THE KING OF NO-LAND.

BY B. L. FARJEON.

V.

(*Continued.*)

In answer, Iris tapped gently on her violin with her bow, and the other little orbs fell into position immediately. They played for half an hour, Sassafras standing quietly by; and then, as they walked side by side softly out of the church-yard, he inquired after his friends. He found that there had been other deaths during his absence. Bluebell's father and mother were both gone, and she, Robin, Coltsfoot, and his old mother all lived together now in one cottage. "We go there often," said Iris; "they were very good to poor mother, who was bedridden for years, and they are very good to us. We all love them dearly, don't we, Lucerne—don't we, Daisy?"

"Yes, yes," they answered, with eager affection.

"Coltsfoot used to come," continued Iris, "and sit with mother regularly, and Bluebell came often too, and made nice things for us. Lucerne and I know how to read and write; Coltsfoot taught us, and he is teaching Daisy now. He will never take anything from us. Before mother died, she kissed him more than once, and told us he was the best man that ever drew breath. Didn't she say those very words, Lucerne? The best man that ever drew breath. And he is. Then mother asked us to come and play by her grave sometimes, and told us to keep good and be kind to one another." To these and other outpourings Sassafras listened with a full heart, and when he was about to leave them he asked whether they would let him give them a kiss. They held up their faces readily, and he kissed them tenderly, and wished them good-night. "Good night, good night," they said. But he had not gone a dozen yards when a thought occurred to him, and he turned back. Hearing his steps, they stopped, and said, "Here is the gentleman again."

"Some one told me," he said, "that Bluebell has a gold chain. Is it true?"

"Oh, yes," replied Iris; "such a beautiful one! And she wears it regularly every Sunday. And there's a little gold heart at the end of it. I know, because she has shown me."

"That's right," said Sassafras, in a glad tone. "Good-night, children, good night." But, unseen by them, he followed them to their humble home, taking upon himself the office of protector to these little ones. Even when they were safely housed he did not depart, but lingered long about the place, thinking of them with tenderness; and an hour afterward, when the two younger children were abed and asleep, he peeped through a chink in the shutters, impelled to do so by the sound of musical chords which came from within the cottage. There he saw Iris partly undressed, tuning her violin softly, and with a beautifully pensive expression on her face.

"God bless you, little one," he murmured, and walked home to his palace with a happy heart.

VI.

TO GRASP THE JEWELLED HAND OF POVERTY.

Sassafras was king, and the loyal subjects of No-land threw up their caps. Things went on as usual, and notwithstanding the difference in the character of the ruler who ruled yesterday, and the ruler who ruled to-day, everything to-day was the same as it was yesterday. Thousands of men were butchered in cold blood in the name of civilization, fortunes were won and lost, swindlers made millions by lies and trickery, and strove to earn popularity by spending a little of their stolen money in a public way, and persons earned and lost salvation according to circumstances.

Sassafras was king. Everybody bowed and bent before him. His nobles listened with fervor to every breath he drew. Every beat of his pulse, every look, every motion, was indexed. When he went to bed and when he rose—when he yawned and when he sighed—how much he ate and how much he drank—when he sneezed, and when he blew his royal nose—every word he spoke and its inflection—every twinge, every grimace, every start, every smile—were recorded in the royal books by zealous servants for the enlightenment of future generations.

"Dear, dear!" he often exclaimed, "why don't you let me alone?"

A pimple on his nose, a whitlow on his finger, a corn that troubled him a little, were national calamities. Every body talked of him, morning, noon, and night, and his ears were continually burning. He was public property, and no rest was given him. If he showed only the tip of his nose in the open air, he was run after, and pointed at, and cheered again and again.

"Dear, dear!" he cried, with his fingers in his ears, "what a noise! Is this the normal state of things in the public thoroughfares? Are my subjects screaming thus?"

And as he rode along he bowed, as he had been taught, this way and that, this way and that, "—cricks came—this way and that, until I felt like—in his back, and he had—a miserable dervish who condemned himself to bend and bow until the last breath was out of him. He was compelled also to smile for such a length of time together that he felt as if his features were waxed into grin curves, and as if he should never be able to get the wrinkles out of his eyelids again. All this was very annoying and distasteful to him. According to all human calculation, he ought to have been the happiest of the happy. It is but an additional proof of the perverseness of human nature—although, to be sure, not one more is needed—that he was as discontented a mortal as could be found in his own kingdom of No-land.

He had wit, intelligence, imagination, a good heart, and large sympathies. But he had no time to give practical shape to his best impulses. The duties of his position were so numerous and exacting that he had scarcely a moment he could call his own, unless he stole it, and then he was told that everything went wrong and was turned topsy turvy.

"I am the pivot, then, my Lord Crabtree," he said, "upon which everything turns?"

"Upon which everything turns, your most gracious Majesty," gravely assented Lord Crabtree. "You are the sun of the nation, the source of all light, honor and happiness."

King Sassafras made a movement of impatience. He had just breakfasted, and Lord Crabtree, who held the post of Principal and Confidential Worryer, was attending on his royal master.

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