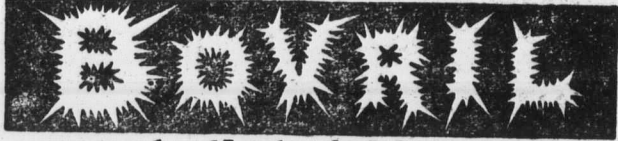


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# The Pioneers

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## CHAPTER XL

It was early next morning that Cameron's cart with its slowly moving, heavy grey horse drew up before Steve's, and Mrs. Cameron herself got down from it.

The Schoolmaster was pacing the long kitchen. He had not been still a moment since Pet McColl brought his news. Pete had gone back to the Wreath to see if anything more had been heard of Davey, whether he was to be brought back to the district for trial, or was being held in Melbourne. The story of his arrest had come through on the vessel that brought stores to Port Southern, but it was very vague. A rumor had reached the Albatross an hour or two before she was sailing that a young man saying he was David Cameron—Young Davey—Cameron of Ayrnair's son, had been arrested for cattle-stealing, and that he and a nigger were being detained on the charge. Pete had not returned, but the Schoolmaster set about making preparations for a journey. Deirdre had packed his tucker bag; his blanket was rolled up to strap on his saddle.

"Which way are you going?" Deirdre asked. She knew that the schooner would probably be gone before he could reach the Port, and that it would continue its passage along the coast to Rane before turning back and making for Port Phillip. He had thought of all that too.

"I'll ride," he said. "What are you doing?" "What are you going to do?" she asked anxiously.

"I don't know!" Out of the chaos of his thoughts no plan of action had yet formed. Then Mrs. Cameron came. Deirdre brought her into the kitchen. "It's Mrs. Cameron, father," she said, and led them.

Farrel turned in the direction of her voice. He made a movement towards Mrs. Cameron, who was standing just within the doorway. His hand went out with a seeking motion.

"I . . . I can't see you," he said, a little querulously. Her hand met his. She knew from his face the desperate and troubled state of mind he was in, and he, hers, from her fluttered breath and the sob that went with it.

"I've come to ask you to keep a promise," she said. "You remember the promise?" For a moment he did not remember any words—any formal undertaking; but he knew to what she referred.

"You said . . . long ago," her voice was scarcely audible, "that if ever you could do anything for me or mine—" "Yes," he said. "If ever I can do anything, I want to."

She sank into a chair. Her hands flew to her bonnet strings. She uttered them. "You know what it is I want you to do?" she asked.

"Yes." He felt for his chair. It was near the one she had taken. He sat down.

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## About the House

### A Candlelight Party.

A charming and novel compliment to a bride is a candlelight party. The soft light of candles heightens the attractiveness of any room and for the party should be the only light, except perhaps the glow from an open fire.

A race with lighted candles makes a lively beginning and will afford much fun, after it is over, the contestants are informed that it is the one whose candle first went out that is to be the next bride, and not she whose candle kept alight longest.

When that is over the guests gather in a circle and with a lighted candle in the centre of the group, and each one in turn contributes a part of a continued story that relates to imaginary scenes and incidents in the future married life of the bride.

By the previous agreement the guests bring candles for the different rooms in the bride's new home, the more artistic and unusual they are the better, and each set or candle should be accompanied by cards bearing original verses.

If there is a clever story-teller or a good singer among the guests, let her entertain the company with "candlelight stories" or the old songs that are forever new and that leave lasting memories in the minds of those who hear them in the light of the candles.

For refreshments serve candle salad and salted wafers. A slice of pineapple with a ring of green pepper for a handle forms the candlestick. The candle is half a banana topped by a cherry to represent the flame or a clove for an unlighted wick. A leaf of lettuce and a spoonful of dressing complete the salad. Small cakes topped with lighted candles can be added if more substantial refreshments are desired.

### Children Describe Value of Milk.

No one knows the influence to come from teaching school children the value of drinking milk. The good to be accomplished is inestimable.

"I'm not sure that he does not deserve it in spite of what you say," "No!" Farrel cried, passionately. He grasped her hand. His face fell over it.

"It is the best thing in the world for me . . . to do something for you," he said. Mrs. Cameron caught her breath when for a moment he carried her fingers to his lips.

"You'll look after Deirdre," he said, "if—" "Yes." She stood uncertainly, looking at him, a pitiful, quivering emotion in her eyes; then she moved away.

"Good-bye," he said, mechanically, hearing the brush of her garments as she left the room. "Good-bye," she said. Deirdre saw that Mrs. Cameron's cheeks were wet with tears when she climbed into the buggy again. She did not speak, but drove silently away.

Deirdre had been rubbing Bess's nose and feeding her with handfuls of grass. When she went back to the kitchen her father was sitting with his arms over the side of his chair, his head on them. She flew to him; her arms entwined him. But he pushed her away, with unconscious roughness.

"Go away!" he whispered. An angry pain at his grief, at Mrs. Cameron who in some way had been the cause of it, surged through Deirdre.

Pete McColl rode into the yard. He threw his bridle over the hitching post. "Any news?" Deirdre asked. He shook his head and went into the kitchen.

Later the Schoolmaster called Steve in. She heard Steve's voice raised, complainingly her father's, with settled determination, against it. Her heart was sore. Why was he not telling her his plans as he was telling Steve?

She heard him arranging to take Pete with him to Melbourne. "I'm going too, father," she cried, flashing into the kitchen. "What have I done that you shouldn't tell me what you are going to do. You're talking to every one else, and my heart's breaking."

The Schoolmaster drew her into his arms. "You're not coming, dear," he said. "You're best out of this. I want you to wait here with Steve till Davey comes back." "And you too, father?" "He hold her close in his arms. "Yes, me too, of course, darling." He crushed her face against his. (To be continued.)

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tere with the production of pigment (coloring matter). Prolonged residence in either a very hot or very cold climate will also cause the hair to turn gray.

The hair usually whitens first at the temples, then on top of the head. Hairs first turn gray at the roots, and as the roots are embedded in the hair follicles they can not be reached by fluids applied to the scalp. As hair grows from the root and not at the ends, it will be understood that in a very short time after the application of a so-called "restorer" the hair will show its natural color near the scalp, while the rest of its length will have the artificial color. There is always danger in using hair dyes because so many of them contain lead, and serious cases of lead poisoning have resulted from their use.

Silvery gray hair is much admired, and red hair sometimes turns to pale yellow shade which is also attractive. Yellowish tinges which are not admired may be caused by jaundice, or by perspiration, or the too frequent use of hot curling-irons (injurious to hair of any color) or darkly colored hair tonics. As gray hair soils easily, persons possessing it should wear dust-caps while about their household tasks, and closely fitting hats and veils when driving. Gray hair should be washed at least every two weeks, in soft water or rain-water, and rinsed with great care. If the hair is entirely white, it will look better if a little bluing is added to the last rinse water. Use just enough to give the water a slightly bluish tinge; more than this would give the hair an unnatural tint.

In answer to many letters concerning gray hair, I might add that nothing can be done to hasten the change of color so that it will become more uniform. Nature follows her own course and takes her own time. A change of color might be prevented or arrested by freedom from care and worry, good health or change of climate. There is a possibility that foods rich in iron, such as spinach and raisins, might also benefit.

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Beauty of Gray Hair. An eminent physician is said to have remarked that the only sensible thing to do for gray hair is to admire it. Gray hair is, as a rule, vastly becoming, softening the lines of the face, for Nature is cunning and changes the color of the hair with the age of the individual in order to suit the changes in the skin.

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Where Jones Put the Paint. May (looking at Jones' newly-painted barn)—"I understand that Jones put most of the paint on himself." Day—"He did. Then he hired Eben Gray to put what was left on the barn."

## INVENTIONS

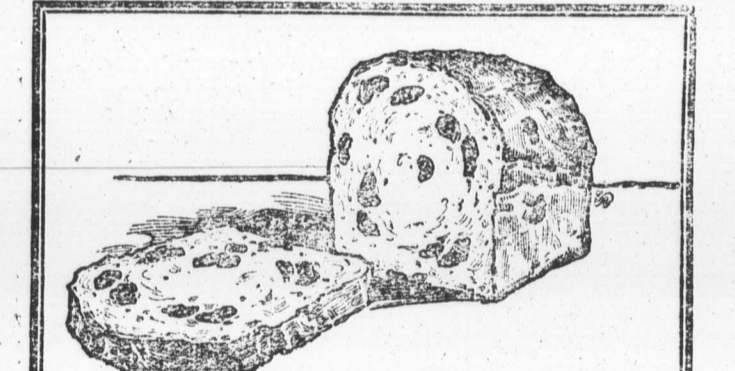
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