THE USURPER

"Yes. It was in the country I beard the birds sing." She pressed her lips to-gether and knit her brows till they made a straight line over her eyes. "Yes, it was in the country, and—I can remem-ber, now I try, that I was riding a lit-tle pony, and—and—" She put her hand to her forehead and sighed. "It's all gone now! Wait a minuta."

tle pony, and—and—" She put her hand to her forehead and sighed. "It's all gone now! Wait a minute," and she knitted her brows.
"Never mind," said Neville.
"No," she said, contentedly. "It doesn't matter, does it! And do you like to hear me sing, Jack."
"B do indeed, very much," he replied. "What was it you were singing. I seem to have a recollection of it."
"Bid Me Discourse," she answered, promptly. "It was one of my father's iavontee. He taught it to me, and some more of Bishop's,"
"Let's have another of the Bishop's, then," said Neville.
"Not the Bishop's; it's a man's name. Did you hever hear of him, Jack?"
"Never," said Neville, placidly.
She pondered for a moment or two over this confession of ignorance.
"You don't see mto know much, Jack," she remarked; not in a tone of censure, but by way of recording a simple fact.
"You're right, Syl,' he assented, cheerfully. "What I don't know would make the biggest book you ever saw. My ignorance is—is subline. If I hadn't hees "You're right, Syi," he assented, cheerfully. "What I don't know would make the biggest book you ever saw. My ignorance is—is sublime. If I hadn't been auch a complete duffer I shouldn't be here grave-digging."

"Where would you have been, Jack!" she inquired, leaning her head on her little brown paw, and looking at him with her great rays eyes.

the brown paw, and looking at him with her great gray eyes.

"In the army,' he said, shoveling up the dust. "I had my chance, but—but I threw it away. I might have had another, for the governor was as fond of me as I was of him, but for——"

He stopped suddenly; he had been speaking more to himself than to her.

"Poor Jack," came a soft murmur like sweet music.

sweet music. Neville lokedo up.

Neville lokedo up.

"Oh, I don't deserve any pity, Syl," and he laughed. "I only get my deserts; many a better fellow than me——"

"Than I"—said Sylvia.
"Than I"—said Sylvia.
"Eh? Oh, ah, yes. I'm not much on grammar. That's one of the reasons I'm here."

Then it's a lucky thing for me you are she said, naively.

"That's one way of looking at it," he said. "Now sing something else, Syl."

She sang to him again. This time an old French ballad.

Naville based.

Neville leaned against the sides of the pit and listened with all his ears. He was passionately fond of music. "Hallo!" he said. "What's that?

was passionately fond of music.

"Hallo!" he said. "What's that!
French! Who taught you that—but, of course; I beg your pardon, \$\frac{1}{2}\text{.7}\text{.

son really always shone—that is, if it was in England," said Neville, concisely. "Tes; it was in England. Then trouble came."

1 d.n't know. Papa lost all his nowey. It was not his fault. He had a secure —" the shock her head thoughtfully. eville stared at her solemn face.

"An enemy," she repeated. "A man when hatch him, and wanted to ruin him. I think he must have ruined him. Then now man died. I think she died of grief."

She paused, and Neville turned his lessed away. If there had been any tears it her eyes they had gone when he looked round again.

"Well?" he said.

He had not learned much that was of any use to him yet.

"Then papa left England, and we traveled about. We lived in France, and papa taught a school. That's as far back as I can remember clearly, and we were very happy, we two. We used to take long walks along the river bank, and papa would tell me the name of every flower and teach me things. Then one day he came home very sad and tired looking, and said that we must leave. His enemy had been to the school His enemy had been to the school and told lies about him, and the people had believed the enemy because he was rich and powerful, and papa was poor and unknown."

Neville's blue eyes expanded. "Why, it's just like a novel, Syl!" he

said, gravely.

She nodded.

"Is it? Then we took to wandering again, and sometimes papa got work teaching or in a bank or an office, but sooner or later the enemy would come, and we had to leave."

"He was a nice kind of man; the enemy, as you call him. What was his name, Sylt"

She shook her head.

"I don't know. Papa never told me."

