THE GRAHAM GIRL.

BY MARY E. BRUSH.

Well its all over, and I am glad of it, I never want to camp out again as long as I live! Nor does Cara Murray. To think what a lovely time we had anticipated, with Tracy Loring, the greatest catch of the year, along, with only dear, fat, stupid Mrs. Bartlett for our chaperon! There's no knowing what might have happened had it not been for that Graham girl.

She was governess to Mrs. Bartlett's two children, Tom and Tiny (the worst young ones that ever breathed!) and Mrs. Bartlett said that she couldn't possibly think of trusting herself and the was got tunble down a rocky place—he was getting some rare ferns for Sadic Avery—and break his leg! Well, I don't know what we would have done had it not been for that Graham girl.

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It was jolly fun at first, for during the journey on the cars Cara and I managed to secure Tracy ourselves. Then we went by stage ten miles to a lonely farmhouse—a "jumping off place," as Tracy called it—where we were to take us up Lake Moosetic—dear me, I can never remember those horrid Indian names! But never mind. Tracy said that he didn't just like the looks of our guide, but Cara and I thought him real romantic. His name was Francisco, and he was kind of brigandish-looking, you know, with flashing, black eyes, swarthy complexion and long black hair. And he wore a sort of picturesque Indian costume. He talked a good deal to us girls, and rolled his eyes, and made up jingling bits of poetry that didn't sound bad. Tom Bartlett said that he smelled of onions and poor whiskey, but Tom was always making horrid speeches. However, this time, he wasn't so far out of the way, for if you'll believe it, we hadn't been camping out a week before that rascally guide went off and left us in the midst of a howling wilderness fifteen miles from any living soul. Took our boat too! And we had to make our own fires, and cook our own meals, and all that—

It meantime, souletning still resting a bit after our exertions, when suddenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispers, for Will was using a seared whispers, for Will was cared whispers, for Will was cared whispers, for Will was using a seared whispers, for Will was cared whispers, for Will was using a staffer our exertions, when suddenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispers, for Will was using a staffer our exertions, usudenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispers, for Will was using a staffer our exertions, usidenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispers, for Will was using a staffer our exertions, usidenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispers, for Will was a staffer our exertions, usidenly in rushed Tom and Tiny, saying in scared whispe

Believe it, we hand it reachly did went in well believe it, we hand to make our own fires, and cook our own meals, and all that-thing Bartlett is over forty, but about nouse-keeping, for her huband's sister, who there were the well obesit' know a thing about house-keeping, for her huband's sister, who lives with her, see to verything. As for the Avery girls, they never enter a broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with a cold rain and wind storm coming on, so that it wouldn't have decided to the fire and the continuous of the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with a cold rain and wind storm coming on, so that it wouldn't have decided to the fire and the polar or the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with a cold rain and wind storm coming on, so that it wouldn't have decided to the fire and the polar or the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with a cold rain and wind storm coming on, so that it wouldn't have decided to the fire and house that the girls of the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with according the second that the store of the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish. It was late in the after-noon, with according the second that the store of the could make delicious coffee as well as broil fish in the woods back to the Gilles fram house. Cars and I felt westbelly. In the first place, we were conscious of looking the woods beck to the Gilles fram house. Cars and I felt westbelly in the crusped down like a will prove the store of the could make delicious coffee as well as the could be a series of the could be a seried to the could be come to the could be a seried to the could be a seried to the could be a seried to the could be come to the could be a seried to the could be could be could be could be could be could be could be

Mrs. Bartlett, I never cooked a meal in all my life.'
We all echoed her words, except Helen Graham, who jumped up briskly, saying: 'I'll try to fix something, though it won't be very elaborate, for I fear our resources are limited. Pray, Mr. Loring, what does our larder contain!'
'Humph! Mostly canned goods, I believe There are some loaves of bread.

believe. There are some loaves of bread, but, with a sniff, 'they look kind of queer, Miss Graham—they have a pale, whity-green fuzz on the crust! It's very esthetic-looking, to be sure, but it doesn't smell good.

'Heat and moisture have made it mold. Bread molds easily in August weather, and this is over a week old.
But I can cut off the crust and toast the GLASSWARE

"That'll be famous! I am so hungry hoots almost! It re-'That'll be famous! I am so hungry I could eat my boots alwost! It rejoices my soul to see a genuinely capable woman—one with a 'knack.' And now, Madame Cook, I'm at your service'—with a low bow. That Graham girl didn't seem a bit impressed—she only giggled, and said coolly, 'You may clean the tish.' clean the tish, if you want to,' and Tracy Loring, the heir of one of the richest and most aristocratic families,

donned a big towel for an apron, and went out to obey her commands.

Then kow she flew around! I rather liked to watch her. She had such a deft, handy way of doing things. Both Clara and I wished that our

mothers had taught us something be-sides fancy things.

She made a rousing fire in the fire She made a rousing fire in the fire place—you see, we had taken up our quarters in a log cabin that, years before, had been occupied by a hermit trapper. It was a rough affair, but just then we were very thankful for it, considering the rain outside. It had turned out so chilly, too, that the fire felt very comfortable, and what with the light, warmth and good supper, we had a very pleasant time. The supper was especially nice. Helen had opened a couple of cans of chicken; this she warmed in the saucepan, and poured it warmed in the saucepan, and poured it over the toast, gravy and all. Then she wrapped potatoes in leaves and roasted them in the hot ashes; and these, with the fish, coffee and other things, made a meal fit for anybody. The gentlemen praised it up, at any rate, and they paid the Graham girl so many compliments that she actually blushed. It nade her look rather pretty, too, and the firelight falling on her brown hair gave it a golden sheep that we come couldn't help enviring that we women couldn't help envying.

Now, what's to be done? said young,
Max Collins, after supper. 'Some of
us have got to tramp back to Giles'farmhouse and get another boat'.

'You and I will go, Max,' said Tracy.
'Will can stay here and guard the ladies. We'd better start to-morrow morning, The weather was fine next morning,

and after an early breakfast (that Graham girl made splendid corn pones), Tracy and Max left us. Poor Mrs. Bartlett actually whimpered when they went off.

'It seems so awful to be left alone
—ship-wrecked in this howling wilderness, she said.
'That's rather a mixed metaphor!' "That's rather a mixed metaphor! exclaimed Will; 'and not at all complimentary to my bravery! You know, my dear madam, that I will defend you as long as I have a drop of blood left—if these warlike mosquitoes leave me any to begin with.'

Will is a real nice fellow (lovely to lead the German with!) but he isn't St. John, N. B. Nov. 10th.

you ladies.'
'Oh, my goodness gracious!' groaned
Mrs. Bartlett, I never cooked a meal in
all my life.'

Poor Will was placed in the doctors
care, and the poetical but erratic Francisco was handed over to the tender
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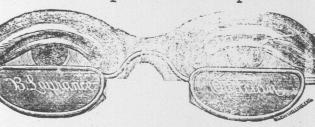
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