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THE KING'S MASTER

BY MARTHA MCCULLOCH-WILLIAMS

It was a bright May morning in the fifties. The mist-covered bloom was dewy in the pasture at Fairfield when the King came galloping along the turnpike. Blood and beauty shone through even his present plight. He had broken out, and run the 20 miles home, hard as he could leg it; yet, after the manner of May foals, had stopped to wallow in the hand-cast way-side pond.

Over the bridge went the King, grazed industriously a matter of 10 minutes, then flung up head and tail and galloped straight to the piazza steps.

Baby Winchester saw him and saw nothing else clearly for a long time. She stood upon the steps, giving him lumps of sugar, her arms about his neck, quite heedless of mud.

"She was young and tall-foolish, of course—else why did she lay her cheek so often to the place on the mane where she knew the King's master was to lay his hand?" If her eyes had been clear she would have failed to notice a rider's approach, even though his mount was a light-stepping mule.

The rider also was young and tall-possibly also foolish—and like Baby, yet unlike. There was the same oval outline, the same delicately angular profile, dropping forward the least bit at the chin. But Baby was fair colored as the dawn, all blue eyes, yellow hair, and rose-lip cheeks, whereas the rider was black-brown throughout of a ruddy Spanish darkness. He sprang down noiselessly, save for a tinkle of spurs. Baby started violently, leaping half about, and cried: "Maury! How-how dare you! My father—"

"I know," Maury Fontaine said, "but I have only come for my own. Uncle Roger even will hardly deny my right to do that."

"You mean the King? How did you know? I never thought he would run away from you," Baby said. Maury smiled softly.

"I mean the King—and you," he said. "Baby was very white. Childishly she looked her hands behind. Somehow her eyes cleared; the beam seemed to freeze at their source. 'I cannot go with you,' she said very low. 'I have promised—promised—not to think of you—not to remember you—to do down you as of my blood—unless you—'"

"Cease to show yourself a traitor and a rebel," the man's cracked yet hoarse, thundered out behind her, as she made a gasping pause. Col. Roger Winchester, owner and master of Fairfield, had come stamping out of his office in the wing, drawn by the nose of hoofs and voices. Thin, straight-headed in spite of pure silver hair, his eyes flashed at sight of his nephew—his sister's son, whom he had brought up and loved as his own. All through his young manhood the colonel had sat politically at the feet of Old Hickory. What wonder, then, that his uniform was a fiery passion? What wonder, either, that he raged to find Maury but after strange gods—babbling of state rights, of secession, and at last going out to fight for them? He had disowned the lad, disinherited him—at least potentially. They had not met before since Maury had ridden away to the muster camp, and the drilling, something like four weeks back.

Maury evaluated hard, but his head went up obstinately. He fingered his gray jacket. "I can't take it off," he said. "It's hard to have you and Baby despise me for wearing it; but I should have the right to despise myself, if feeling as I do, I had not put it on."

"Then go! Go to your own destruction. Never show your face here again!" Col. Winchester shouted. Maury caught Baby's hand. "I am going—never to come back again until you ask me," he said. "But—Baby, will you let me go alone?" His sense voice sounded deadly cold. Baby went white to the lips, looked thrice from one to the other, then fled into the house without a word.

Maury and King went down the drive alone.

When the long fight was over, and hope had become heart-break, Maury and the King were still together.

It was little short of a miracle; but there they were, the man with an empty sleeve, the horse, raw-boned, starved out of all likeness to his old gallant self. A man may still do a man's work with one arm if he has also a right good will. Maury proved that, when he set himself and the King to ploughing out cotton for a planter who was sadly in the grass.

By time frost came the King was really a horse—a creature black as his old self, it is true, but reasonably sleek in a new winter coat, that was more than ever bloated and spotted with white, and he came together with his crop-ear, gave him a somewhat waggish, not to say rakish, aspect. In genuine kindness the plantation master advised Maury to get rid of him, adding that it would be mighty hard for a stranger either to live up to, or live down, such a looking horse. Maury smiled thanks, and said he would think the matter over. Next week he

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



PINK LINEN FROCK IN MOYENNE STYLE.

The elongated waistline is suggested here by the trimming below the hip, and the long panel in front is embroidered in pink to match the shade of the linen. The lace trimming is also dyed in the delicate pink color of the list, a Charlotte shape, bordered with small pink rosebuds and velvet ribbon in a old rose shade. The bolero effect on the bodice is very smart this year, boleros being suggested on many of the Paris frocks for spring and summer.

FORT HOWE TAKEN

AFTER BIG FIGHT

62nd Regiment Had an Excellent Tactical Drill on Saturday Afternoon—There Were Two Casualties.

The 62nd Fusiliers held a very successful tactical drill on Saturday afternoon. One part of the regiment under the command of Captain Peters, with the signalling corps and hliograph apparatus, occupied Fort Howe. The remainder of the men under Captain Fleetwood formed an attacking force. The object of the manoeuvre was to teach the men how to take proper advantage of cover when in action.

Col. M. B. Edwards was in supreme command and the whole staff of the regiment was present. The fort was taken after a good defence. Two minor casualties occurred to men in the attacking party. Lieut. Sturdee, while climbing over a rock, fell and cut the palm of his hand slightly. The other accident was to a private in "C" company. In some way or another he was hit in the eye with a piece of stone.

The eye was cut slightly. Dr. Anglin attended to him in the field and he was sent to his home in Mecklenburg street with an escort.

There were about 200 men altogether on parade on the Barrack square. The defending party, about fifty in number, with fifty from the time the action commenced until the cease fire sounded, and the whole regiment marched back to the Barrack square with a rear guard thrown out.

