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"KYRA,"

OR,
The Ward of the Earl of Vering.

CHAPTER XV.

her fingers in it, and wiped them on her napkin, then rose from the table, and deliberately walked round the room, eyeing the pictures, and examining the whole room, as if for an inventory, then she glided slowly, with undulating grace to the curved rug, and, slipping down on it, carried herself up like a statue of meditation.

Mrs. Taping looked down at her from a respectful distance with profound admiration; here was a curiosity indeed! Talking parrots, green shells, monkeys even, were nothing to this beautiful, living creature from foreign parts. Mrs. Taping couldn't take her eyes off until Kyra suddenly raised her own full, dark ones, and then Mrs. Taping's dropped like lead. Kyra looked hard at her for a moment then spoke.

"Tell Kyra where Mr. Chester has gone."
No pen could write the English tongue as she spoke it—so carefully, so sweetly, and yet so naively broken. The "Mr. Chester" was like a chord on a harp.

"He has gone to see my lord, his uncle, miss," replied Mrs. Taping. Kyra pointed to a chair, into which Mrs. Taping dropped, with instant obedience.

"The lord; that is a great chief? And where is his wigwam—no, house?"
"Over there, miss," replied Mrs. Taping, pointing in the direction of the Wold. "You'll see it soon, I dare say; Mr. Chester didn't take you, I expect, because of my lord's illness; he couldn't, when one comes to think of it."

"The Wold!" repeated Kyra, springing noiselessly to her feet. "Show me."

Mrs. Taping drew the heavy curtains of the bay window aside. It was a moonlight night, and The Wold stood out as distinctly as if it were carved in silver.

"There it is, my dear. Ah! isn't it a beautiful place? That's where Mr. Chester has gone."

"Are you certain—sure?" asked Kyra, with grave regard.



"Why, where else should he go, miss?" retorted the landlady, with a humoring smile. "Seeing that his have lived and died in it ever since Vering was Vering, and that it will be his own when—" She stopped.

"Yes, my dear; that's where he's gone, but he'll come back to you soon; I heard him say so."
"Soon?" asked Kyra, in a voice that was throbbing wildly with fiery, scornful impatience.

"Yes, very soon, no doubt," said Mrs. Taping. "I dare say you miss him," she added, drawing the curtains to again. "What shall we do? Would you like to look at the picture-book?"

Kyra sank on to the hearth rug, asquiescingly, and Mrs. Taping placed one of the silver candelabra on the floor beside her, propped up a sofa cushion in front of Kyra, and opened a huge volume of the Illustrated London News.

"There, my dear, that's full of pictures; and there's plenty more volumes when that's done with. And now I'll go and see about some tea, and a nice cake, and—Lord bless the child! she looks at me with the eyes of a woman of twenty."
And poor, bewildered Mrs. Taping bustled out of the room.

No sooner had she gone than Kyra slid upward and sprang noiselessly to the window, drew back the curtain, and peered out upon the silver towers of The Wold. Like a young fawn, motionless and graceful, ready to be stratled at the slightest sound, she stood and murmured:

"What for does he leave me—my brave, my chief? Who is the other chief?—he not Kyra's chief? Why he leave Kyra for him? Oh, come back—come back!" And she stretched out her long arms imploringly. "Kyra no live, no sleep, while her brave away from her. How long will you leave her alone—how long?"

Some part of this piteous prayer was in broken English, some part in her own liquid tongue.

with no Christian name as if she had been a princess, noting all the while the fur lining on the girl's dress, her delicate, slightly tinged hands, the slender neck, the tiny feet, and the exquisite loveliness of the face; and wondering where and when Mr. Percy had come across such a rare curiosity, and—what he was going to do with it.

"And now," she said, having waited for some time for the girl to address some remark to her, "what shall we do next? Will you have another picture book, miss?"

Kyra shook her head. "Kyra tired of pictures; Kyra no know what they mean."
She rose to her feet, and folding her arms, gazed down at the fire.

