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strode. He emerged upon a velvety meadow in which a peaceful herd was grazing. The wand pointed across the green country, away from the city streets. Light of heart, the page followed.

But a little way had he gone when he came to the bank of a river, whose waters flowed dark and deep. As he looked, they seemed to become darker and deeper than ever and dashed themselves about as though in fury. "What shall I do?" cried the page in distress. "The wand says I must cross. Ah, the Truth Jewel," and he flashed forth the great gem. Immediately the river subsided to a mere brooklet, over which the youth joyously sprang.

Now, when he had traversed some miles of country, the sun being high in the heavens—"I am hungry," quoth the page, "He who would track the Sunbeams to their lair methinks must have refreshment. Mayhap the dame of yonder cottage will be kind of heart."

So, pausing at a wayside cottage, he asked the dame if perchance she could refresh a weary traveller with a bowl of milk and bread. "Indeed, young sir, you are welcome," said she, and bade him enter. The cottage was poor, but clean; the dame was wrinkled, bent and brown, her face so seamed and lined as to appear

The wand was pointing directly out of was a treacherous quagmire, in whose the forest, and thither the page buoyantly miry depths he would soon have sunk out of sight.

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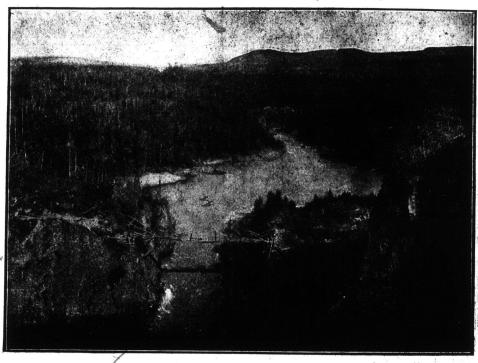
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As he entered the village, the sound of childish laughter greeted his ears. On the green were a dozen or more little golden-haired rompers, enjoying the last warm rays of the westering sún. Following the direction of the wand, the page approached the green and stood, unobserved by the children, beneath a spreading tree. A woman, sitting sewing on a bench hard by, raised her head and glanced at him. She was of a lofty countenance, beautiful but sad.

Just then one of the children separated himself from his companions and came running to the woman. "See, mother," he called. "The sun is going down. See the sunset!"

The mother put her arm about him and held him close, while together they watched the glory of the sinking sun. "Mother," queried the child, "When the sun sets, where do all the sunbeams go? The little sunbeams that play with me all day long where do they co?"

day long—where do they go?" Now, the page just at this moment be-came aware that the wand in his hand was growing thinner and brighter until all at once it escaped from his grasp-a Sunbeam! Dismayed at the loss of his guide, he hastened to turn upon the truant the clear light of the jewel. He saw it making



Indian Bridge adjacent to G.T.P. in British Columbia

to have lost all human semblance. She its way towards the bright-haired boy, set before him bread and meat and a pitcher of milk, and as he ate, she said: "I had four lads like you once. They went to the wars. I gave them to my Straight into the heart of the child



country. . . . I am alone now." By the light of the Jewel of Truth, the page saw that the cottage was a palace, the wrinkled dame a stately queen with a heart of pure gold.

Slipping under his plate some gold pieces from the king's pouch, he bade her farewell, and continued his journey, mightily refreshed, and smiling to himself at the thought of the dame's pleasure when she should discover the coins.

He was nearing another belt of woodland, when as he approached, suddenly there fell on his ears the sound of a mighty roaring. In a moment out rushed a dragon with many heads and mouths, and each mouth roaring as it came dashing onward. Escape there was none. "Ah, my jewel," cried the page, "Now we shall see this demon in his true perspec-"Now we tive, and he flashed the sparkling gem straight upon the dreadful monster. The next moment he laughed aloud in glee, for the dragon had shrivelled away to a puny creature, with the squeak of a mouse.

It was towards the close of day that the young traveller drew near a little village, nestled at the foot of a wooded hill, like a tired child at its mother's knee. He had met with various difficulties, to all of which he had applied the clear light of Truth and they had dwindled away. Once he had thought to cross a green meadow which looked wondrous inviting to the foot and pleasant to the eye, but the wand bade him make a detour of the field. Perplexed, the page turned upon the problem the light of the jewel. To his great surprise, he saw that in reality the meadow

danced the sunbeam, and the page, strid-ing gladly forward, answered him. "They ing gladly forward, answered him. go to their homes, my little lad-in the hearts of little children."

Then he sat down beside them and told them the story of his search, of the difficulties he had encountered, of the lessons he had learned. When he spoke of the unhappy king, the eyes of the mother grew moist and tender, and she said: "He is my father. We will go with you to him."

So the page abode in the house of the widowed princess that night, and early in the morning they set out to return to the royal city. With the gold the king had provided, the page purchased a coach and pair, so that they rode in state along the broad highway. And when they reached the palace, the page bade the princess and the child wait in the great hall while he went in to prepare the king for their coming.

Glad indeed was the monarch to behold again the cheerful face of the page. Overoyed beyond measure was he to learn of the success of the youth's mission. Embracing him, the King entreated to be told at once every detail of his journey.

So the page told the monarch the tale of his adventures, saving only the identity of the child in whose innocent heart the sunbcam had found a home. "Now, sunbeam had found a home. "Now, Sire," he concluded, "I have brought the child back with me. He waits without. Take you this jewel of Truth in your hand and throw its light on the child when he enters."

His royal master took the stone and the page ushered in the child and his mother.