

it," he answered soothingly, and then he stepped back to shut the door, after which he took her hand, and let her away to the nearest house, where a woman was found to go, and look after the dead.

Then he made Edith write a letter, saying that she was going to Prince Rupert City, in the care of her cousin. This letter was sent to Mrs. Witham by special messenger, then the two walked across the fields to Port Essington, and took the next boat for home, where Edith was received with such acclamations of joy, that she quite broke down under the warmth of her welcome.

All through the winter Sally Witham had steadily instilled into her the idea that Elgar and his relatives were rejoicing because her claim to be her father's daughter could not be legally proved, and Edith, who was tremendously proud, had resolved that she would starve rather than be dependent on people who did not want her. She had been inveigled away in the first place by Tim, who said that Sally was ill, and wanted to give her the papers of identification before she died.

"The Withams promptly disappeared after the meeting of Elgar and Edith, nor were they heard of again for years. Then it was in a police court case they figured, which resulted in their both going into a term of enforced retirement, which would give them leisure to reflect upon the fact that crooked ways do not lead up to solid prosperity.

To his great surprise, Elgar received a letter from his old patrol leader, saying that all his old company were proud of him, because of the manner in which he had done his scout duty all alone, and it had been