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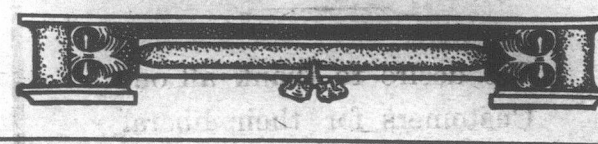
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## The Siege of the Seven Suitors

BY MEREDITH NICHOLSON.

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CHAPTER XVIII--(Continued.)

I marked my position by a rain-glow on a instant, but an instant only. The world reeled for a moment before the sharp cry of a man in fear. It cut the air like a lash, and died upon the second man yelled in a different key, but no less in accents of terror.

The first arrival had flung himself back, and so close upon him pressed the others and so unexpected was the halt that the six men seemed to have flung themselves together and to be struggling to escape from the hideous thing that had interposed itself in their path.

All was over in a moment. In the midst of the panic the lantern was lost, and instantly Heskiah was beside me.

"Skip!" he commanded in a whisper, catching my hand. "Don't move off at a blink run. When we had gone a dozen rods he paused. We heard voices from the side, where gentlemen were still engaged in discussing themselves, and then the planks boomed to their steps as they crossed. They talked loudly and bravely, but their eyes were fixed on the thing that had interposed itself in their path.

"Oh, that Heskiah! I might have known it!" he cried. "Heaven what!" I asked, pricking up my ears.

"That he would be afraid of a pumpkin in with candle inside of it. Did you hear that child?"

"Anybody would have yelled," I suggested. "I think I should have dropped dead if you'd let me hear that."

"No, you wouldn't," he asserted, with unexpected fatuity.

"Don't be deceived, Heskiah. I should have been saved to death if that thing had popped up in front of me."

"I don't believe it. I gave you a worse test than that. When I was ed off the lights and swung a feather duster down the state wall by a string crossed your face and you didn't make a noise like a clown calloping scaring horses to make a street pedant. But that 'Virginus' man?"

"He's a friend of mine and as brave as a lion. Out in Dakota the sheriff used to get him to go in and quiet things when the boys were shooting up the town."

"Well, I rather think we'd better be," I said.

"My wheels" in the weeds somewhere. Please pull it out for me. I'm going home."

"But not alone. I can't let you do that, Heskiah."

"Oh, cheer up!" he laughed, aroused by my hesitations. "What have I something you asked me for. Don't drop it. It's Cecilia's memorandum book. Give it back to her and be sure no one sees it and you needn't look into it yourself. And we've got to go."

have a talk about it and Cecilia. Let me see. There's an iron bridge across an arm of that little lake over there and just beyond a big fallen tree. Tomorrow at 9 o'clock I'll be there. I've got to tell you something, chimney man, without really telling you. You'll be there, won't you?"

"I'll be there if I'm alive, Heskiah."

"I had found the wheel and lighted the lamp. She scouted my suggestion that I find a home and drive her home. The lighting of the lamp required this, owing to the wind and rain, but when I saw this ribbon of light tell clearly upon the road ahead the handle hung and was ready to mount without ado."

She gave me her hand. It was a cold, wet little hand, but there was a friendly grip in it. "This was the first time I had touched Heskiah's hand, and I mention it because as I write I feel again the pressure of her slim cold fingers."

"Sorry you spoiled your clothes, but it was in a good cause. And you're a nice boy, chimney man. Good night."

**CHAPTER XIX.**  
A Tret With Heskiah.

WOKEN the next morning to the banging of Miss Octavia's footstep, I found the door ajar. The door of the house was perfect, and in response to my ring a man appeared who declared himself competent to knock my dress clothes into the street and night.

Cecilia met me at the foot of the stairs, looking rather worn. I thought, "We were safe from interruption a moment ago, but her aunt's gun was still booming, and I followed her to the library."

"Please don't tell me you have failed in the school service," I said. "I have not failed, but I have not opened it, and it has not left my hand since I recovered it."

"Here it is, Miss Heskiah," I said, holding it up without pausing. "I beg to assure you that I return it just as you saw it last. Please satisfy yourself that it has not been tampered with in any way. I have not opened it, and it has not left my hand since I recovered it."

