THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY J. L. FARRIOR.

IX.

(Continued.)

Coltsfoot read the slanders in the papers which Sassafras handed to him, and said:

"This is one of the reasons why I think the King is to be pitied. I have often seen the person who edits this paper."

"Is he in earnest? Is he sincere?" inquired Sassafras, anxiously.

"I should be sorry to shake hands with him," replied Coltsfoot. He does what pays him best. Before he became a paper politician, he gained a name among the poor and ignorant by writing bread stories—stories which strike at the very foundation of morality, and which are a disgrace to the literature of No-land. But the people have worthier champions than he, and some of their cheap weekly papers which I could name, and which circulate largely among them, are doing honest and wholesome work, which is bearing good fruit to-day, and will bear better by-and-by. But enough of this. Let us go and see our little thinkers."

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Turn we from these troublous matters. A quieter, sweeter theme invites us. While the wild winds are raging in one place, light breezes float in another, where the storm-tossed soul find repose. Cast your eyes over the world, and you will see in the same moment the white snow falling and the bright rose in full bloom. The brown leaves fluttering to the ground in the sad, pensive light of an evening in autumn, and the green branches, with the dew glistening upon them, laughing into life in the light of a sweet, fresh morning in spring.

X.

"SWEET IS THE AIR NOW AND FOREVER; BRIGHT WINTERTIME NOW, CHANGE WILL COME NEVER."

The old country lane is sweet with the fragrance of a bright midsummer. The hedgerows are beautiful in their luxuriance of wild rose, bluebell and honeysuckle. Myriad tiny blossoms, with eyes of scarlet and purple and gold, are peeping out beneath the richly laden thickets, and smiling in the face of the drowsy clouds.

Here and there are clusters of tiny silver eyes. At a little distance they look like pure white tears. They might be, for before the sun rose this morning, the rain fell. And as it fell it stirred every thing into life, and brought out the most precious odors of all the sweet-smelling plants. When the fragrant air, on its way to the clouds, reached the nests of the waking birds, they stretched their wings and bathed in it, piping their ditties as they.

In a very small and very old cottage, so covered with ivy and moss as to warrant the fancy that it must have grown out of the earth as the flowers and trees do, sits an old woman shelling peas. Every now and then she looks out of the window. A yellow basin is in her lap, and the freshly gathered young pease are in a wicker basket by her side; her brown, long fingers never cease from their task. The window by which she is sitting is open, and she is almost within arm's reach of a young girl, who sits in the cottage porch in a frame-work of creeping honeysuckle. The twining plants bend about her and above her woingly. She is as fair as the summer day, as sweet as the air which steals through the porch to kiss her, and then wanders on rejoicing.

Her pretty lips are parted, so that you may catch a glimpse of her pearly teeth; the light in her soft and luminous eyes seems to be turned inward, as though she is looking on her soul; a happy sigh escapes her bosom now and then. She is day-dreaming, but it would not be possible to picture her dreams. Say that they are composed of sweet, warm color, which makes the present and the future beautiful and peaceful, say that summer is in her soul, and all is said that can be said.

Her name is Bluebell. Dame Endive is the name of the old woman.

In this rustic cottage dwell four persons: Spring and Winter, in the persons of Bluebell and Dame Endive; Coltsfoot, Dame Endive's son; and Ragged Robin, Bluebell's brother.

There are four rooms in the cottage—two above, two below. The room above the porch, the window of which, with its closely latticed panes, you see peeping out of its green nest, is the bedroom occupied by Bluebell and Dame Endive. The room behind that, which looks down upon a small kitchen-garden from which the pease have been gathered, is the sleeping-room of Ragged Robin. Coltsfoot sleeps in a little room behind his school-house, which is not a great distance from the cottage.

Bluebell is making baskets with slender reeds and willows and differently colored grasses; she is very cunning and clever in the weaving of them, and seems to invest them with something of her own grace and beauty and freshness. They are very fragile, and require delicate handling; but they are so pretty that Dame Endive finds a ready sale for them in the market that is held once a week about two miles distant from the cottage. Ladies buy them as well as country-women, and they grace many a drawing-room round about. Dame Endive, who has led a hard-working, industrious life, is very happy to have something to do in her old age—something too, that brings in money toward the expenses of the household. The baskets are light, and easy to carry, and on the market-day Bluebell hangs them about the old woman's breast and shoulders, and she starts in the early morning, a living net-work of bright, moving color. The baskets are of various shapes—very fantastic, some of them—and as the old woman moves slowly along, assisted by her crutch-stick, she makes quite a picture. When she stops to rest, the birds hover about her, and some who have grown familiar with her are bold enough to perch upon the baskets that hang from the old woman's back, and enjoy a ride without paying for it.

"The day is beautiful, my dear," pipes Dame Endive from her window.

Bluebell awakes from her dreams and nods and smiles. She is as beautiful and as happy as the day. She wears a light cotton dress, with a small lilac sprig; her hair has escaped from its confinement, and garlands her neck. Dame Endive's cotton dress is of a darker hue, and her white hair is inclosed in a cap as white. This, although it is the middle of the week, is a gala day. Eighteen years ago Bluebell was born.

"Coltsfoot will give his school-children a half-holiday," says Dame Endive, in her shrill voice.

"How do you know, mother?" asks Bluebell. "Did he tell you?"

"No, my dear; but he'll do it. I don't need my son to tell me things. I can read *him*, though I can't read print, and though my old eyes are not as good as they were."

Her old eyes are now, in fact, peering down the road for her son, who is not due for a long time yet. It wants an hour to noon, and half an hour after noon the dinner will be ready, and then the rest of the day will be spent in quiet holiday fashion in honor of Bluebell. Soon Bluebell gathers up her work and goes into the cottage to look after the dinner. Before she quits the porch she also looks down the lane.

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