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AT EVERY DAY CLUB

Rev. C. W. Squires Preaches on Self-Respect, Self-Knowledge, Self-Control

Rev. C. W. Squires, who was the speaker at the Every Day Club last evening, based his remarks on Tennyson's words, "Self-respect, self-knowledge, self-control—these three alone lead life to sovereign power." Taking up each point, the speaker dealt with its significance. The best way to gain self-knowledge, he said, was to mingle with men in daily life and study them, and so come to understand himself.

Touching self-control, he pointed out that it differentiated a man from a thing. Mr. Squires, in the course of his address, said that Canada spent \$100,000,000 a year for liquor and tobacco, and that there was a great waste, to which he would be added the loss and misery and ruin wrought by drink.

He made an eloquent appeal to his hearers to learn the lesson of self-respect, self-knowledge and self-control, that their lives might be fruitful in good deeds, and he said there could be no goodness without self-control.

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HON. C. W. ROBINSON GIVES REASONS FOR BENTLEY'S VICTORY IN THE COUNTY

In Striking Fighting Speech at St. Martin's He Shows Why St. John County Should at Once Repudiate the Hazen Government—Copp and Lowell Follow With Great Speeches—Candidate Gets a Royal Welcome From the Sturdy Voters of His Own Parish

A masterly exposure of the shortcomings and broken promises of the Hazen administration was a feature of the speech delivered by Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the opposition, at an enthusiastic and crowded meeting of the electors in St. Martin's on Saturday evening. As the speaker contrasted the failures of the Hazen government with the promises of the opposition, the audience cheered him again and again.

The broken pledge with regard to the tender system, the increase in the expenditures by nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, and Mr. Fleming's attempt to fast a bogus surplus on the electors, were among a few of the points touched upon. The close attention of the audience and the frequent applause at Mr. Robinson's denials of the Hazen government's record at the point, left no room for doubt as to the feeling of the electors.

F. Bentley, the Liberal candidate, James Lowell, M. P. P., and A. B. Copp, M. P. P., were the other speakers. Mr. Bentley's reception when he entered the hall a few minutes after the meeting opened, was in the nature of an ovation. His popularity in his own parish is great, and that he will secure a sweeping majority in St. Martin's on July 20, is assured.

Mr. Lowell gave a most interesting insight into the absurdities of the Hazen road act, and pointed out the utter disregard of the wishes of the electors of St. John county, shown by the Hazen government in foisting the act upon them. Mr. Copp also made a telling speech on the issues of the campaign. F. M. Cochran presided at the meeting, which was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in St. Martin's.

Mr. Lowell, the first speaker, was given a great reception. He was no stranger; he had been to the parish of St. Martin's, and had come to thank the people for the handsome support they had given him in the past. It was his birthplace, and he felt quite at home among them. He was with them to ask their best thought to the present political situation and to give Mr. Bentley their hearty support. Clergymen had been sent out broadcast to the effect that unless they supported the government candidate, no favors would be shown to the county. It was not fair to take the people by the throat, and he felt sure they would resent it.

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is a rough game. Sometimes we receive a lot of abuse, but we don't complain. I dare say that last evening you heard several things not complimentary to myself. I am used to that. It is necessary for us to speak out our minds regarding the actions of our opponents and tell you a few plain truths.

As you know, I had a comparatively short experience as leader of the government at Fredericton. It has been said that when I succeeded I took upon my shoulders the responsibility for the acts of my predecessors. Gentlemen, I do not shrink from responsibility in that regard. The old highway act I know was not perfect and I pledged myself to amend it outside of St. John county, where you had a speech, said \$200,000. Mr. Fleming, in St. John, said \$3,500,000. (Laughter.) As a matter of fact the gross debt was about \$5,000,000 and the net debt after the late government had been in power twenty-five years, was \$3,500,000.

Out of that the government had constructed bridges and subsidized railways and with it all it must be remembered that of that \$3,500,000 no less than \$2,000,000 was a legacy twenty-five years old. The late government increased the debt to the extent of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000. The late government increased the debt to the extent of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000.

Mr. Fleming talked of stopping this terrible increase in a short time and save the farms and the workshops and the homes of the people. Yet the first thing he does is to still further mortgage the farms and the workshops and the homes of the people by guaranteeing the bonds of a little railway to Bathurst.

"Mr. Hazen said he would be willing to mortgage the resources of the province to the extent of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 to build a St. John Valley Railway. Since he came into power he has given you ample evidence that he was not sincere.

"The cry was that the old government was extravagant—horribly extravagant—on an income of \$800,000 a year. If there were in power, they said, the province should have good roads, the school teachers should receive pensions and they would manage the affairs of the province better than they were ever managed before. Yet now they are in power their expenditure has gone up to \$1,200,000 a year or an increase of thirty per cent over the ten previous years. (Cheers.)

"They said we wanted lots of money on the roads and what have they done? Almost doubled the road tax. Any one can make good roads if they have the money. Mr. Pugsley succeeded in increasing the dominion government's subsidy by \$180,000 a year and except the payment for the first half year all of it has gone into the treasury of this government and all has been expended. What have they got to show for it?"

"Mr. Fleming tells all the truth when he says that a lot of money has been spent on the roads. We never constructed a road. We never expended money repairing the roads but our contention is that the money belonged to the province. Nearly \$100,000 a year have been expended up to April 1 last when the summer work had not even been started. While a certain portion of that sum no doubt is chargeable to the current year, yet a very much larger portion of it is right in the hands of the province on the roads last July, August and September. Mr. Fleming says he is on the inside and he knows. Yes, I have no doubt he knows how much of the work was done last year. He is deceiving the electors by telling them only half the truth. (Cheers.)