"Pm sorry for that," said Neville, grimly.

"Why, Jack?"
"Because I should make it my business when I got out of this hole to find that individual and try and square accounts."
"What could you do, Jack?" she asked,

"What could you do, once I she asked, dubiously.
"Well, I could give him the coundest thrashing—but I suppose he would be too old, confound him!"

"Yes," she said, softly. "But I thank you all the same, Jack."

And she stretched out the brown paw

And she stretched out the brown paw and laid it on his hot young arm.

Neville endured the cares; permitted it, just as a young fellow of twenty suffers his sisters to kisa him.

"Well," he said. "is that-all."

"That's all, I think. Except that poor papa lost heart at last, and we crossel the ocean—oh, how bad I was!—and came here to Australia. But he couldn't dig; he wasn't strong enough, and have added to the door of the hut.

(To be continued.)

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"So do I!" he said, resuming work.

"I think there's bound to be one there.

Meth says that where there's one there's sure to be another. Jack."

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Rev. W. A. Wilson, formerly of Hamilton, gave an account of the efforts being I suppose she has grown to a woman by this time. What fun we used to have!" He leaned upon his spade and looked

ton gave an account of the efforts being made among the three thousand Hindus in British Columbia. These Hindus, Mr. "Pears to me that young gal o' yours, young un, is getting proud. 'You take his dinner, Meth.' says se, as bold as brass. 'I shan't.' I told yer all along as you was pamperin' her too much, young 'un. There she sits with her hands in her lap, starin' at unthin', just likejust like an Injun himage."

"All right," said Neville, hoisting himself up on to the bank, and beginning to munch his dinner. "You let her alone, Meth. I won't have her interfered with."

"Hinterfere! Who's hinterfering with her? Seems to me I'm no account now, oldeness, Sask."

are very fine specimens...

Mr. Boyer, an Indian elder in the church, was appointed missionary at Okanese, Sask.

COLLINGWOOD LICENSE FEE. Licensed Victuallers Will Attack By-law if Passed.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—The Town Council of Collingwood has passed a by-law to raise the liquor license fees in the municipality to \$2,500, and this will be submitted to the people in January next. Should the voters give a majority in favor of the by-law the Licensed Victuallers' Association has determined to test in the courts the authority of the council to fix the fee at a figure which the association holds to be prohibitive.

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New C. M. A. Insurance Company Will Soon Be in Business.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association have the \$100,000 deposit necessary to secure liceuses for the two new mutual companies ready, and Mr. Heaton, the insurance manager, goes to Ottawa the end of this week to make application for the necessary Government permission to begin operations.

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inntion it was found that the plate contained no crack at all. Nor was any to be found upon the shoe plate, which had been described by some witnesses as cracked prior to the disaster and by others as having been crimped.

While these facts assist the commissioners to clear up a good deal of the contradictory evidence, they apparently add very much to the difficulty of the task before the commissioners of ascertaining the actual cause of the disaster. aster.

thew Grimes and Engineer George Hodge, held by the coroner's jury crim-inally responsible for the Caledon wreck, were arrested last night on warrants is-sued by Coroner Johnson at the termina-tion of the inquest on Tucsday night. The men were immediately afterwards released on ball.

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"Did you give Meth all that money she said you did?"
"Yes," he replied, shortly. "But Meth shouldn't tell tales out of school."
Her eyes grew soft and melting as they dwelt on him.
"Jack, I think you are the best, the most generous—" most generous—"
"Hulle!" he interrupted, wiht a laugh.
"Stop that, Syl. Don't knock me down
with compliments of that kind, especially

when I'm busy!"

He stooped and sifted the sand, and put two or three tiny lumps of gold on the edge. "That's something like, Syl."

She took them up in her hand, and her

She took them up in her hand, and her eyes sparkled.

"Oh, Jack, if you could only find another nugget?"

"Yes!" he said. "And I want it worse than I did."

"Do you?" she said, turning over the yellow morsels. "Why? Ah, you haven?t much money left after paying for me."

"Now, then!"

"And giving so much to hieth. But what will you do with it, Jack, when you find it?"

