

A WAYSIDE PATIENT

FOR half an hour past Dr. Sanborn had been certain that he was on the wrong road.

The reins hung slack from the doctor's hands, but suddenly he tightened them, and grasping his whip, leaned forward to pierce the darkness ahead.

It was a time and a place for caution, Doctor Sanborn presently saw a man's figure on the road before him. He held the whip ready to lash the horse onward, but the stranger turned to one side and halted at a discreet distance.

"Who are you?" the doctor asked, distrustfully, for the man was too ragged and unkempt to be an honest farmer-hand.

"Ob, I'm a tramp," he acknowledged hurriedly. "Never mind about me. He's on the road, too, but he's a fellow that's worth saving. Won't you come?"

"That's so! Well, I'll see your friend go ahead and lead the way." "Thank you, doctor. It isn't far."

With a look of relief he faced about and ran on just in front of the carriage. Mean while, strange stories were flung through Dr. Sanborn's mind.

"I've brought a doctor," the tramp answered hopefully. "How are you, Will?"

"The whole system feels the effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla," said the doctor, looking up, he asked one question: "Is he dying?"

away. With every sense intent upon the slightest changes of pulse and breath, Doctor Sanborn took no heed of his going. The silence grew oppressive.

"I hate to lose Will this way," he said mournfully. "We've been together a long time now. Will ran away from home because he thought his father was working him too hard, but it wasn't easy to find work elsewhere, and he took to tramping with me."

"This last year he's been getting tired of it." "Many a time of late he's said to me: 'Ah, Dick, a man can't get anything worth having unless he works for it—steady, mind you, Dick, he would say; steady!'"

"All this passed the doctor's ears unheeded. He was reading a more absorbing story, and its climax was near at hand. There lies the romance of a physician's life. The night's adventure and its strange surroundings scarcely moved Doctor Sanborn's imagination, but it stirred his blood to feel the pulse growing stronger under his fingers and the deadly chill passing away."

"Then his parents are living?" "Yes; that's why he came this way. Will wasn't meaning to be seen himself, but just to be around till he caught sight of them. 'I will do me a world of good just to look on my mother's face' he kept saying, yesterday, and was full of plans to get a job somewhere and then come home. Well, we made a long day of it, but Will was sickening all the time and we had to stop here, though the Forrester house is not far ahead."

"What is his father's name?" demanded the doctor. "Nathan Forrest. Do you know him?" "Indeed I do! But I didn't know his house was so near. I have always come around the other way."

"It seems to me his folks ought to know of this, Dick suggested. 'He made me promise I wouldn't tell them.' 'I haven't promised,' the doctor rejoined decisively. 'However, I can't leave him yet. There is a good chance for recovery now and we must fight it out alone.'"

"It is the medicine," Dr. Sanborn explained. "He has had enough and now you can watch him till I return. I am going for help, he added with a meaning nod."

"Who is there?" asked a well known voice. "I am Doctor Sanborn. Mr. Forrest, I have urgent business with you."

for your cattle. He has fallen by the way, but he was coming home if only to look upon your face again."

"The old man raised his hand; he could bear no more. Soon a light touch clung upon the doctor's arm, and Mrs. Forrest stood beside him hastily dressed for the night air. Her worn face was fairly aglow with joy."

"At the further end, resting quietly, sir. He's been talking about the old folks, doctor, I'm glad you have come."

"I will! I will! Only let me see him." But, even with the words upon his lips, he sprang into the bay, and, as he knelt and caught Will into his arms, the boy opened his eyes upon his father's face."

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