CHAPTER XXXIII

it is not my intention to chronicle all those minor happenings that befell me, now or afterward, lest this history prove wearsiome to the reader on the which head I begin to entertain grave doubts already). Suffice it the many that as the days grew into weeks, and that as the days grew into weeks, and that as the days grew into weeks, and the weeks into months, by perseval and the weeks into months after my meeting with Black George, I could shoe a horse with any smith in the country.

But, more than this, the people with whom I associated day by day—honest, loyal, and simple-hearted as they were, contented with their lot, and receiving all things so unquestioningly and thankfully, filled my life, and are more many typages.

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What book is there to compare with the great and wonders undramen are forever a-turning, wherein are marvels and wonders undramen are inone's head to see withal?

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had, hitherto, been somewhat exceptions and troubled by pessimistic doubts and fantastic dreams culled from musty pages.

What book is there to compare with the great Book of Life—whose pages are forever a-turning, wherein are marvels and wonders undreamed; things to weep over, and some few to laugh at, if one but has eyes in one's head to see withal?

To walk through the whispering cornfields, or the long, green alleys of the hop-gardens with Simon, who combines innkeeping with farming, to hear him tell of fruit and flower, of bird and beast, is better than to read the Georgies of Virgil.

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To sit in the sunshine and watch the Ancient, pipe in mouth, to hearken this animadversions upon Life, and Death, and Humanity, is better than the cynical wit of Rochefoucauld, or a page out of honest old Montaigne.

To see the proud poise of sweat Prue's averted head, and the tender look in her eyes when George is near, and the surge of the mighty chest and the termible of the strong man's hand at the sound of her light footfall, is more enthralling than any written romance, old or new.

In regard to these latter, I began, at this time, to contrive schemes and to pot plots for bringing them together—to bridge over the difficulty which separated them, for, being happy, I would fain see them happy also. Now, how I succeeded in this self-imposed lask, the reader (if he trouble to read far enough) shall see for himself.

"George," said I, on a certain Saturday morning, as I washed the grime from my face and hands, "are you going to the Fair this afternoon?"

"No, Peter!"

CHAPTER XXXIV

Which Describes Sundry Happenings at the Fair, and Ends This First Book.

day morning, as I was a few ou go from my face and hands, "are you go ing to the Fair this afternoon?"

"No, Peter, I aren't."

"But Prudence is going," said I, drying myself vigorously upon the towel.

"And how," inquired the smith, bending in turn above the bucket in which we performed our ablutions, "and how might you know that, Peter?"

"Because she told me so."

"Told you so, did she?" said George, and immediately plunged his head into the bucket.

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"She did," I answered.

"And supposin'," said George, coming up very red in the face, and with the water streaming from his sodden curls, "supposin' she is goin' to the Fair, what's that to me? I don't care wheer she comes, no, nor wheer she goes, neither!" and he shook the wyater from him as a dog might.

"Are you quite sure, George?"

"An! sartin sure. I've been sure of it now ever since she called me—of it now ever since she called me—of it now ever since she called me—of "Pooh, nonsense, man! she didn't drums—in a word, I was in the middle

"Pooh, nonsense, man! she didn't drums—in a word, I was in the middle men it—women—especially young ones—often say things they do not mean—at least, so I am given to understand."

"Now then, young cove," repeated the man I have alluded to, "where are detected."

mean—at least, so I am given to understand."

"Ay, but she did mean it." said George, frowning and nodding his head; "but it ain't that, Peter, no it aren't that, it's the knowin' as she spoke truth when she called me 'coward,' and despisin' me for it in 'er heart, that's wheer it is, Peter."

"Nevertheless, I'm sure she never meant it, George."

"Then let 'er come and tell me so."
"I don't think she'll do that," said I.

"No more do I, Peter." Saying which, he felt to work with the towel even as I had done.

"George," said I after a silence.
"Well, Peter?"
"Has it ever struck you that Prud-

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The annual meeting of the St. John Branch of the Local Council of Women was held in the rooms of the Natural History Society yesterday afternoon, Mrs. H. Lawrence, ist vice-president, was in the chair in the absence of Mrs. T. H. Bullock, who 's ill in Boston. Representatives of twenty-two affiliated societies were present. The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the repetition of the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Lawrence voiced the regret of the members at the absence of the President, Mrs. Bullock, and gave a short resume of the work the Local Council has accomplished since its formation twenty-one years ago. The Council has accomplished since its formation twenty-one years ago. The Council has accomplished since its formation twenty-one years ago. The Council has a membership of over 3,000 women. It has been most fortunate in the presidents, having had Lady Tilley, Mrs. David McLellan, Associat Lawrence paid a tribute to Mrs. Thomson's memory. Lady Tilley was to have been present to address the meeting and a beautiful bouquet of red tulips was sent to her with resret at her inability to attend. She was the first president of the Council, and when war broke out the first concerted action of the women was a meeting held at the Opera House which Lady Tilley came from St. Andrews to attend. Among the work accomplished by the Council has been the ambulances used in the city, the Women's work at the Exhibition, child alfare, better housing, pure milk agitations and children's ald society. The work and the past must stand shoulder to shoulder for God, Home and County.

After the minutes of the lata annual meeting had bear read by Miss Kellin.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read by Miss Keitu, the treasurer, Miss Estey, reported \$4.75 as balance on hand. Receipts had been \$193.38. Expenditures (including many patriotic gifts) \$171.63. This do ornesponding secretary, Mrs. Maud Crisp Estey read an excellent report.

report.

For St. Monica Catholic Ladies of lemon Benefit Society Miss Amelia Haley read a beautifully worded report showing an immense amount accomplished by this society, in its committees of charity, sewing and Red Crosswork. There are 154 members, and weekly meetings are held. There is also a junior branch who teach from 60 to 80 children sewing every week.

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For the Church of England Institute of James H. McAvity read an integrating report showing a successful year in spite of war conditions. Christmas boxes sent to outlying pariahes, the hospital visited and Sunday

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