THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

(Continued.)

"DEEP IN THE EARTH LIES THE GOLD, HIDDEN IN DARKNESS AND PRECIOUS STONES ARE FOUND IN ROUGH PLACES."

Sassafras found some consolation in this; it sweetened his grief. Coltsfoot took him into the city, where he witnessed startling scenes, and where he saw the poor and helpless in their best and worst aspect. Wherever he went he met with touches of humanity which brought sweet light into the darkest places; whenever he went, he saw the poor helping the poor. Coltsfoot was welcomed everywhere, even in the worst of places, for all recognized in him a friend. They walked through a nest of bad, narrow thoroughfares, a very maze of crooked, diseased courts and lanes, in which it was almost impossible for virtue not to lose its way. Sassafras was frightened at the sights and sounds which greeted him; he clung closely to Coltsfoot, who, with a firm hand, led through these evil haunts. Swarms of children were there, learning; swarms of men and women were living the lives they had been doing from childhood, doing their duty, as one bitter cynic among them said, to the best of their ability in that sphere of life in which it had pleased God to place them.

"There is nothing to fear," said Coltsfoot; "they will not hurt you."

"Where do all these people live?" asked Sassafras.

"In cellars," replied Coltsfoot, "in garrets, in rooms where heaven's light is veiled, huddled together like rats, clinging to each other for warmth like vermin. Oh that I were able, if only to decorate this one task!"

"What task?"

"To sweep away these nests of corruption—to purify the streets—sewers breed rats. But these living things are human creatures. God help them! Dear lad, I have my doubts as well as you. Sometimes when I visit these places, knowing that they have existed for scores of years, knowing that they will exist for scores of years longer, knowing that thousands and thousands of helpless babes will be born here and educated to lives of infamy, I doubt whether under such circumstances man can be held responsible for crime, and I am driven against my reason to ask whether civilization is a curse or a blessing. Only to you, dear lad, would I express these doubts, for I know the danger that lies in them."

These words were as painful to Sassafras to hear as they were to Coltsfoot to utter; but they were prompted by indignant pity, and Coltsfoot could not restrain the utterance of them. They emerged into the wretched neighbourhoods—in the brighter aspect of the space in which they now moved, and their brighter prospect of pleasant hours presently to be spent with Bluebell and her aunt—were striving to shake from their minds the dust of melancholy which the scenes they had witnessed had engendered, when a Babel of voices and sounds of hurried steps in their rear caused them to turn. Some twenty men and women, with alarm and pity on their faces, clustered about Coltsfoot and Sassafras, and began to speak all at once.

"I tell you he is!" "I tell you he isn't." "He is. He isn't. Well, ask him. He's a good sort any way, and's like to know something about it!"

Coltsfoot held up his hand, to stop their unintelligible babble.

"I am not a doctor according to the law," he said, "but I have some knowledge of medicine."

"There! there! didn't I tell you so?" exclaimed those who were right to those who were wrong.

"But what special thing is it?" continued Coltsfoot, "that you say I am likely to know something about?"

"Death," said a man, stepping forward.

"That special thing?"

"Rapidly."

"You know death when you see it?" demanded the man, somewhat surlily.

"I do," replied Coltsfoot, gravely.

"So do I; these ignorant cattle don't. The woman's dead, said I, with half a look at her. But they wouldn't believe it. So they ran after you to prove he's a liar."

Before the man's last words were uttered, Coltsfoot, with Sassafras by his side, was retracing his steps toward the narrow courts and lanes. The mob of men and women, the numbers of which had by this time considerably increased, led the way into one of the foulest of the thoroughfares, the entrance to which was arched; the rookeries it contained were of the vilest character, and were at only for remain to breed in. In a garret in one of these dens lay a woman on the ground—a woman so thin and emaciated as to cause sighs of compassion to escape from the breast of Sassafras. Coltsfoot knelt by the side of the woman, whose only covering was a brown gown, torn, tattered, faded—fit for a slaughtered.

"She is dead," said Coltsfoot.

The man who had first pronounced her so cast a look of triumph at the doubters.

"What was he opposed about?" Sassafras, in a whisper, to Coltsfoot, but his whisper was heard, and the question answered by the man, who lifted the woman's bare arm, and ran his hand along the sharp bones.

"Starvation, my boy," replied the man, "that was her complaint. A pretty time of the year to die of that disease, eh?"

"It is true, I am afraid," said Coltsfoot, answering Sassafras's eloquent look of pity. "But what is this—a child?"

Truly, his eyes had lighted on a child, a baby of six months, who was asleep in a corner of the room. The baby was covered by a piece of rough sacking.

"Ah," said a woman, "this is Dick—little Dick."

Coltsfoot took the child in his arms, who, for a wonder, was clean; this was cleanly to be seen; for, when Coltsfoot let the piece of sacking fall to the ground, the child was discovered to be perfectly naked.

"Give him some," said the woman, who, as she relieved Coltsfoot of his burden, the baby opened his eyes, and gazed up on the group, and upon the body of his dead mother lying on the ground.

"Little Dick," exclaimed the woman, tenderly. "Running little Dick. I'll take care of him to-night, Sassafras."

With sad tears Coltsfoot and Sassafras walked away from the fevered thoroughfares to gain the country lanes.

"Running little Dick," mused Coltsfoot. "Poor, naked little mortal! If you happen to see him when you return from your travels, what will he have grown into? But I know—alas! I know."

He would have been filled even with a deeper sorrow, had any foreshadowing fallen upon him of another Christmas night in the years to come, when he and Sassafras and running little Dick met for the second time, in another place and under other circumstances. Night stole upon them as they walked.

"Come," said Coltsfoot, with an affectionate pressure of his companion's arm, "let us banish melancholy thoughts. We are in a paper all now."

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All warranted fresh and good.

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