THE KING OF NO-LAND. BY B. L. FARJEON. (Continued.) The brown tints of autumn are coming into the leaves as all these humble friends whom I have grown to love stand around a grave. Dame Endive is dead. To the last she never forgave Sassafras for robbing her son of Bluebell, and if there had SPECIAL NOTICE. INTERNATIONAL STEAMSHIP CO'Y bing her son of Bluebell, and if there had been room for a thorn in the happy cotage, she would have planted it. But there was no room. Her son and her friends would not allow it to grow. And now she is removed from them, and there is one soul the less in the happy nest. But another will soon be added to it—a flower which will bring a new and heaven born joy to the hearts of Bluebell and Sassafras. One Trip a Week. ON and after December 31st, and until furthe notice the Steamer NEW BRUNSWICK Sassafras.

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Time rolls on. Men fret and chafe their hearts in the pursuit of small things which they falsely magnify into desirable possessions, and neglect the priceless blessings and joys which nature holds out to them with willing, untiring hand. When Blueboll steps into the sunlight again, she has a baby at her breast, and into the iresh young beauty of her face has stolen that ineffable expression of folly tenderness which dwells only in the face of the mother. Ah, how happy are the days! how sweet the evening, see and Sasa fras sit in their humble room, gazing upon the child which has drawn life from them! Sasadras wants nothing, yearns for nothing; he has about him all that can make life sweet He is not poor, for he has enough; and yet he has but little. But content is a treasure outweighing gold and silver, and this treasure he has. He looks back upon his past life with amazement at the folly of men, and morning and night he thanks God that he has escaped from the thraldom which pot somed his days and made a slave of him. So happy is he that he trembles at the idea of discovery. But nothing occurs to disturb the harmony of his life.

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