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"No offering!" O true heart, hush thy moan! Look on those hands, grown hard with toil for those

You love. Look with the eyes that others' woes Have caused to weep, but wept not for thine own!

O great unselfish heart, that, for the sake Of others, hid the pain it still must bear, The sharp, quick pang or grief, the wasting care,

All hidden, lest some other's heart should break! And is this naught? Ask Him who died

Ask Him who lives for thee, and who has said, "And inasmuch as ye have given bread To these my little ones, ye gave to me!" -Selected.

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NINA BRUCE.

BY ROSE HARTWICK THORPE.

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

"Oranges. I smell them, Ned," she cried, gleefully; then her bright face sobered, and she added, gravely,

"You ought not to spend so much, Ned. Oranges are so expensive, you know. You should have got apples."

"You little goose," he said, with a laugh. "You have forgotten that we are not in Michigan, where apples are cheap and oranges dear. Apples are five cents apiece, for the scrubbiest affairs you ever saw, here. Coming right from apple orchards, you would not touch an apple here. But just look at these; regular beauties, ain't they? Only five cents for the three."

He rolled three large, juicy oranges into Nina's lap, as he spoke, and snatching up two of them, she crowded her eager little nose between them, exclaiming:

"Three for five cents! Why, Ned, we never had a whole orange in our life at one time!"

"No," said Ned, with a comical grimace, "only a third—yours, Neil and I. One orange had to do for all of us."

"But I always had the largest third," said Nina. "You boys would have it so. It seems as if I must always receive favors and never grant them."

"It's enough for Neil and me just to have you for our sister," Ned said, as he peeled an orange for her.

"We can't leave until twelve o'clock; suppose we write a letter home, suggested Nina; "they will be so anxious to hear from us; and especially mother."

"That is just what we will do," said Ned. "It seems as if I never could tell Neil all the things he has done already. I wish we had the dear old fellow with us."

"So do I," said Nina, with her mouth full of orange.

At noon their journey began again. First on the street railway car, through a beautiful part of the city, where the streets were like a park, with trees and grass and shrubbery; and after, past all the greenness and beauty, were the southern houses, which, Ned said, were mostly porches, or galleries, as he afterward learned to call them.

At the station, they learned that they were to cross the mouth of the Mississippi River by ferry; and new delights awaited them.

Nina forgot that she had ever known sickness or weariness as she looked out over the landscape which was presented just where the Gulf of Mexico began; and, later, when seated in the cars none more were borne through still more tropical scenery than any they had yet beheld, through sugar plantations, cotton fields, being orange groves, while the obliging conductor took pains to explain everything to them.

"I feel as if I had lived ten years since leaving home," said Ned, as another day drew to a close, and the darkness of night shut out the landscape which had presented him so thoroughly all the afternoon.

"To-morrow we shall be at the end of our journey,"

"And so many miles away from home," said Nina, with a touch of homesickness in her voice.

Toward noon of the next day, Ned and Nina noticed quite a change in the scenery about them. The low, marshy plains, with their large-leaved, profuse vegetation, and gigantic trees, gave place to higher lands, sandy, dwarfed, trees, with occasional patches of the "prickly pear" cactus. The trees grew less as they proceeded, and the hills loomed up in the distance, a far blue ridge. Now they discovered, for the first time, great herds of large horned Texas cattle feeding at the bank near the track.

At last the scenery grew uninteresting and monotonous. With the excitement of variety gone, Nina discovered that she was very tired, and confided to Ned that she would be so glad when they had reached the end of their journey.

As the train stopped at the station in San Antonio, a large man came into the car, and asked Ned if his name was Bruce.

"Yes, sir," he replied, relieved that his responsibility for the day was at an end.

"Are you Mr. Thornton?"

"I am, and this is the little sister, I suppose. Ah, a regular Texas primrose, as I live, though a pr ty tired one, I suppose."

He accompanied them to their boarding place, as unexpected little cottage, which, like nearly all the houses, has an abundance of galleries about it; and after introducing his young charges to the family, and telling Ned to call upon him at his office the following day, he bade them "good-night" and took his departure.

CHAPTER VI.

THE STACY FAMILY.

