

little tremulously. "I don't think I could leave him unless I were going with you."

"We shall never have to be separated from him again," he answered. "I don't want to lose a moment of his young life any more than you do, dear. But now we have so much to talk over. We shall both know it was best when we have him again."

"You are so good to me, Henry."

Nearly the whole town of Tucson was at the station to bid them God-speed. Pedro sobbed aloud when he kissed Helen's hand. "Come back to us," he blubbered, "we shall never have such another mistress—and the little master, who has learned so well to speak our language, he, too, must come back to us." Father Ignatius blessed her. "Your husband is a noble man," he said. "Love him always, and obey him when you do not fully comprehend. My children's prayers, the love of the simple Indians, will be always with you." The doctor wiped his eyes vigorously. "Old Faithful will always take the turn to the hill, Mrs. Murphy. And sometime he will turn because you are there. The houses will hem you in and soon you will return, because the desert always calls its friends."

"I shall see you very soon, dear, and bring the boy safely," Katherine said, as she kissed her.