She had almost matched it from me, and she turned slightly away and ran hurriedly over the leaves and ran.

"I thank you, Mr. Ames. Thank you thank you! You have rendered me the greatest service, and I hope you were able to do so without serious inconvenience to yourself."

"On the other hand, it was the smallest matter and instead of being a trouble I found the greatest pleasure in recovering it. Is it not possible that in throwing rejected correspondence into the waste paper basket that stands beside your desk--there is such a basket, is there not?"

"Yes," she replied breathlessly. "It is possible, then, that that little booklet, hardly heavier than paper itself, may have been brushed off without your seeing it?"

"It is possible, I must admit that it is possible, but--"

"The well-trained maid who cares for your room, seeing scraps of paper in the basket by your desk, naturally carried it off. When I accepted your commission last night I went directly to the cellar, sought the bin into which waste paper is thrown, and found among old envelopes and other litter a small tin box, which for my comfort might have been lost forever."

"It doesn't seem possible," she faltered.

"I laughed easily. 'Possible or impossible, you could not on the witness stand swear that the book had not dropped into the waste paper basket precisely as I have described?'"

"No, I suppose I couldn't," she answered slowly.

My powers of mendacity were improving, but her relief at holding the book again in her hand was so great that she would probably have believed anything.

"Yes," she said, clapping the book tight, "this was given me for a particular purpose, and it contains a memorandum of greatest importance. And I was in a panic when I found the way of setting myself straight. Now all is clear again. I feel that I make proper acknowledgment of your service, but if it is any time--"

"Pray think no more of it," I replied. And at this moment Miss Heskiah appeared and called us to breakfast.

"It is perfectly agreeable to you, Arnold," I heard the story of the finding of the ghost at 4 o'clock, or just before tea. I have sent a telegram to Mr. Pepperton asking him to be present. He's at his country home in Redding and can very easily motor down. As no motors are allowed on my premises, he shall be met at the gate with a trap."

"You have sent for Pepperton?" I exclaimed.

"That is exactly what I have done, and as he knows that I never accept apologies under any circumstances he will not disappoint me. In addition to repudiating him for not telling me of the secret passage in this house, I have another matter that concerns you, Arnold, which I wish to lay before him. The new cook that Providence sent to replace yesterday's is the best we have had, Cecilia, and I beg that you both indulge yourselves in a second helping of country scrumptious."

Little later I met Miss Heskiah in the hall dressed for her ride.

"Arnold, you may ride whenever you like. I may have forgotten to mention it. What have you on hand this morning?"

"I have nothing on hand this morning," I replied.

## BETHLEHEM-TOWN.

As I was going to Bethlehem-town, Upon the earth I cast me down  
All underneath a little tree  
That whispered in this wise to me:  
"Oh, I shall stand on Calvary  
And bear that burden with thee!"

As I went to Bethlehem-town,  
I met a shepherd coming down,  
And thus he quoth: "A wondrous sight  
Hath spread before mine eyes this night--  
An angel host most fair to see  
That singeth full sweetly of thee  
That shall stand on Calvary  
What burden aveth you and me?"

As I went to Bethlehem-town,  
I met a man came that bore a crown.  
"Behold," quoth he, "in Bethlehem  
A King shall wear this diadem"  
"Good morn," I quoth, "and it is he  
That shall stand on Calvary  
What burden aveth you and me?"

With a child in Bethlehem-town,  
The wise men came and brought the crown,  
And while the infant smiling slept,  
Upon their knees they fell and wept;  
But with her babe upon her knee,  
Naught recked that Mother of the tree,  
That should stand on Calvary  
What burden aveth you and me?"

Again I walked in Bethlehem-town  
And think of him that wears the crown;  
"I have seen the little child again,  
Now worship him as I did then."  
My King had died upon the tree,  
And I had seen the child again,  
What burden aveth you and me?

"An appointment with a lady," I replied.

"If you are about to meet the owner of that Boston street slipper I wish you good luck."