The family to which Ned and Nina Bruce were introduced on the night of their arrival consisted of a father and his children. The mother had been dead for more than a year. The eldest daughter, a slender girl of twenty, took her place, and no woman could have filled the place better than Yetta, whose brave, unselfish life was

sacrificed for her brother and sisters. A sacrifice which they scarcely seemed to appreciate.

Lute, a dark faced gipsyish looking girl, with sullen black eyes, was about Nina's age; but she only acknowledged the introduction with a fierce, almost angry glance, as though the younger girl had committed a great wrong in coming into her home.

Jack was a mischievous boy of twelve, who tormented his sisters unmercifully; and Jen, a child of seven.

The father of this family was a well-meaning man, who loved the children left in his care; but he had no idea of their most important needs, or the manner in which they should be influenced for good.

He often sighed over their faults, but knew not how to correct them. He was a man of life's burdens are very heavy when we undertake to bear them alone; we stumble under their weight, we fall in the darkness and go astray, until at last, heart-sick and discouraged, we fling the burdens aside, and sit down with idle hands; but when Jesus stands beside us, the way grows clear before, and the heavy load of responsibility that weighed us down is lifted. We can then bow at the foot of our trustful Friend, asking his guidance, and feel assured that we shall surely be led aright.

"You're tired, I reckon," said Yetta, at the close of that first uncomfortable meal, when they had all gathered about the table in awkward silence, and no word of thanks had been returned to God for his bountiful blessings.

To cure Yetta had made several ineffectual attempts to overcome the embarrassing silence which prevailed. Mr. Stacy had asked a few questions; but Ned and Nina were thoroughly tired out, and the younger members of the family were fast asleep. Yetta, leaning her head closely, which only added to their homesickness and discomfort.

"Yes," replied Nina, "we are very tired. I hope to be more sociable to-morrow."

"I will show you to your room," said Yetta, with a little grin.

"Good-night," said Nina, addressing the whole group, but looking at Lute.

Lute nodded her dark head almost savagely. Jack snickered; Jen opened her mouth and eyes, but made no answer; and only Ned, who replied to her salutation, said a wish that she might rest well, and, on better acquaintance, find his young folks—not quite as bashful as they now appeared.

"This is to be your room, Miss Bruce," said Yetta, opening the door into a pleasant room, where Nina discovered that extra pains had been taken to make it cheerful and tidy.

"Oh, please, call me Nina," said she, with a mist of tears in her eyes. "Don't hold me out at arms' length with a horrid Miss. I am only a little girl yet."

"Then it shall be Nina," replied Yetta, in tones of evident relief. "I'm right glad you will let us call you Nina. It's such a pretty name."

"We will have to give him a cot in the hall," said Yetta, soberly. "I am sorry that Ned has no room for himself, but Mr. Thornton thought he wouldn't care."

"No, indeed," said Nina brightly, "I will be glad to be so near me, and I shall be so pleased to have him outside my door. May I kiss you good night?"

"So do I," said Nina, with her mouth full of orange.

"Just to think," she said, softly, as she closed Nina's door after the "good-night" had been said, "to think that Lute never liked me! I don't know if I shall ever see her again."

There was a warm place in Yetta's heart for the little northern girl who was to be an inmate of her home for the next few months, as she went back into the room where the family were assembled after conducting her to her room.

"She's a sight prettier'n some girls I know," Jack was saying, with an uncomplimentary glance at Lute's sullen face.

"I hate her already," muttered Lute.

"I had to give up my room to her, an' she's over the top of me so than for the travellers," replied Ned, "I can have a blue uniform with brass buttons and a fine cap, we'll be in the line in ten days. I can afford it, I will have my picture taken in my suit, and send it home. But you don't seem glad, Nina? I am afraid something will happen. Ned, I don't know what it is I seem to fear, but I wish it was some other employment."

"Just like a girl," said Ned, slightly annoyed that Nina did not fully appreciate his grand position. "I'm borrowing trouble about something. I can take care of myself, Nina; so don't worry about me."

"If God helps you, you'll be all right, Ned. I wish that you trusted him as I do."

"So do I, Nina, and may-be I will, some time. I am to go with one of the old brakemen several trips, and learn all about my duties before I go for myself," said Ned, whose interest was wholly in his new employment. "We go west of here more than a hundred miles, right up among the mountains."

