

## THE GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER:

OR, RAMBLES IN THE CANADIAN FORESTS

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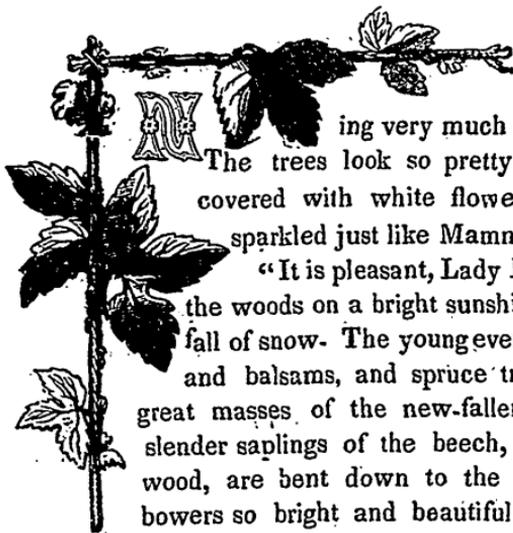
LADY HELMA BRUCE,

DAUGHTER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,

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## CHAPTER II.

SLEIGHING,—SLEIGH ROBES,—FUR CAPS,—OTTER SKINS,—OLD SNOW STORM,—OTTER HUNTING,—OTTER SLIDES,—INDIAN NAMES,—REMARKS ON WILD ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITS.



NURSE, we have had a very nice sleigh drive. I like sleigh-

ing very much over the white snow. The trees look so pretty; as if they were covered with white flowers, and the ground sparkled just like Mamma's diamonds."

"It is pleasant, Lady Mary, to ride through the woods on a bright sunshiny day, after a fresh fall of snow. The young evergreens, the hemlocks and balsams, and spruce trees are loaded with great masses of the new-fallen snow; while the slender saplings of the beech, and birch, and basswood, are bent down to the very ground, making bowers so bright and beautiful you would be delighted to see them. Sometimes, as you drive along, great masses of the snow come showering down upon you; but it is so light and dry that it shakes off without wetting you in the least. It is pleasant to lie wrapped up in warm blankets, or buffalo robes, at the bottom of a lumber-sleigh, and travel through the forest by moonlight. The merry bells echoing through the silent woods, and the stars just peeping down through the frosted trees, which sparkle like diamonds in the moonbeams."

"Nurse, I should like to take a drive through the forest in winter. It is so nice to hear the sleigh bells. We used some-