THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

XVII.

(*Continued.*)

When he had concluded others pressed forward to speak, but Sassafras held up his hand. He had heard enough, he said, and he bade them depart and return to the cottage in an hour for his answer.

The deputation withdrew, and Sassafras, Bluebell, and Coltsfoot were left alone. The countenance of Sassafras was distressed; that of Coltsfoot was grave and thoughtful. Bluebell, standing a little apart, watched them both with eyes of anxious love and friendship.

"Come to my side Bluebell," said Sassafras, "and let me try to gather wisdom from love."

Bluebell moved close to her husband; he took her hand in his.

"You are not angry with me, Bluebell, for having deceived you?"

"No, my King—"

Her hand dropped from his grasp as he cried,

"Bluebell!"

So sharp was his note of agony, as he detected in her tone such hesitation and reserve as she would naturally adopt when speaking to one far above her in station, that she trembled before him. Raising her eyes, she saw him with yearning love in his face, holding out his arms toward her. She fell into them, and he kissed her sweet face again and again.

"Always, forever, until the last day!"

His full love would be satisfied with no less; and she repeated the words after him with a deep happiness in her heart.

"Never to change, darling, whatever occurs," he said.

"Never to change, my dearest. If I thought otherwise I should die."

"We have been very happy here, Bluebell."

She sighed. What was the future to be?

"If," he continued, "all lots in life were set before me, I would choose the life that we have led, and gratefully live my days until the end comes. Surely, in so doing, I should be violating no law, human or divine! I work for my bread, and by the labor of my hands I supply the wants of those whom I love. What higher dignity can I desire? I work, I enjoy. I do no man wrong, and I thank God for all. Why should I change? Within these walls great happiness has been mine; they are sanctified by the dear memories that love and friendship have created: they seem to speak to me as I look upon them, and seem to beg me to remain. Here our first born drew his first breath; his grave is near; here have I tasted the sweetness that lies in sorrow, the love that lies in affliction, the hope and the joy that are born of faith; here have I been drawn nearer to God! Counsel me, Bluebell; advise me, dear woman! What shall I do?"

Bluebell looked pleadingly at Coltsfoot: his countenance had not changed its thoughtful expression.

"It is for you to decide, dear love," said Bluebell; "you are wiser and stronger than I. However it is to be, believe that I shall be happy if you are satisfied."

Sassafras paced the apartment in serious mental disturbance. He also looked at Coltsfoot, who, however, made no sign. Then said Sassafras, somewhat bitterly,

"Are you waiting for permission to speak before the King?"

"No," replied Coltsfoot, in a gentle tone. "I am waiting to hear how your best judgment prompts you to decide."

"You have heard. I covet no other lot than this. I desire no higher."

"You speak out of your selfishness, then?"

"I speak out of my heart."

"What would you say of the soldier who, when his country, for a just cause, demands the strength of his arm, slinks out of the ranks, and hides in his chimney-corner?"

"The soldier enlists of his own free-will. To desert at such a moment is the act of a coward."

"What, then, of the man who, placed by destiny at the head of a great nation, and having within his hands the power of achieving great good, flies fretfully from his responsibilities, because he has not the strength of mind to set his heel upon the littleness with which established routine declares his life must be occupied? When you say you desire no higher lot than this, you speak out of your blindness. So can I fancy some Sybarite speaking, who maintains that there is no higher aim in life than the indulgence of luxuriousness. And while the world is groaning round about him, he, wrapped in his silken cloak of selfish ease and effeminacy, heeds not, hears not, the suffering cries of his brothers and sisters. Oh, cried Coltsfoot, with passionate fervor, "that I had been born to power as you were! that I possessed the capacity which is yours, and which you regard so lightly, of healing the wounds of a great people! I would lift my lance against ignorance. I would give good opportunity to those who are born low down. I would root uncleanliness out of my land. I would honor true merit. I would wage war against the fashions which drift a nation upon the rocks of false morality. I would walk with my eyes open through the streets of my country, and I would do my best to purify them. I would be a priest to my people—a healer. By my example, I would make simplicity honored. Religion should be something more than a tradition, and God should be worshipped on Mondays and Tuesdays, and the other week-days—worshipped, as He should be worshipped, in houses and streets as well as in churches, by the living of good lives and the constant exercise of charity and virtue. So would I walk through my life and live my days, and fulfil the solemn trust which had fallen into my hands—leaving behind me, when my task was done, an honorable name, built upon solid foundation, and a heritage of good deed deeds to grace my children's lives, and make them loved throughout the land!"

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A year has passed, and Sassafras reigns again in No-land. Lord Crabtree is dismissed, and by the King's side, for councillors, are Coltsfoot and Old Humanity. Wise councillors, indeed, are they: they strike at the very root of evil; false fashions and sham moralities fall beneath their lances, and glittering masks are torn from the faces of idols hitherto worshipped in high places. Short as is the time that has elapsed since the events recorded in the last chapters, great deeds have been done, and, with God's help, greater still will be accomplished. Sassafras is beloved by all; and even more beloved than he is Bluebell, whose modesty, simplicity and goodness have endeared her to the hearts of the people. Their pictures—hers with a baby in her arms—hang upon the walls of every lowly cottage in the land; and when she walks or rides through the streets loving eyes follow her, and loving hearts treasure up the affectionate looks she bestows upon them. Iris, Lucerne and Daisy live in Bluebell's cottage, and many are the happy hours Sassafras and Bluebell spend in that dear home. And when the Good Season comes round again, men and women who have the means are influenced by the bright example set them by their King and Queen, and go among the poor and lowly, and the light of good deeds shines upon their way. Truly a blessing has fallen upon the country, and it is Christmas throughout all the land.

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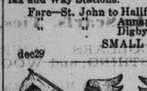

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