"That will be nice," said Nina, "and you can tell me all about them. How long will you be away?"

"Two nights and one day. Then I will only be gone two days and a night. The only drawback is that I shall have to be up at night-run; but I'll get used to it after a while, and won't mind it so much."

"Mr. Thornton asked my age, and when I told him I was sixteen last Sunday, he said that I was a strong, well-built girl for my age, and that I would be taken for a much older boy," continued Ned. "He then asked how old 'little Primrose' is—that's you, Nina, and it's a pretty name for you too—I told him that you would be fifteen at Easter time, and he seemed awfully surprised and glad."

"Why," he said, "she don't look more than eleven or twelve at the most. You seem to have taken all the strength and vitality from your little sister, my boy. I told him that I hoped to give it back to you with interest, and so I will, if I can. Oh, Nina, I do hope that you will get real strong here. Mr. Thornton seems to think that you will."

"I don't see how I can help it," said Nina. "The air is so warm and dry. It makes me hungry just to breathe it in. Only think, it is the first of December, and see the roses in bloom by my window. Yetta says they bloom until the first of January, and commence blossoming again in March. I don't see how the people who live here can help getting fat; they have so much to eat and drink."

"I'm afraid they are not as good as they ought to be," said Ned, thoughtfully. "I never saw so many beer saloons in all my life as I did this morning. Mr. Thornton says there are sixty-three beer saloons and seventy beer saloons in San Antonio; and that the number never grows less, but is always on the increase. He says that almost everybody drinks beer."

"Oh, Ned, how dreadful!" exclaimed Nina, with a startled look in her brown eyes. I never thought that we were coming to such a wicked place. You won't let any one persuade you to even taste of it, will you, Ned? Only think of the sorrow that has come to the world because of strong drink."

"Me? No, indeed, Nina; I'm as much of a temperance boy as you are."

"Don't! Are you ill? It was ill! I said Nina, too interested in the subject of their conversation to notice any irregularities in Ned's speech."

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Bismarck's Traits.

In the recently published 'memoirs of Count Von Bismarck, formerly Chancellor of the Austrian Empire, several very striking anecdotes are given of Prince Bismarck. They serve so well to illustrate some of the traits of the most eminent of German statesmen, that one or two of them may be given here.

On one occasion, Von Bismarck was staying with Bismarck at the famous summer resort of Gastein. They were talking one day, when Bismarck asked his companion, "What do you do when you are angry? I suppose you do not get angry as often as I do."

Von Bismarck replied that he got more angry at men's stupidity than at their malignity.

"You find it a great relief," asked Bismarck, "to smash things when you are in a passion? One day I was over there, pointing to the Emperor's residence opposite my eyes as I wrote. A perfect child in all his glad in childhood, and in all his possibilities, ready for play, faculty—as all human beings are—but with so few faults that even they seem virtues compared with the darker sins of others. A child whose young heart belongs to God is probably the best and purest thing on earth. Of such is the kingdom of heaven." God help us all to become just such trusting little children as Nina Bruce.

Ned had already gone to Mr. Thornton's office, and after Nina had eaten her breakfast she retired to her own room, to get in order, and write a letter home. She was busily employed with her letter to the dear one in Michigan, when Ned burst into the room with a joyful exclamation.

"Halloo, Nina; you can't see what my employment is! I have been called out. I feel sorry for him? Such a same life he must lead up there among the sand hills."

"What is your work to be, Ned?" asked Nina, with interest.

"Goes. Oh you never could if you tried to see it! Thornton borrowed for offering the place to me. He said I was awfully dull times now, and there were lots of men out of employment; so it was almost impossible for him to get other employment for me. He needn't have excused the matter. I couldn't have asked for anything better. Poor Ned! he's a good fellow. He said I was awfully dull times now, and there were lots of men out of employment; so it was almost impossible for him to get other employment for me. He needn't have excused the matter. I couldn't have asked for anything better. Poor Ned! he's a good fellow. He said I was awfully dull times now, and there were lots of men out of employment; so it was almost impossible for him to get other employment for me. He needn't have excused the matter. I couldn't have asked for anything better. Poor Ned! he's a good fellow. 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