
Romance of Rutherford's Flat

he was content. Later, the two men sat on the long bench outside the open door of the house, and as they smoked, Rutherford told the story of his early struggles as a schoolmaster in Ireland, and the final decision to seek the New World to commence life anew for the sake of the children born, and those to come. There were no regrets, only a tender clinging to the memories of the land of his birth. Halford heard somewhat dreamily as he watched the great fires glowing and glimmering in the "burnings" on the hillsides and the weird shadows which flitted eerily about—the ghosts of fallen forest monarchs. Above the rising and falling sound of waters was borne to his ears snatches of a song. He caught the words of one line: