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America

A Story For Labor Day

By MARGARET C. DEVEREAUX

adjoining farms on the western coast

of Norway. Neither had any brothers

or sisters; consequently they were con-

stant playmates, for there were no oth-

er children within a couple of miles. Since the country was rocky and not

very productive their parents were very

poor. But neither Jean nor Elsa had

ever known luxuries, and what we do

not know of we do not covet. Besides,

there is an unconsciousness of depriva

tion in childhood, and so long as chil-

dren have enough to eat, though of the

plainest food, and enough clothing to

But there came a time with Jean when he began to think of his future.

This was when he was seventeen years

old. One day, standing with Elsa on

a high ridge overlooking the Atlantic

"Elsa, it will not satisfy me to re-

main here with father and mother to work this little farm. There is barely

enough for them to be made out of it.

and I feel that I must go out into the

world to make something for myself."

A frightened look came to Elsa's

had that she and Jean would not live

near each other always as they had

"Where would you go, Jean?" she

"If one sails westward from here in

a few days he will reach some islands

called Britain. They have a king there,

as we have here, and nobles, but I un-

derstand that the people are active,

and there are opportunities for poor

men to make a good living. But if one

continues on southwestward he will

come to a great continent called Amer-

ica. The people there have no king,

no nobles. All are on the same level

so far as the law is concerned. To

that land people of small means from all nations are flocking. There is plenty of land there which is very rich,

and great factories where people work,

and those who are skilled receive wages that are unheard of here in

Norway. I am thinking of going to

America to join in the battle for for-

not skilled at any work, and in no

country are farms given away. Having no trade and no money to buy a

farm, what will you do to earn a liv-

ing? And where will you get money

"I am now of a proper age to learn

a trade, and as to the means for the

journey I shall work my passage. I shall go on a ship to Hamburg, for

which I have the money. There, I un-

derstand, there are great vessels sail-

ing to America. They need many per-

sons to wait on the passengers, and it will not be difficult for me to secure

"Lars Olsen told me; he has been to

Elsa was looking out to the west

ward, and Jean saw tears gathering in her eyes. He put his arms about her

and kissed her. The boundary between

childhood and youth had been passed.

From that moment they were lovers,

though they were still unconscious of

"Don't cry, Elsa," said Jean. "When

I have become a skilled workman I will send for you to come over the sea

"How could I go over there and be

"But I will then be a man and you

This ingenuous proposal did not seem to give comfort to Elsa. She said that

it would be a long while before Jean could send for her, and even then she

could not leave her father and mother.

who were every day becoming more dependent upon her. This made Jean

feel ashamed, for he knew that he, too,

was needed at home. But Jean look-

ed further into the future than Elsa

and had more resolution to break the

barriers between him and success. Be-sides, he looked forward to the day

when, having become a skilled laborer

he could earn more than he needed for

himself and could send money to his

It was a sad day for all when Jean

a woman; we can be married."

with you, Jean? That would not be

"How did you learn all this?"

to pay your way?"

one of these places."

Hamburg."

the change.

parents.

and be with me."

This was the first intimation she

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ocean, he said to her:

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TIME TABLE.

ns leave Watford Station as follows GOING WEST

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heard of that great country beyond the sea where the people are the govern ment and where the workingman

must be educated for what he does

departed. His mother begged him to stay, but his father approved of his "Goodby, my son," he said. "I have

the same as the lawyer, the doctor and the priest. And they tell me that when he learns his trade he is protected by the trade unions against the competition of those who are unskilled. Go, and God grant that you may pros-

with Jean and when they parted sur-prised him by encouraging him instead

of giving way to repining. before you will be building houses or railroads or ships, and every day you will earn more than you need, so that you can send money to your father and mother to buy them comforts they sorely need in their old age."

"But I shall not be satisfied, sweetheart, till I have earned not only enough for that, but to send for you to come to me."

Nevertheless they had no sooner passed away from each other than Jean's eyes became moist, and Elsa broke down and sobbed as though her heart would break.

An ocean liner came sailing down the coast and, entering the lower bay of New York, made its way up toward Ellis island, where emigrants must prove that they come within the laws governing their admission to the United States of America. Among those who were transferred from the vessel to the island was a young woman, who gave her name as Elsa Vogan and her age as twenty-two. She stepped from the lighter that bore her to the dock and looked about her as if expecting some one to meet her; but, seeing no one she knew, her expression of expectancy changed to one of disappointment. Passing with the throng into the apartment where emigrants present their claims for admis-

"What means have you?" he asked. "Only a few silver coins left over after paying for my passage." "How do you expect to live here in

sion, Elsa was brought before an offi-

cial for examination.

America?" "I came over here to be married. expected to meet at the dock when I landed the man who will marry me, but he did not appear."