And she drew herself full length toward the edge of the pit, very nuch as

ward the edge of the pit, very much as an Indian does, but with the added grace of a young girl, and looked down into it

of a young girl, and looked down into it eagerly.

"What shall I do with it?" said Neville, cheerfully. "Well, I shall send you home to England, and put you at a good school—a first-rate one, you know, where you will be with young ladies like yourself. And then—take care! There, you've dropped those lumps into the pit."

She had let the gold fall from her hand and had slunk back under the awning, her face turned away from him.

hand and had slunk back under the awning, her face turned away from him.

"That's what I shall do," continued Neville, picking up the gold carefully, and ignorant of her sudden change of posture and manner. "The sooner you are out of this hole the better. It's not the proper place for a young lady. You ought to be in Eagland, in the care of nice people; and that's where I mean to send you with the first nugget that turns up. And then perhaps, if the luck holds out, I may come, too, and see how you are getting on. But there, by that time, I expect you'll be ashamed of a rough digger who says 'me' for 'I,' and—no, I don't mean that. You're not that sort, are you, Syl!"

He looked up and saw that she had turned her back to him and that her head was drawning over the says drawing over the says of the sa

turned her back to him and that her head was dropping over her bosom. But with the blindness of his sex and age he had not the least idea of what

was the matter with her.
"Getting hot and tired, Syl?" he said. "Getting hot and tired, Syl?" he said.
"Better go indoors. But just wait five
minutes longer. I fancy I've come upon
a streak and you are as keen on it as
I am, I know, and ought to be keener
after what I have told you."
She was keen enough as a rule, and
was wont to watch every spadeful of the
dust he drew up; but now she seemed
quite indifferent, and would not turn her
head.

head.

"There's gold there," said Neville, cheerfully, "I'd stake my life on it, and you may see dear old England sooner than you think, Syl. Lord, though, how I shall miss you! That comes of my never having a sister, you see. I sha'n't have anybody to come and talk and sing to me when you've gone! Just nitch me

to me when you've gone! Just pitch me that 'cradle,' will you?" She pushed it with her tiny foot, still keeping her face away from him.

"Look here!" he cried. "What did I say? Here's some more of it! Look at But to his amazement she kept her

head away from him, rose slowly, and, tossing the thick, dark hair from her face, walked majestically toward the hut. CHAPTER IX. Neville looked at her with all a man's Neville looked at her with all a man's beautiful stupidity.

"Now I wonder what I said to offend her!" he mused. "What rum things girls are! Any one would have thought that shed have been delighted at the thought of getting out of this beautly place and going back to England. Well, there's no understanding women, even when they're kids. I remember, little Audrey Hope used to act just like that; take the huff in a moment. Little Audrey! By George! I suppose she has grown to a woman by

vacantly across the plain. He had for-gotten the little maiden who had stalked off to the but, and was back in England. again, romping with Audrey Hope, a boy again, romping with Audrey Hope, of the Grange.
With a sigh he roused himself and resumed work. At linner time it was Meth, and not Sylvia, who appeared.
"Hallo!" he said. "where's Sylvia!"
Meth shook her head.
"Tears to me that young gal o' yours, young m, is getting proud. "You take

"Hinterfere! Who's hinterfering with her? Seems to me I'm no account now, and 'ud better take my hook."
"Oh, no." said Neville, who thoroughly understood old Meth. "You've got to stick by us, Meth. because you've got to take care of Sylvia."
"Seems to me young un." retorted.

"Seems to me, young un," retorted Meth. larkly, "that "It's you as wants takin' care of more than her,"
Neville fell to work again directly after dinner. The claim "paid" well that day, and in an unusually buoyant frame of mind he shouldered his tools and werded home.

of mind he shouldered his tools and werded home. Sylyia was seated very much as Meth had described her, and when Neville spread out the results of his day's work on the plank table she would scarcely deign to look at it; but swept it into a heap disdainfully and plumped down his supper in front of bim.

"Why, you might be an empress, the way you treat the root of al levil. Syl," he said, with a short laugh. "It tell you it's a jolly good day; but come and have your supper."

"I don't want any supper." she said, and walked to the door of the hut.

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