

# The Heir of Rosedene

## The Game-Keeper's Hut

CHAPTER XIV.  
NEW EXPERIENCES.

Edna drew back trembling, and shook her head.

"I thought perhaps he'd died, like Mrs. Marweb's, the cook's, but I remember mamma said you were not married, because she said that you might catch Lord Marweb."

Edna's face went crimson, and her eyes flashed fire that dried up the tears.

"Hush!" she said, putting her hand upon his arm. "I don't think you had better tell me anything more mamma said."

"No! I am sorry for that—I like to talk to you."

"Yes, talk to me," said Edna, with a smile. "Tell me about yourself; do you go to school? Ah, no, you have a tutor. And have you any brothers and sisters to play with?"

The child shook his head, and sighed a little wistfully.

"No; I never play."

"Never play! Oh, come then, there's something I can teach you!" said Edna, with her winning smile.

He drew a little nearer to her, and let the book slip from his tiny hands.

"You can play them! So could Uncle Cyril! Oh, he could play at anything! He always used to play with me! I wish he hadn't gone away."

"So do I!" exclaimed Edna, involuntarily.

"Do you? You are not going away, are you?"

He said it with such a wistful eagerness that Edna was reluctant to answer him.

"Yes, I am going away in a little while; but that is no reason why we shouldn't play together. I am not going so far. I am going to a house near More Park; there are some trees there, but I'm afraid I can't climb them like—like—"

"Like Uncle Cyril, Sir Cyril More, you know," he put in, impatient for her to go on.

"But we can have a swing under them, and play at hide and seek, and tennis, and, oh, half a hundred games that you and I like!"

"Shall we?" he exclaimed, his pale face lighting up as he drew himself closer to her and rested his elbow on her lap. "And will you let me come and see you—just like Uncle Cyril did? You are quite sure—you are not promising me like mamma promises me sometimes—and then doesn't do it? I am so glad you came."

Then he looked up at her with innocent intensity and said, suddenly: "Papa told mamma that you were pretty, but I think you beautiful—very beautiful; would you mind letting me kiss you?"

Edna shook her head, blushing and smiling at this piece of unconscious audacity, and Bertie slowly climbed unto her knees and deliberately took the precious boon, as the door opened and Mrs. More entered.

"My dear Edna!—and are you done already?—and plagued to death with that tiresome boy? Bertie, I declare you are always in the way! Martha must look after you more attentively. Why are you not in the schoolroom? I have told you so many times not to lumber the drawing-room with those dreadful books. There, take it up and run away before papa comes. Tut—tut! all over Miss Weston's dress!"

"Please do not mind that!" said Edna, earnestly, as the child, pale and abashed, bent and strained over old Froisart. "Let me carry it

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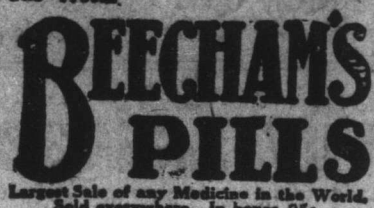
"We shall lose each other, aunt!" laughed Edna. "I hope there are one or two snug little rooms in which we can hide our heads occasionally."

There were two or three such rooms, and Edna found adjoining her own apartments a delicious little boudoir, hung with a warm damask, and furnished with a hundred little feminine knickknacks. There was an army of servants, male and female, but the steward and majordomo, together with the housekeeper, were responsible for the subordinates, and Edna had only to express a wish to find it gratified. Mr. Burdon had given her some idea of the extent of the grounds attached to the place, but Edna lost no time in investigating for herself. The spring had set in balmy and soft, with sweet breezes from the south, and it was quite warm enough, after the brisk air of Switzerland, for her to roam about the immense place in her modest straw hat and jacket. For the first few days little was done by either of them, excepting a cursory inspection of the house, settling where they should breakfast and dine, and which of the three drawing rooms they should use, in each case both of them choosing the smallest of the rooms in question. At last Edna felt settled enough to look forward to the invasion of the neighbors, as Aunt Martha called it.

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for you, Bertie, dear?—yes, if you please, Mrs. More," she pleaded, as Mrs. More floated toward her fustily, shocked at such an exertion for a troublesome child. "I like children, and Bertie and I are friends. Show me the schoolroom, Bertie—come along," and taking his hand, she hugged the book and got away with him.

Together they went upstairs, and on the landing Bertie took the book from her, saying, as he did so, with an air of conviction:

"Yes, you are very beautiful, and I love you very much."

CHAPTER XV.  
ROSEDENE.

NEEDS must when money drives; and money, directed by Mr. Burdon, drove so hard that before the spring had well set in Rosedene was ready for its young mistress. Mr. Burdon had not exaggerated when he had described it as a magnificent place; indeed, there were few estates of its size so beautifully placed, and no residence of twice its size so complete in all its appointments. Upholsterers and decorators had received almost carte blanche, and the whole place was fitted throughout in the most princely fashion; almost too princely, for Edna was astonished at the magnificence and luxury of her new abode. In the spring, just before the London season commenced, she went down, and all the county was at once thrown into a mild state of excitement and curiosity respecting the new resident, John Weston's heiress. Long before this the romantic circumstances connected with her inheritance had leaked out, and all were anxious to see the girl, rather than marry whom Sir Cyril had cast away a fortune.