The official asked the man's name and where he lived. Elsa told him that his name was Jean Stahren and that he was an ironworker in Pennsylvania, but what place in Pennsylvania she could not tell him. Elsa was told that she might remain

on the island for a few days, but if at the end of that time her lover did not appear she must be sent back to Hamburg, whence she had sailed. This was a terrible blow to the poor girl, for she knew that there was some reason why Jean had not met her, which might not be corrected within so short a time. Fortunately it was summer, the end

of August, and Ellis island, surrounded as it is by water, was not a disagree-able place to wait. Elsa gazed out over the bay, wondering at the gigantic statue of Liberty, at the skyscrapers of lower New York, at the Brooklyn suspension bridge and at Castle Williams on Governors island. A day passed, and Jean did not appear. Another day went by and still there were no tidings of him. The third day was Sunday, the 1st of September. Elsa was called before one of the immigration officials and informed that a steamer would sail for Hamburg the next day and if she could not satisfy the authorities that she would not be a burden on the United States before that time she would be sent back to Germany, whence she came.

Elsa was in agony. Jean had sent her the money for her passage, at the same time telling her to write him the name of the steamer on which she would sail, promising to meet her on the dock when the ship arrived. She had written him the name of the steamer, but, not being versed in the ways of the world, had not mentioned the date of its arrival, though she had said that she expected to sail about the last of August. And now, after having waited seven years to be united to Jean and having come all the way across the Atlantic ocean for the purpose, she must go back to Ham-

That Sunday was a sultry afternoon, and Elsa in order to get cool sat on the dock gloomily looking out over the waters of the bay. She saw a little steamer leave New York and make for the island. Boats were coming often, and she had looked when each had arrived for Jean. But now she had given up hope. When the boat reached the dock she scarcely noticed those who came ashore. But a man passed near her, stopped and looked at her

scrutinizingly.
"Elsa!" he exclaimed. She arose and for a moment did not recognize Jean, for he wore a full

"Oh, Jean!" she cried. "Why have you not come before?" "How long have you been here?"

"Three days." "I supposed you would come on the steamer that is telegraphed to be here presently." Elsa had little education, and she

had written the name of the ship on

Jean could not read it. He had therefore judged of the time of her arrival from the date she gave and conse quently fell between two steamers But he wasted few words in explana "Come, Elsa," he said. "We must be

which she would sail so badly that

married at once, go to New York and leave for my home in Pennsylvania on a night train. Tomorrow will be Labor day, and I am at the head of the committee of arrangements for my union and have much to do." So Jean and Elsa were married on the island and left there at once. It

was past midnight when they reached their home, a cottage near a steel works where Jean was employed. Though it was late, Elsa found time to admire the cozy home that Jean had prepared for her. The first day Elsa spent in America

was Labor day, and though she saw little of her husband she saw one of the most important celebrations of the new world.

Jean Stahren became a master me chanic, and, having a wife who was a good manager, they sent monthly remittances to the old folks in Norway and after awhile made them a visit. But by this time they took with them several children to introduce to their grandparents.

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farmer and his family. Many people who think that they are financially successful as farmers are actually living on the interest from the money invested in the farm busia ness and on the labor of their sons and daughters. For his'own work the farmer frequently receives only a fraction of a hired man's wages. The reason is that when one has his farm clear of debt he often forgets that interest on the investment is a receipt, similar to the interest that one receives on a deposit in a savings bank, for the farm could be sold and the money ininterest with no work on the part of the farmer. A farmer whose farm is mortgaged for a good portion of its: value is not at all likely to forget that interest on the investment is a part of the year's expense. If he does the owner of the mortgage will remind

him of it upon each interest day. A farmer who has a farm and equipment worth \$16,000 could secure an income of \$800 per year by selling his farm and putting the money at interest, assuming that he could invest the proceeds so as to secure 5 per cent interest.-W. L. Cavert, Assistant Agric culturist, University Farm, St. Paul,

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Bella McLellan, an aged maide who has been living alone at her in Glencoe, was found to be pneumonia on Thursday and was to the hospital at London, wh died on Saturday.

A little four-year-old girl, Ella Groombridge, was killed, and her Frederick Groombridge, and tw Edison Moore, four, and V Reaume, five, were seriously inj an explosion of natural gas at

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Brock falsely represented a farm don township to him, declarin was a good farm, and all but free from couch grass. Inch all after renting the place he found farm was covered with couch g that on this account he was una that on this account he was una the soil properly, and lost near crop. Mr. Brock alleges that h make fraudulent representation the farm to Inch, and that, if had cultivated his land prop-crops would have been good. I that the poor crops Inch had in due to indolence, neglect and p ing of the plaintiff, and that was not covered with couch gre was not covered with couch gre has entered a counterclaim falleging that this much damage done to the place through negl Nothing as Good for Asthma

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