"Kyra go where you've been?" she said, pointing her finger downward. "So you shall, miss," responded Mrs. Taping, warmly flattered.

"There's nobody downstairs, and you shall come with me; it will amuse you, and I'm sure Mr. Chester wouldn't mind."
"He not mind," said Kyra. "Kyra do what she please. He no say no!" Mrs. Taping smiled.

"No; and I don't wonder at it. Who could say no to such a face as yours? Come along, my dear—miss, I mean. Oh, lud!" and holding the girl's hand she led her downstairs again. "Stop a minute," she said, suddenly, "you mustn't catch cold. I'll fetch your furs, miss."

With a wrap of costly beaver thrown round her, Kyra was conducted into the lower regions of the "Vering Arms." As Mrs. Taping had said, there was no one there excepting Mr. Taping, and he was so reverently respectful that, after a long and flattering stare at this strange ward of the heir of Vering, he effaced himself by retiring into the cosy den behind the bar, and Mrs. Taping pointed him out as one of the objects of interest.

"My husband, miss. What is he doing? Smoking his pipe, miss! No offence—he shall put it out if you like!"
But Kyra didn't like anything of the sort. She drew her hand away and glided to Mr. Taping, who stared in speechless awe.

"Give me," she said—"we are friends."
And, with a smile, she held out her hand for the pipe.

"Mercy on us!" exclaimed Mrs. Taping, turning pale. "If Mr. Percy should see her! 'Twill never do, Taping!"
"I'd give her the sign off the post outside if she asked for it," replied Taping, stoutly. "Here's the pipe, miss; you can break it, if you like, there's plenty more! Only," he added, in alarm, "don't ye burn yourself, for mercy's sake!"

To his surprise and Mrs. Taping's utter dismay, Kyra put the red-mouthed stem to her beautiful lips and gave one puff.

"There see," she said, "Kyra friends now; you give her good dinners, you show her pictures of paleface! She smoke the pipe of peace—it is good!"
"Good!" ejaculated the landlord. "It's awful! What will Mr. Chester say?"

"He say good, too," responded Kyra, promptly, and glided out into the hall again. The door was open, as a matter of course, and she stood on the threshold, her gaze fixed on The Wold, for a minute or two, listening to Mrs. Taping's chat, as it appeared, then turned again with the downcast face that an Indian wears when he is thinking.

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longed to take them all out and set them straight, especially one costume of dark Indian red, all decorated over with feathers and quills, that she had caught a glimpse of, lying at the bottom of the trunk; but her orders did not extend to anything so comprehensive, and so she contented herself with remarking, as she disrobed her young charge:

"What a heap of beautiful clothes you have got miss!"
To which Kyra, with open-eyed indifference, responded:

"Yes, there much plenty."
"And now, miss, you'll have a night-light; and there's a bell close to your hand, and, if you want anything—if it's in the dead of the night it don't matter—pull at that, as if your life depended on it and I'll come down to you. Good-night!—What, a kiss?"

Why, miss, who could a taught you that? And who could help loving you? though I don't think Mr. Chester would like it," she added, remorsefully.

"Mr. Chester like anything Kyra like," were the last words, as Mrs. Taping, with one long, comprehensive look, closed the door.

Kyra lay in her snowy-white bed, as still as a mouse, and listening as intently as a mouse; she was not unlike one in color, a little lighter, perhaps, but as sleek and quick and graceful. She was listening for one sound, and she could have picked it out from a babel of sounds—the footstep of Percy Chester.

The weeks that had been consumed in their journey from the wild places of her native land to the home of the paleface had weakened many an old habit, changed her manners, taught her a new tongue and fresh customs, but they had not weakened the passionate adoration which she had felt for the paleface chief who had snatched her from death, and succored her that snowy night by the Snake River. They had not wrought any change in her full dependence and implicit trust in his lightest word; they had not taught her to look upon him in anything less fanatical a light than that in which she had regarded him that night when he had wrapped her in his cloak and sheltered her from death.

