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CHAPTER, VIII. Stars and Stripes.

Mag thought a moment, and then exclaimed: 'Oh, yes, I have it—grandma has a bit of satin bodice, which she wore when she was a young lady. She once gave me a part of the back for my dolly's dress. She won't care if I cut up the rest for a banner.'

Of course not, answered George Douglas. 'She'll be glad to have it used for such a laudable purpose,' and walking to the window he laughed heartily as he saw in fancy the wrath of the proud English woman when she learned the use to which her satin bodice had been appropriated.

The waist was brought in a twinkling, and then, when Henry asked for some white, Mag cried: 'A sheet will be just the thing—one of grandma's small linen ones. It won't hurt it a bit,' she added, as she saw a shadow on Theo's brow, and mounting to the top of the high chest of drawers, she brought out a sheet of the finest linen, which, with rose leaves and fragrant herbs, had been carefully packed away.

It was a long, delightful process, the making of that banner, and Maggie's voice rang out loud and clear as she saw how cleverly Henry Warner managed the shears, cutting the red coat into stripes. The arrangement of the satin fell to Maggie's lot, and while George Douglas made the stars, Theo looked on, a little doubtfully, not that her nationality was in any way

affected, for what George Douglas sanctioned was by this time right with her; but she felt some misgiving as to what her grandmother might say, and, thinking if she did nothing but look on and laugh, the blame would fall on Mag; she stood aloof, making occasionally a suggestion, and seeming as pleased as any one when at last the flag was done. A quilting frame served as a flag-staff, and Mag was chosen to plant it upon the top of the house, where was a cupola, or miniature tower, overlooking the surrounding country. Leading to this tower was a narrow staircase, and up these stairs Mag bore the flag, assisted by one of the servant girls, whose birthplace was green Erin, and whose broad, good-humored face shone with delight as she fastened the pole securely in its place, and then shook aloft her checked apron in answer to the cheer which came up from below when first the American banner waved over the old stone house.

Attracted by the noise, and wondering what fresh mischief they were doing, Mrs. Jeffrey went out into the yard just in time to see the flag of freedom as it shook itself out in the summer breeze.

'Heaven help me!' she ejaculated. 'Stars and Stripes on Madam Conway's house! and resolutely shutting her eyes, lest they should look again on what to her seemed sacrilege, she groped her way back to the house, and retiring to her room, wrote to Madam Conway an exaggerated account of the proceedings bidding her hasten home or Mag and Theo would be ruined.

The letter being written, the good lady felt better, indeed, that after an hour's deliberation she concluded not to send it, inasmuch as it contained many complaints against the young lady Margaret, who she knew was sure in the end to find favor in her grandmother's eyes. This was the first time Mrs. Jeffrey had attempted a letter to her employer, for Maggie had been the chosen correspondent, Theo affecting to dislike anything like letter-writing. On the day previous to Henry Warner's arrival at the stone house, Mag had written to her grandmother, and ere the time came for her to write again she had concluded to keep his presence there a secret; so Madam Conway was, as yet, ignorant of his existence; and while in the homes of the English nobility she bore herself like a royal princess, talking to young Arthur Carrollton of her beautiful granddaughters, she little dreamed of the real state of affairs at home.

But it was not for Mrs. Jeffrey to enlighten her, and tearing her letter in pieces the governess sat down in her easy-chair by the window, mentally congratulating herself upon the fact that "the two young savages," as she styled Douglas and Warner, were to leave on the morrow. This last act of theirs, the hoisting of the banner, had

been the culminating point, and, too indignant to sit with them at the same table, she resolutely kept her room throughout the entire day, poring intently over 'Baxter's Saint's Rest,' her favorite volume when at all hurried or excited. Occasionally too, she would stop her ears with Jeweller's cotton to shut out the sound of "Hail, Columbia!" as it came up to her from the parlor below, where the young men were doing their best to show their patriotism.

Toward evening, alarmed by a whizzing sound, which seemed to be often repeated, and wishing to know the cause, she stole half-way down the stairs, when the mischievous Mag greeted her with a "serpent," which, hissing beneath her feet, sent her quickly back to her room, from which she did not venture again. Mrs. Jeffrey was very good-natured, and reflecting that "young folks must have fun," she began at last comparatively calm, and at an early hour sought her pillow. But thoughts of "Stars and Stripes" waving directly over her head, as she knew they were, made her nervous, and the long clock struck the hour of two while she was yet fast and wakeful.

"Maybe the 'Saint's Rest' will quiet in a trifle," she thought, and striking a light, she attempted to read; but in vain, for every word was a "star," every line a "stripe" and every leaf a "flag." Shutting the book and hurriedly pacing the floor, she exclaimed: "It's no use trying to sleep, or meditate either. Baxter himself couldn't do it with that thing over his head, and I mean to take it down. It's a duty I owe to King George's memory and to Madam Conway." And stealing from her room she groped her way up the dark, narrow stairway, until, emerging into the bright moonlight, she stood directly beneath the American banner waving so gracefully in the night wind. "It's a clever enough device," she said, gazing rather admiringly at it. "And I'd let it be if I s'posed I could sleep a wink; but I can't. It's worse for my nerves than strong green tea, and I'll not lie awake for all the Yankee flags in Christendom." So saying, the resolute little woman tugged at the quilt frame until she loosened it from its fastenings, and then started to return.

But, alas! the way was narrow and dark, the banner was large and cumbersome, while the lady that bore it was nervous and weak. It is not strange, then, that Maggie, who slept at no great distance, was awakened by a tremendous crash, as of some one falling the entire length of the tower stairs, while a voice, frightened and faint, called out: "Help me, Margaret, do I am dead! I know I am!"