She was drawing on her gauntlets and turned away to hide a smile, I thought. Then she tapped me lightly with her riding crop.

"Cecilia's silver notebook was missing last night. She told me of her loss with tears. She has again this morning. Did you restore it?"

"It was my good fortune to do so."

"Then allow me to add my thanks to her. You are an unusually practical person, Arnold Ames, as well as the possessor of an imagination that pleases me. You are becoming more and more essential to me. Cecilia approaches, and I cannot say more at this time."

When they had ridden out of the porte cochere I set off across the fields to keep my tryst with Heskiah. The air had been washed sweet and clean by the rain of the night, and sky was ever bluer. I was surprised at my own increasing detachment from the world. My days at Hopedale were the happiest of my life.

I reached the fallen tree that Heskiah had appointed as our trysting place a little ahead of time and indulged in pleasant speculations while I waited. I was looking toward the hills expecting her to come skimming along the highway on her bicycle, when a splash caused me to turn to the lake.

Dull of me not to have known that Heskiah would contrive a new entrance for a scene so charmingly set as this! She had stolen upon me in a light skirt and laughed to see how her silent approach startled me. She dropped one ear and used the other as a paddle, driving the boat with a sure hand through the reeds into the lake.

"The morning, and the days are long!" Such was Heskiah's greeting as she jumped ashore. She wore a dark green skirt and coat and a narrow four-in-hand cravat tied under a flannel collar that clamped her throat snugly. A boy's felt hat with the brim pinned on in front, covered her head.

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Ocean Limited daily, 8.30 a.m.  
Maritime Express for Montreal, daily except Sunday, 8.40 p.m.  
Express for Picton, daily except Sunday, 5.00 p.m.  
Express for Truro (daily) Stellarton, New Glasgow, Sydney, (daily except Sunday) 4.40 p.m.  
Express for St. John, (daily except Saturday), 8.45 a.m.

Mixed train from Truro (daily except Sunday), 8.40 a.m.  
Express-Truro (daily), St. John (daily except Monday) Sydney (daily except Sunday), 8.55 a.m.  
Express from Picton (daily except Sunday), 1.55 p.m.  
Maritime Express (daily except Sunday) from Montreal, 1.30 p.m.  
Express from Sydney (except Sunday) Limited from Montreal, 1.50 p.m.  
Express from St. John daily, 10.00 a.m.  
D. A. R. Depart.  
Express for Yarmouth, 7.15 a.m.  
Accommodation for Annapolis, 8.30 a.m.  
Express for Kentville (through to Annapolis on Saturday), 2.55 p.m.

Express from Kentville (from Annapolis on Monday), 8.45 a.m.  
Accommodation from Annapolis, 8.45 p.m.  
Express from Yarmouth, 4.45 p.m.  
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Accommodation for Liverpool, daily, except Sunday, 8.30 p.m.

Accommodation from Liverpool-daily, except Sunday, 11.30 a.m.  
Express from Yarmouth-Wednesday and Saturday, 7.45 p.m.  
Accommodation from Yarmouth-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.30 a.m.

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**DEPART FROM HALIFAX.**  
Express for Sydney, 7.00 a.m.  
Express for Yarmouth, 7.15 a.m.  
Accommodation for Annapolis leaves Richmond (flagged) 7.15 a.m.  
Express for Truro, 8.00 a.m.  
Express for Middleton (flagged at Lakeside), 8.00 p.m.  
Express for Bedford, 8.00 p.m.  
Express for Picton, 8.00 p.m.  
Express for Truro (stop when signalled at Brookingsham and Bedford), 8.45 a.m.  
Express for Windsor Junction, 11.15 a.m.

**ARRIVE AT HALIFAX.**  
Suburban from Windsor Junction, 7.35 a.m.  
Mixed from Truro, 8.40 a.m.  
Express from St. John (stops at Bedford and Brookingsham), 9.05 a.m.  
Express from Picton, 9.05 a.m.  
Express from Yarmouth, 9.05 a.m.  
Express from Annapolis, 9.15 a.m.  
Express from Kentville (Lakeside view Flag Station), 9.45 a.m.  
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