

The Broad Highway

Jeffery Farnol

"Which We Call Life"

(Continued from last issue.)

"All this I heard as they lolled with in a yard of me, manifesting a lofty and contemptuous disregard for all save themselves, waited upon most deferentially by the smiling fat fellow, and stared at the aged man with as much admiring awe as if they had each been nothing less than a lord-mayor of London at the very least. But now they leaned their heads together, and spoke in lowered tones, but something in the leering eyes of the one, and the smiling lips of the other, told me that it was not of horses that they spoke.

"Bring her to reason, by gad!" said the slightest of the two, setting down his empty glass with a bang, oh, trust me to know their pretty, skittish ways, trust me to manage 'em; I've never failed yet, by gad!"

"Curse me, that's true enough!" said the other, and here they sank their voices again.

My ale being finished, I took up my staff, a heavy, knotted affair, and turned to go. Now, as I did so, my foot, by accident, came in contact with the gold-mounted cane I have mentioned, and sent it clattering to the floor. I was on the point of stooping for it, when a rough hand gripped my shoulder from behind, twisting me savagely about, and I thus found myself staring upon two rows of sharp, white teeth.

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Bravo, Tom the Soldier!

And presently I became aware that he had stopped his horse, and was regarding me militarily.

"Tom," said I, "you are a wonderful talker!"

"And you, sir," said he, "are a better listener, and, look you, a good listener is mighty hard to come by. However, here's the end of my journey, more's the pity, but if you—"

"Tom," said I suddenly, "you never heard of Tom Crag, did you?"

"Can't say as I have," he answered, stroking his chin thoughtfully, "though there was a Dick Snagret in the thirty-ninth, I remember that."

"And don't you know who 'George' is, of course?" I continued musingly.

"Why, I've known a many Georges in my time," said he, "and then there's George, Prince of Wales, the Prince Regent, as they call him now."

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And at the parting of the ways was a finger-post with the words: "To London." To the right of the finger-post, now as I stood beneath the finger-post, debating which road I should take, I was aware of the sound of wheels, and, glancing about, I saw that the Ontario Pacific driver was a fine, tall, ruddy-faced fellow, very squared and bold upright, and who shouted a cheery greeting to me.

"If so be you are for Pembrey, or thereabouts, sir," said he, bringing his horse to a standstill, "why, jump up, sir—that is, if you be so minded."

"My course lies anywhere," said I. "Then—if you be so minded—"

"I am so minded," said I.

"Then, sir, jump up," said he.

"Thanks, sir," said I.

So I climbed upon the seat beside him, and then I saw that he had a wooden leg, and straightway understood his smart bearing, and general neat appearance.

"You have been a soldier?" said I.

"And my name's Tom, and I could tell you a sight about them Spaniards, and Frenchies—that is, if you be so minded."

"I am so minded; fire away, Tom."

"Well," he began, fixing his eyes on the "wheelers' ears, "they Frenchies they do eat frogs, but what I say is—if they be so minded, why frogs let it be!"

"To be sure!" said I.

"And after all they're well worth fighting, and that's more than you can say for a many!"

"True," said I, "one generally has a certain respect for the man-one fights."

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"Have you ever seen him?"

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