THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

XIV.
(*Continued*)

He stretched out his arms, and rose in bed; the gentle hand of Iris upon his breast was sufficient to compose him, and he sank back again.

"One more word," he said, grasping consciousness, as it were, before it entirely escaped him; "if I am rebellious and give you trouble, whisper to me the name of Bluebell. Peace dwells with her."

"These were the last rational words uttered for three weeks, during which time Iris nursed him with tender care. But she would have found it far more difficult than she did to be faithful to the trust reposed in her, and which she accepted, had it not been that Coltsfoot found so much to do in consequence of the excitement into which the country was thrown by the abdication of the King, that every moment of his time was occupied. His task was to throw oil upon the troubled waters among the poor whom he knew, and to prevent them from becoming violent in the extravagance of their agitation at the new state of things which was to be such a blessing to them. During these three weeks, Coltsfoot saw Iris on three or four occasions, when she contrived to meet him always in the streets, and he was satisfied by her words that all was going on well with her and her sisters. The little maid played a confiding part, and played it well. She obtained medicines from Coltsfoot, leading him to believe that they were for a poor person whom she visited; and by this means and her own unwearied care she nursed Sassafras into convalescence.

"I can never repay you, dear child," he said, as he lay upon the bed, a shadow of his former self. "Go now to Coltsfoot and Bluebell, and tell them I am here."

XV.

THROUGHOUT THREE CHANGES OF THE SEASONS.

As in a panorama scenes of places far distant from one another pass before our eyes within a few minutes—space and time being defied, as it were, and conquered by the artist's brush—so, in some part after the same fashion, shall certain pictures be given while the seasons run their course in nature's wondrous scheme.

A little village church shines out in the clear light of morning. The snow is on the ground; the air is sweet, and the heavens are bright. Round about the door are grouped thirty or forty poor women and children, dressed in their best; some carry bunches of winter flowers in their hands. To this village church come Bluebell and Sassafras, to plight their troth according to God's holy ordinance; Coltsfoot accompanies them, and Robin; and Iris and Lucerne and Daisy. Affectionate hands hold out the flowers to the bride and bridegroom; affectionate looks greet them whichever way they turn. With heads reverently bent they listen to the words of the priest; love is in their hearts, solemn thoughts are in their minds. Sassafras mentally thanks God for the new life which this day begins for him; and the beautiful face of the bride grows still more beautiful as she plights her troth. It is near Christmas time, and the good season's gladness is reflected in the faces of those who throng the little church. "May it be always Christmas with you, my child," says Coltsfoot to Bluebell, as he kisses her in a fatherly way. He turns to Sassafras, and grasps his hand with faithful grasp. Then, with a smile on his lips, he leaves them, saying that he will be with them at the cottage in an hour.

How does he spend this hour? Alone, he stands in the cold white woods. He knows that this day has set the seal upon all his hopes of home and domestic love. No loving woman shall ever nestle in his arms, and call him Husband. No child shall ever cling to his knees, and call him Father. Waves of grief pass over his soul; sighs issue from his aching breast; tears stain his face; a wintry smile dwells upon his lips. Suddenly the sun shines out; its warm rays rest upon a branch from which cold icicles hang, which presently dissolve, and drop in diamond tears one by one to earth. "Yes," he murmurs, as if in answer to this sign; "because the fruition of love is denied to me, shall I allow my heart to be frozen? Dear sister! dear brother!" He prays for strength and it comes to him. "Be comforted" seems to be written in the air, in the snow-lined trees, in the clear heavens. The brave, faithful man stands still for a few moments, with his earnest face turned upward to the skies. Then he takes a handful of snow and with it washes the traces of tears from his eyes. When he rejoins Bluebell and Sassafras, they see the same sweet smile upon his lips as was there when he left them by the village church.

It is spring. Two men are working in the woods side by side. The sound of their axes rings through the air. A tree quivers, totters, falls. The workmen pause to wipe their brows. "You're getting on," says Ragged Robin, approvingly. Sassafras smiles. "But I shall never be as good a workman as you," he says. "Tain't to be expected," remarks Robin, complacently; but his complacent look changes soon to one of discontent. "What now, Robin?" asks Sassafras. "'Tis a shame, it is," answers Robin; "things ain't right." "Two shillings a week more—eh, Robin?" exclaims Sassafras, with a sly look of merriment. "That's so," says Robin; "that's all that's wanted." "I wonder," says Sassafras, swinging his axe, "whether that nut will ever be cracked?" "I'd crack it," grumbles Robin, "if I had it between my teeth!"

It is the evening of the same day. A hundred men, women and children are trooping to Coltsfoot's schoolhouse. His pupils have so increased in numbers that he has been compelled to call in the aid of Sassafras Bluebell also assists them occasionally, when she can be spared from her household duties. Some of the pupils are gray-haired men, who are now for the first time mastering their A B C. Iris, Lucerne, and Daisy are regular attendants. The pupils learn good lessons in addition to the regular routine of tasks. How can it be otherwise, with such a teacher as Coltsfoot to guide them? By the mere force of example he renders them fitter for life's duties and for the life to come. Within the scope of his influence—which is necessarily very limited, but he does more than one man's good work—there are no gin-palaces, with garish light and vicious glitter, to poison and mislead. He woos the weak and ignorant to a better spending of their leisure hours. Wise, tolerant, merciful yet just, the lessons they learn from him clear the clouds from their minds, and make their souls and bodies clean and wholesome. Many and many a home has he made bright and happy.

It is summer, and Coltsfoot and Sassafras stand by a small patch of land, on which the corn is ripening. The plot is a very small one, and they have acquired it by industry; they have cultivated it with their own hands. "There will be a good crop," says Sassafras; "we shall have flour enough for the year." "And a little to spare, adds Coltsfoot. Together they walk to the little cottage, which is again bright with color. Within the honey suckle porch sits Bluebell, working, and watching for the approach of her husband and friend. They come. She runs to meet them. A heaven of happiness is in the heart of Sassafras as he walks toward their home with his arm around her waist, and he murmurs gratefully, "Now do I know what sweetness there is in life." "What is that you are whispering?" asks Bluebell. "That I am the happiest man in England, my darling," he replies. "Then I think," she says, with that indescribably tender movement which in such moments a woman makes toward the man she loves, "that I must be the happiest woman."

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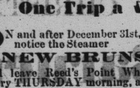

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