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**Democratic Watchman.**

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"to be in spirit with the season," he had apologized to Miley. These he placed in Bessie's hands and watched the expression of delight that illuminated the child's face. She had hardly done thanking him when the door opened and Faith entered. Her eyes met Desmond's in one long, searching glance, then she turned white and leaned against the wall. Rob let his hat fall to the floor as he hastened toward the agitated girl.

"Faith! Faith Haskins!" he cried. "Is it you—and here?"

"Oh, Rob, I never expected to see you again!" she sobbed, burying her face in the folds of her shawl. The sight of an old friend had thrown her off her guard at—brought back to her sharply and keenly all her trouble and loneliness and made her strangely weak.

When Clint came in a few minutes later he found his sister in the arms of what appeared to him to be a big buffalo. Never having heard that buffaloes were in the habit of coming into cabins and hugging people, he approached Bessie, whose teeth had just decapitated a candy rabbit, and asked in an awed whisper:

"What's got Faith? Is it hurting her?"

"I duss not," Bessie whispered back as well as she could with her mouth full. "He's awful nice, an' I duss he's a relation to Santa Claus. See what he dibbed me!" holding up her presents.

Returning from the blacksmith's shop, Ike and Jim left the repaired wheel by the wagon and stole quietly up to the shack. As they passed one of the windows they looked in to see if their victim were there. With surprise they beheld him sitting by Faith's side, holding both her hands in his. The firelight revealed to their astonished sight the two happy faces, while two equally happy children were sitting on the floor at their feet.

The fellows, realizing that their joke had "missed fire," started to walk away, but Rob, catching sight of them, went to the door and insisted on their coming in. After they had partially recovered from their embarrassment—and the genial atmosphere did much toward restoring them to their natural selves—they distributed their gifts and received the young lady's blushing thanks for all their kindness to her. Desmond said:

"Pretty good joke you tried to play on me tonight, boys," with a slap on their shoulders, at the same time laughing heartily. "But you see how it has turned out. Only I'll have to explain. This little woman, Faith Haskins, and I used to go to school together away back near the old Tippecanoe in Indiana.

"We grew up as lovers, but her father thought I wasn't of much account except to pick an old guitar or play the fiddle, so when he had taken his family off to Nebraska he wouldn't allow Faith to write to me, and of course I lost track of her. But I loved her just the same, and that I might become more worthy gave up my idle habits, taught school for a few terms and earned the money to give me a start here in Kansas on this timber claim and am in a pretty fair way to make my living, as you know. I find my little school friend has not forgotten me, and since she had the audacity to 'jump my claim' in my absence I think I may as well keep her here. Now, as you fellows have already had a 'finger in the pie,' I want you to go with us tomorrow to visit the judge over at the courthouse. Something's going to take place there that will celebrate Christmas in proper style. It was kind of you to see to repairing the wagon, but there won't be any use for it going to Uncle Ethan's ranch, for Clint and Bessie will have to stay and help us be happy. You'll go, won't you, boys?"

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