For some little time Edna and Aunt Martha were to be left to revel in their new glory alone, Mr. and Mrs. Edward More being unable to leave home, but they had promised a visit—a long visit—in which Bertie was to accompany them. Edna was sorry to part with the boy, even for so short a time, but she was almost glad that Mr. and Mrs. More had postponed their visit.

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### Teachers' Convention.

ITS NEEDS EMPHASISED.

"Genius without Education is like silver in the mine."—B. Franklin.

These were the words of Benjamin Franklin, uttered many years ago, but they were held good to-day.

If we found a silver mine in Newfoundland, and did not make an effort to develop it, we would be counted to say the least—as accounted for to-day there is in our midst mines of wealth that we fail to take cognizance of.

A question whether more than 90 per cent of our population to-day can read and write intelligently, and it is obviously certain that fifty per cent at least of our population have not the necessary education they should have. It is a matter for common talk why such is the case. But what are we doing to prevent a continuation of this large amount of illiteracy? That should be the question troubling every teacher to-day. How are we, as geniuses among us? It is quite possible that we have. But without the necessary trappings of education we will remain in ignorance of most of them and our country thereby be the loser.

A writer in a city daily a few days ago says: "It is to be regretted that we are poorer than we ought to be, but that is not because of lack of education," and points out the number of Newfoundlanders who have made "genies" abroad, and also the uneducated who have in certain instances amassed wealth here.

Now the examples given do not prove the assertion, the writer makes. It has been often said, "exceptions prove the rule" and thus it is with the quotation in question. I contend Newfoundland is poorer by reason of her lack of education. She is poorer materially because of foreigners with scientific knowledge in the past competed successfully against us in fish and oil markets. She is poorer materially because of the very fact that many of her citizens have been obliged to leave her shores by reason of their general non-education and its attendant evil, undevelopment of our natural resources. But besides diminished prosperity Newfoundland is poorer in moral and spiritual welfare, for owing to lack of education the children have been sent out to "find out for themselves" and have often been ruined physically and morally.

But coming back to our original thought and supposing that we have no geniuses in our country, we still owe to every man and woman an education that will make him and her responsible and intelligent citizens, and here I think teachers are too slow in tackling the problems of the times. It is true that here and there teachers are awakening and the conferences at Bay Roberts and Winterport are worthy of commendation. Good as it may be, however, there is something more general wanted, and as the Summer School is to be continued in 1919 (so says report), a teachers' convention should be endorsed by every teacher and every teacher should make an effort to attend. Too long have the minds of the children here been neglected and treated as the undeveloped mine. It is time that the teachers to get into line and see that the men and women of to-morrow have the average knowledge sufficient for the common good, and even the bare fact that each and every child can read and write as the fruits of the teachers' efforts will be ample proof of the conference's benefit to the Colony.

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PEDAGOGUE.

### Mistaken Leniency.

Generally there is considerable popular sympathy on the side of commutating a death penalty to life imprisonment, although much of it is mistaken. But in the latest commutation in favour of the half-breed Beatty, of Theodore, Saskatchewan, indignation and not sympathy. The commutation is a marvel when you recall the man's crime. In the absence of Edward Beatty, the Chief Forest Ranger, who lives two miles from Theodore, Beatty beat Mrs. Beatty to death, and carried off her woods their daughter, a girl of twelve years, and kept her there for a day and a half. He was sentenced to be hanged. About a week before the date of the execution his sentence was commuted by Ottawa to life imprisonment, which means that if he is a "good con-

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Two Indians, in quest of fur-bearing animals in the snow-clad wilds some fifty miles from the settlement of Le Pas, were stricken with Spanish influenza. They became very ill indeed, realizing the seriousness of their situation. Finally, however, they hitched their team of huskies to a sleigh and set out for civilization. They had proceeded only a short way, when one of the Indians staggered into a vacant shack to gain shelter from the biting cold. A few hours later his companion had plunged on through the night and the storm, making up hill and down hill, over lakes and rivers with their delirious passenger, and apparently without a stop, whirled swiftly down the main street of Le Pas to safety for their master.

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The itch is particularly in evidence in Paris nowadays, having been brought here by soldiers from the battle front.

If any of the American delegates to the Peace Conference have contracted it, diplomacy forbids betrayal of the fact that the parasite is rampant at the headquarters of the American mission. Many attaches who now have animated recollections of Mark Twain's campaign against the "itch" with the hives, are regular patients at the specialists in treatment of affections of the skin.

The pest, for it can scarcely be called a disease, exceeds influenza in the suddenness of its appearance, but it yields to simple treatment.

### Household Notes.

Egg beaters should never soak in water as the oil will be washed out of the gears.

When cleaning greasy utensils wipe off the worst of the grease with soft paper first.

Oysters can be brailed in a toaster over a charcoal fire, and served with lemon and cayenne.

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INDEMNITY DEMAND LONDON, F. British delegates at the peace have been defined to claim an indemnity for the cost of the damage actually announced in the House of Commons to-day by Andrew Government leader in reply to a question.

AN OFFENSIVE SUR ZURICH, F. German offensive against Switzerland has been suspended in Berlin newspapers.

AMERICA'S ARMY PARIS, F. United States under the Nation's plan as amended, will maintain less than 100,000 while the Senate could over necessary, according to Agency announcement. Newly adopted Federal Reserve bill. This provision was by the Society of Nations. The agency says, as the difficulties in the situation arising from the situation.

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