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CHAPTER VIII.

An Idyll in Bird Land.

"Give me once more thine olden innocence "Jf bird and bee; the sunshine-built romance Of hour to hour, by wood and field and deep; Co-heir with those blithe wanderers of thy fields, To whom alone life's open-sesame yields, Like little children, morning, flowers and

-Wilfred Campbell.

GLORIOUS dawn was breaking over the world, but the inhabitants of Rose Island were still fast locked in the arms of sleep. In her dreams June walked down endless avenues of flowers, and listened to the songs of strange wild birds that sang in the tree-tops. Gradually her eyes opened and she became conscious that the dream was not quite all a dream. The bird song at least was real. Clear, sweet and ringing, the joyous notes floated in to her through the open ' window.

In a moment she had flung aside the coverlets and sprang out of bed. Stepping softly to the window she caught her breath and stood there in an ecstacy of joy. There on an elm bough that tapped gently against the glass was a bird so wonderfully beautiful that for one thrilling moment it seemed to June that it must have stepped out of her dream. Nothing more strangely lovely than that bird in its elaborately patterned coat of black and white and rose, nothing sweeter than that music, had ever come to her in dreams. But the minutes passed and the apparition did not vanish away, as is the custom in dreams. Rather, it seemed to grow more beautiful as it spread its wings and flew from twig to twig, pausing now and then to sing its happy song.

In a few minutes there came another bird of about the same shape and size, but it was not nearly so pretty, for its coat was a plain brown and white. This bird did not sing, but it answered the brisk chirp of the other with a soft little cooing voice, and the two seemed to be on such friendly terms that June watched them with keen interest.

They were on the same bough now. The brown bird, was casting bashful glances towards its handsome friend, and cooing softly. He kept hopping a step or two nearer to her, pausing between whiles to burst into song.

"Oh !" cried June, catching her breath and clasping her hands tightly together, while a sudden rosy flush of light overspread her face. Those birds were actually kissing one another! She knew, of course, that birds loved, but to see them kiss each other, just like human beings, was so novel an experience that it seemed like a page from one of Andersen's fairy tales. "They're lovers!" she whispered under her breath. Again the exquisite melody bubbled up from the breast touched with love's own rosy hue; again the handsome wooer hopped up to his modest little sweetheart, and again the two bills touched and kissed. "Oh !" June thought, "If only I could understand the language of the birds, like Hiawatha did! I know the words they are saying and singing to each other are sweeter and prettier than any poem that ever was written." After the bird lovers had flown away_ and disappeared in the birches, June became conscious of innumerable other songs in various keys. The morning air was full of music. It must be very, very early yet, for no one was astir in the house, but to go back to bed now seemed out of the question. How lovely it must be out-doors!

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short little prayer: "Thank You, God, for those beautiful birds! And please send some more." Then with reverent eyes she gazed once more out into the sweet, new morning. The King of Paradise was out there in His garden;

she would go and seek Him. Very quietly and quickly she washed and dressed. Then an eager-eyed figure slipped noiselessly down the stairs and out of doors. Safely out-side, she hastily buttoned her shoes, then stood up and breathed in long delicious draughts of the spicy air. She ran quickly down the rocky path, across the narrow valley, and up the pine-crowned steep. There beneath

the whispering pines she stood and watched the miracle of the sunrise. Every moment the tender rose-light of the sky brightened into gold and ruby splendour. Then the sun shot up beyond the far blue heights, and hill and valley and water were bathed in the yellow beams.

June thought she had never seen anything so beautiful. The sunset had touched her with an indefinable sadness, but joy was the key-note of the morning. A robin sang his morning hymn above her head. Just across the garden a flock of blackbirds were voicing a chorus of not unmusical notes, and many others she could not name

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