THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

IV.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE COTTAGE.

The heavens were full of stars, which shone brightly through the frosty air. Sounds of music fell upon their ears, and as their way lay in that direction they walked toward it.

"Can you guess who are playing?" asked Coltsfoot, with a bright smile, stepping briskly along.

A little crowd of persons stood around the players, and Sassafras, peeping through, saw Iris and Lucerne with their violins at their shoulders. The little girls bore a great resemblance to each other, but the expressions on their faces were not at all alike. The face of Iris was grave, and she drew her bow across the strings with a thoughtful and serious air; her little body moved slowly and soberly in response to the music. Lucerne's face, on the other hand, was full of smiles and sparkles; her eyes, her feet, her body danced to the music, and she swayed this way and that with graceful, joyous motion.

"You see," said Coltsfoot, in explanation, "Iris has the cares of a family upon her; responsibility makes her serious and grave."

The air being finished, the children stood in quiet expectation of a reward. They were not disappointed; a good many gave, the gifts being very small. One woman, putting a hal'-penny into her baby's hand, caused the little one to bend over to Iris, and directed the gift; and when Iris kissed the baby, the woman herself stooped down to the tiny bread-winners, and kissed them in her motherly way.

"A better scene than the last," said Coltsfoot.

He did not make himself known to the children, but he and Sassafras followed them quietly out of the street. When they reached a retired spot Iris paused, and tucking her violin under her arm, proceeded with a business air to count their gains. She nodded and nodded again with satisfaction, and then the two children, with their arms round each other's necks, walked home singing softly.

"I should like to say good-by to them," said Sassafras, wistfully; "I may never see them again."

"Don't say good-by," replied Coltsfoot, "it makes children sad. Wish them a merry Christmas instead. Besides, we shall see them again. They are coming to the cottage to-night."

Sassafras ran after the children, and embraced them, and when he went away left good wishes behind him, and something more tangible, which he slipped unobserved into Iris's pocket. As he and Coltsfoot entered the lane in which Ragged Robin and Bluebell lived, sounds of merriment floated toward them. Ragged Robin's loud laugh could be plainly heard, and when they were closer to the house, Bluebell's sweeter voice greeted them. She was singing a simple song of the season, and Sassafras and Coltsfoot listened outside until the last line was sung, and then clapped their hands in applause, and cried, "Bravo! bravo!" All the family rushed to the door, and also some neighbors who had been invited. "Here they are - here they are!" they shouted; and they had a scramble and a race along the narrow lane after Coltsfoot and Sassafras, who pretended that they wanted to run away. The wrens, in their warm nests in the chimneys must have been astonished at the noise which awoke them, and as they raised their heads lazily from their beds of brown moss must have looked at each other with an air of "What's all this about?" The Christmas party returned to the house in a merry cluster, filling the air with their laughter. Some of the older wrens, who were well acquainted with them, doubtless thought to themselves, "Ah, that's Ragged Robin's 'Ho! ho! ho!' harsh, and wild, and unruly; and that's his father's creak, like a door with rusty hinges; and that's his mother's cackle, 'He! he! he!' and that is Bluebell's tender voice—her laugh is like music—let us listen a little longer to it; and that's Coltsfoot's 'Ha! ha! ha!'—why, he laughs like a boy to-night: and that's Sassafras's voice, low and soft. What makes it so sad and pensive? He is generally very merry. Ah, if they knew what we know, they wouldn't make so free with him!" For these discreet old wrens had friends and relations living in the warm chimneys of the King's palace, and were in the habit of visiting them very often—being but flighty creatures, as you may guess; and there they had seen Myrtle in his proper form of Prince Sassafras, and consequently knew of the deception he was practicing upon Robin, and Coltsfoot, and Bluebell, and the rest. They chattered about it among themselves. "What does he do it for," they asked of one another, without being able to furnish a sufficient explanation. "It is perfectly inexplicable," said the old wren, who had been born in the royal chimneys—indeed, in the very chimney of the bedroom where Sassafras slept—and whose courtly airs were a sight to behold; *she* never came to dinner with her feathers ruffled! "It is perfectly inexplicable! I can't make it out. A prince, who is in the enjoyment of every luxury, and who has his drawers filled with silks and laces and furs, to associate on terms of familiarity with such common persons as Ragged Robin and his family! With Ragged Robin, who hasn't a second pair of breeches to—" "Hush! hush!" interrupted a staid old wren who looked after the proprieties. "To his common legs," continued the court wren, in a stately way; "and with a person like that Coltsfoot, who teaches *a b c* to a lot of dirty, ragged brats, and gives medicine and trash to a parcel of old women! Our Prince to associate with such-like! I don't know what we're coming to!" But an equally out-spoken old wren, who had been born in the cottage chimney, and who had lived a happy life there, resented this with spirit. "And pray, madam," she cried to the court wren, "who are you that you should think the Prince demeans himself by coming to us for a few hours now and then? And who are you that you should try to take away the character of honest Robin and our good Coltsfoot? Let me tell you that the Prince is never so happy as when he is with us; I have heard him say so as we were taking away our dinner which he spread on the sill for us." The court wren cocked her head disdainfully, and looked straight before her into vacancy, as though there were no such bird in existence as the cottage wren. But the cottage wren was not to be put down in this way. "You!" she continued, with you stuck-up ways and your grand airs! Who are you, I should like to know? Because you happen to be hatched in a royal chimney, you think yourself of more consequence than your betters!" In short, they had a desperate quarrel, which was not confined to themselves. All the other birds joined in, and such a chattering and a whistling were heard in the royal chimneys that it was a mercy something dreadful did not occur to the walls. The upshot of it was that a breach occurred in their friendship, and for eight whole days the cottage wrens and the court wrens were not on speaking terms. It must be confessed that when the quarrel was patched up, it was the cottage wrens who had to eat humble pie; they could not resist the only opportunity they had of hearing the delicious bits of fashionable scandal which the court wrens always had on the tips of their tongues.

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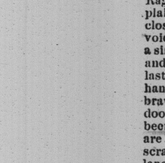

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175 TONS Beater Pressed Hay, ime quality.
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THE Subscriber has just received a large and well assorted consignment of COOKING STOVES, and Ranges, Hall Stoves and Franklins in all the latest and most improved designs.

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For sale to arrive ex Annie B, from New York:

1000 Boxes Layer Raisins.

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150 Bushels New Oats!

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100 BARRELS BRAN,

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IN half-bbls and qr-bbls, convenient size for family use. For sale at
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5 BBLS. AMERICAN CRANBERRIES.

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