

CHAPTER II

THE EVICTION OF THE SQUATTER

It was one of Simon Bulkley's men who, going to the store of Reuben Shore on the following morning, found the man so ill that he went off in all haste for the nearest doctor. And the doctor, acting on a hint given to him by the man, suggested at once that Reuben should be admitted to the hospital tent, which had been erected on the bluff to the west of the city.

Reuben said that he would not go, that he was too poor to pay for nursing and medicine, and that the only thing to be done was to stay where he was, and die when his time came.

But the doctor was young and very enthusiastic, so he declared hotly that in that glorious young city no useful lives were to be thrown away for the want of proper care, and he had Reuben put on an ambulance stretcher, and carried off to the hospital tent without loss of time.

After that things were easy, the store was swept off the face of the debateable ground without loss of time, and would have been looted straight away had not the police taken it under protection,