Striking a light, Maggie hurried to the spot, while her merry laugh aroused the servants, who came together in a body. Stretched upon the floor, with one foot thrust entirely through the banner, which was folded about her so that the quilt frame lay directly upon her bosom, was Mrs. Jeffrey, the broad frill of her cap standing up erect, and herself asserting with every breath that "she was dead and buried."

"Wrapped in a winding sheet, I'll admit," said Maggie, "but not quite dead, I trust." And putting down her light, she attempted to extricate her governess, who continued to apologize for what she had done. "Not that I cared so much about your celebrating America, but I couldn't sleep with the thing over my head. I was going to put it back in the morning before you were up. There! there! careful! It's broken short off!" she screamed, as Maggie tried to release her foot from the rent in the linen sheet, a rent which the frightened woman persisted in saying "she could darn as good as new," while at the same time she implored Maggie to handle carefully her ankle, which had been sprained by the fall.

Maggie's recent experience in broken bones had made her quite an adept and taking the slight form of Mrs. Jeffrey in her arms, she carried her back to her room, where, growing more quiet, the old lady told her how she happened to fall, saying "the nerves thought of stumbling until she fancied that Washington and all his regiment were after her, and when she turned her head to see she lost her footing and fell.

Porcing back her merriment, which in spite of herself would occasionally burst forth, Maggie made her teacher as comfortable as possible and then, staying with her until morning, when, leaving her in charge of a servant, she went below to say farewell to her guests. Between George Douglas and Theo there were a few low-spoken words, she granting him permission to write, while he promised to visit her again in the early autumn. He had not yet talked to her of love, for Rose Warner had still a home in his heart, and she must be dislodged ere another could take her place. But his affection for her was growing gradually. Theo suited him well, her family suited him better; and when parting he took her hand in his, he resolved to ask her for it when next he came to Hillsdale.

Meanwhile between Henry Warner and Maggie there was a far more affectionate farewell, he whispering to her of a time not far distant when he

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"Let me send her a line," said Maggie, and on a tiny sheet of paper she wrote: "Dear Rose—Are you willing I should be your sister Maggie?" Half an hour later and Hagar Warren, coming through the garden gate, looked after the carriage which bore the gentlemen to the depot, muttering to herself: "I'm glad the high backs have gone. A good riddance to them both."

In her disorderly chamber, too, Mrs. Jeffrey hobbled on one foot to the window, where, with a deep sigh of relief, she sent after the young men a not very complimentary adieu, which was echoed in part by the servants below, while Theo, on the piazza, exclaimed against "the lonesome old house, which was never so lonesome before," and Maggie seated herself upon the stairs and cried:

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For example: if 4 persons hire a cab at the Post Office stand and drive to railway station, the charge under Council's tariff is 75 cents. If those people missed the train and wanted to drive to Dohovan's, the Council's tariff would allow the cabman 75 cents more, of a total of \$1.50. Now, Mr. Editor, the cabman that would drive for this fare would not be able to pay his wheelwright's bill nor feed himself and his horse. Three more items of Council's tariff reads thus: For any afternoon within 9 miles of city, \$4.00.

For any afternoon over 9 and not exceeding 12 \$5.00. Any deviation from direct route to a suburban resort that will cause an increase in the time under the afternoon rate will be considered extra and be charged for at the rate of 80 cents per hour.

I would like to ask the Council as to the length of time they mean to embrace in the term of afternoon. I understand our solicitor has written them several letters about this afternoon term but received no information.

Another rate is: drive 3 to 4 persons to railway station, 75 cents. Now 4 persons hire a cab on the West End street the Council takes them 75 cents to go to the station. If they change their minds and say, "I don't think we can catch that train, caddy; you'd better drive to Bally Halye golf grounds" when they get there the Council's tariff allows the cabman 75 cents for the drive; "Small, isn't it?"

Another rate for suburban driving is one dollar, first hour, 90 cents each and hour, 80 cents for third hour. This is considerably less than our present price and we cannot accept it. And still another item says ever licensed cab shall have its number painted in numerals not less than 1 1/2 inches with black paint upon side and front of lamps. Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to see Councilor M going over the old Petty Hr. road on a dark drizzle night with his lamps (sides and front) painted black. I guess you would have our city brigades out on the search for him, at night. I tell you, Mr. Editor, you lamps don't want to be dirty to go over some of our suburban roads a night, and another you don't want that your Maker gave you don't want to be dim either. Now, in conclusion, the best thing the Council can do is to put our main streets in something like good condition before they draw up any scale to govern the cabmen. I think the cabmen's Union can look after any schedule relating to them. It's our business, anyhow. I hope I have not trespassed on your space too much. I remain,

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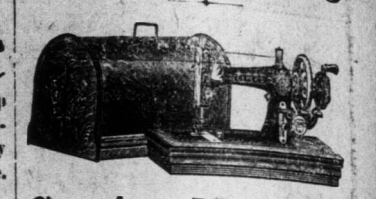
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On Thursday, April 11th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society a soiree was held in the Lecture Hall, opening at 7.30 p.m., when tea, which the good ladies had spread, was done justice to, after which the concert, numbering about 150 went to the hall above where they were treated to a good programme given by the members of the Society and some well-wishers. Owing to the absence of our esteemed pastor, Rev. A. A. Holmes, President of Conference, who is gone to Toronto on business connected with the Conference, and owing to the "Supply" promised us failing to arrive in good time, the chair was taken by Mr. Freeman Parsons, President of the Adult Bible Class, who showed himself capable of filling the honored position. The amount of cash received exceeded all expectations, and the society is in a prosperous condition, more members than ever within its ranks.

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