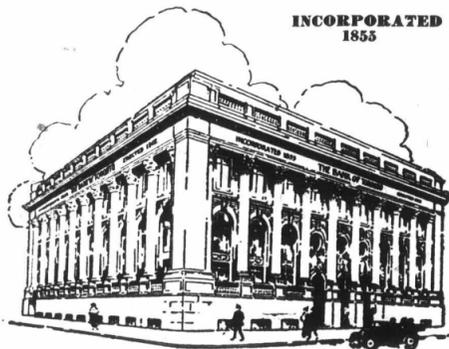


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A TURN OF THE ROAD.

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pork, beans, potatoes and strong tea. At the end of the long, dark, log building, where all food was cooked and served, stood a large cooking-stove. From its oven Tom lifted a baking of golden brown johnny cakes.

"Not so bad, eh, kid?" he said to "Bob," who was stirring something in a lard pail. Bob looked up.

"Sure," he answered, with the peculiar emphasis which can only be heard on the western side of the Atlantic. "I wish this blessed pancake-mixture would mix up a bit quicker. The boys will be here in a few minutes and my pancakes won't be fried."

"Mixture looks a bit too dry," said Tom; "shove a drop more milk out of that can into it, and try again." Bob obeyed, and stirred in silence, while Tom prepared another batch of johnny cakes for the oven. When it was safely baking, he turned to Gilbert and said in a low voice, though the shed was empty:—

"They're advertising for you, kid. Welsh Jack got a paper last time they brought the mail into camp, and he lent it to me. I wanted to keep it, but he said he'd promised it to one of the other boys, and I didn't dare tear the 'ad.' out. 'It said G. L. is earnestly requested to communicate with M. L. All will be arranged.' Then in another place I found a description of you which was pretty good, but didn't allow for that handsome moustache of yours, which makes you look twenty at least. Guess you'd better be going home

and let David boss you again. 'All will be arranged'; but they don't say who's to do the arranging."

Gilbert flushed angrily. "You know perfectly well I'm not going back to Otter Lake. I mean to stay here, and get enough money to be independent, and then find a better job, where I shall be my own master. This one will do me all right for the present."

The door at the end of the house was opened roughly, and some thirty men entered. With them entered a cold breath of sweet-scented forest air which reached the almost red-hot cooking-stove. Bob drank it in with relief. The close, heavy air of the log shanty seemed almost intolerable, but he had to help serve supper and wash the dishes before he could be free to steal out into the clear darkness of the forest night. As usual, the men were satisfied with their grub. The johnny cakes and pancakes were pronounced "all right."

Soon the silent meal—for lumber jacks do not cultivate table talk—was over, the tin plates and cups washed ready for breakfast at dawn, and the wood laid ready for the stove. Most of the men had retired to the bunk-house to sleep the long sleep demanded by their strenuous toil. A few remained in the cook-house, playing cards or writing by the dim light of a swinging lamp.

(To be continued.)

Practically all Jews in the Holy Land who have not embraced Mohammedanism have been expelled from the country. Food is extremely dear, but it can be had.

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CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE.

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difficult. Christianity has greatly strengthened and deepened the ties that bind us to our friends. Christianity has ennobled and glorified the ties of husband and wife, of parent and child. It has taught us that these ties are not merely earthly but heavenly. The parent who brings the infant to the font and dedicates him there to God, who cares for his soul and for his character, who strives and prays that the child may grow up to be true and kindly and good, finds the natural instincts of a natural affection greatly heightened and strengthened by this spiritual atmosphere and by these spiritual convictions.

And when the tie thus strengthened is rudely burst asunder, then of necessity the shock is the greater, the sense of loss must be more acute.

People who do not understand this are sometimes cynical over Christian sorrow. They say, "See how poor is their faith when they grieve so over a separation that according to their belief is only temporary." They do not perceive that this world too is of God's ordination, that these earthly ties are of His will, and that their break is a real calamity.

And yet our sorrow must not be that of men without hope. We must root ourselves more deeply still in the faith of an Eternal God whose children we are, and

"in whose eyes Unveiled the whole creation lies.

All souls are thine; we must not say That those are dead who pass away, From this our world of flesh set free, We know them living unto Thee."

That is Christian fortitude, the endurance of real suffering, hardships, temptation, sorrow, but its endurance "as seeing Him who is invisible."

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.

Don't waste your time in longing
For bright, impossible things;
Don't sit supinely yearning
For the swiftness of Angel's wings;
Don't spurn to be a rushlight
Because you are not a star,
But brighten some bit of darkness
By shining just where you are.

There is need of the tiniest candle
As well as the garnish sun;
The humblest deed is ennobled
When it is worthily done;
You may never be called to brighten
The darkened regions afar;
So fill, for the day, your mission,
By shining just where you are.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

At the Chinese New Year the houses and other buildings are decked with flowers and the streets are thronged with people who have come out to buy provisions, new clothes, and gifts. One good New Year custom in China is that of settling up all debts before the old year has died out. A Chinaman who allows the New Year to dawn before he has settled with his creditors feels himself disgraced. If a Chinaman to whom money is owing is not there to receive it, then he is debarred from pressing his claims for some months afterwards. The New Year is also a great time for housecleaning.

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