this city, is seriously ill in Fredricton, suffering from typhoid fever. Miss McGrath was about a year ago stenographer for Copeland & Chatterton in this city, and was promoted to a position at the firm's headquarters in Toronto. Here she remained for some time, but on account of trouble with her eyes, she was compelled to resign her position and return to her home.

About three months ago Miss McGrath's eyes became much better, and she accepted a position with F. Edgecombe in Fredricton. About a week ago she was stricken with typhoid fever. Miss Augustine McGrath, who is a professional nurse, is at present in Fredricton nursing her sister.

This morning word was received that Miss McGrath was slightly improved, but hopes for her recovery are very slight.

Well, "Maud is so humane she objects to docking horses," said she had her way they wouldn't care to dock a ship.—Philadelphia Press.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 31.—(Special)—Hon. W. S. Fielding returned to the city at noon today. Asked when the tariff commission would resume he said that it depended upon what was waiting here. He expected that in the course of a week or so it would begin either at Toronto or Montreal. Mr. Patterson has gone to Beauport and Mr. Bodouze in Montreal.

Miss S. E. Benson and Miss M. Anderson, of Chatham, were registered at the Royal yesterday.

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