Never since the world was created had there been a deeper, more intense adoration than that which burned in the bosom of the Indian girl for the man who had crossed her life in all the glory of his manly beauty and strength. To say that she would have died for him but poorly expresses the intensity of her devotion to him; to say that she could not live without him scarcely exceeds the limits of bare truth.

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Ralph Senior, Flat Islands, P.B.
Norman Way, Bonavista
Fred Abbott, Bonavista.

During the day a squad of volunteers went on a route march, another squad on a rifle drill and another had rifle practice at the Southside Range. The men also received their fortnightly pay.

Prospects Encouraging Caplin Plentiful.

The latest fishery reports received are:
To The Board of Trade. (Red Island to Conmore)—The total catch is 7559 qtls, with 789 for last week. Ten traps and some 60 boats are fishing. Prospects are slightly improved and caplin in abundance landed to-day. The average per trap is about 5 qtls. for the week. Two schooners have arrived from the Banks with 300 qtls. each. (Salmon Cove Pt. to Colliers North Pt.)—Seven traps, ten dories and skiffs but no boats are fishing. The catch for the week was about 5 qtls. Some of the traps operating here have taken a little fish but others have done nothing so far. Prospects are now improving slightly and there is a plentiful supply of herring bait.

To Marine and Fisheries.
Seal Cove—Weather fair with a sight of codfish and plenty salmon and herring.
Lawn—One trap yesterday had 25 qtls. in one haul while others averaged from 5 to 10 qtls. There is also plenty of caplin.
King's Cove—Very little fish with traps; liners 1/2 to 1 qtl. on caplin bait.

Lamaline—There was a fair sign of cod for traps and hook and liners the last few days with a good supply of caplin.
Twillingate—Traps averaging 1/4 bri.; only a few fish caught by hook and liners.
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At the City Hall.

The weekly session of the Municipal Council was held last night, Chairman Gosling presiding.
Impounder Duffett's claim for \$44.50 re Mary Earle's goat case, was handed to the Finance Committee to be dealt with.

It was reported by the Engineer that a number of streets in the East and West End of the city were ready to receive a sprinkling of oil.
Plans of proposed garage on Monkstown Road were submitted by Mr. D. Ryan, and approved.

Permissiq was granted Albert Taylor, Pleasant Street, to erect a wood shed, and also to Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd., to make inside repairs to building on Water Street, also to Mrs. James Dillon to make repairs to her house, Southside Road.
Jas. Carter's complaint of a defect at the rear of Balsam Place, was referred to the Engineer, as was also A. H. Murray's request that a floating stage for fishermen be placed in Bowring's Cove.

F. J. Searle's plans of a proposed shed on Freshwater Road, were approved.
The Royal Stationary Co. asked the Board to buy an addressograph. Referred to Office Committee.
Permission was given the Nfld. Boot & Shoe Co. to instal sprinkler in factory, under regulations governing other factories.

The Gas Co. stated that the tarvin in Duckworth Street caused leakage as it affected their main. The Engineer was instructed to inquire and report.
The Engineer reported progress in the laying of the sewer on the Waterford Bridge Road.
The meeting adjourned after pay rolls, etc. were passed.
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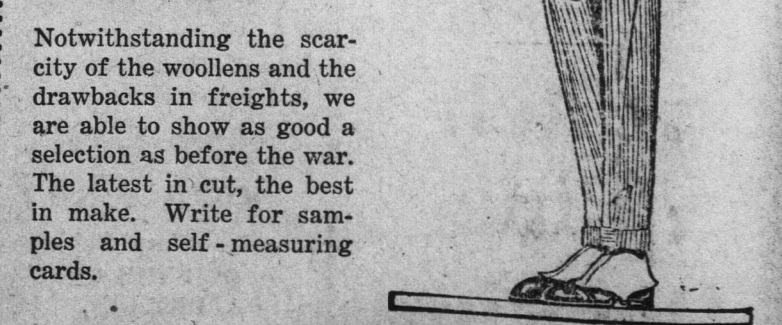
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