

OVER THE HILLS.

Over the hills and far away
A little boy steals from his morning's play.

THE MASTER HAND.

It was four o'clock. School was out and the sunshine had gone. Klaus came into the sober front parlor.

Time was a year ago, when Klaus had hated his fiddle to the very pegs. But it had happened late one afternoon.

Of a sudden the hand quivered like a bird hovering, and a great shower of notes came fluttering down into the alley.

When he had lived in this wonderful world awhile we find that to each of us comes an hour.

But his father, who played the cello so many years to give Klaus bread and butter.

Presently he was roused by some one brushing along the narrow hall, and two of the orchestra men pushed slowly in.

better than the doctor's; mother with pale, set face ran hastily up and down the stair.

That night Klaus found his mother sitting pale and wearied-looking by the kitchen fire.

"I can play—anything!" Klaus felt that he could—that morning.

Next morning Klaus went stamping down the street, blowing his fingers for the cold.

But the reckoning came on the morning when Klaus must go to his lesson, for the cuts on his wrists grew stiff and sore in the night.

"Never mind the bow-exercise today. We will take first the etude," said the professor.

"Sawristi! The bow is slanted," cried the Herr Professor.

And Klaus began at the beginning, only to play worse than ever.

"On the cymbals!" repeated the master, stopping directly before Klaus.

Presently he heard the master's heavy emphatic step go down the hall and away.

But the praises were on his frowns came almost every day. So it was that on this winter afternoon Klaus came in haste to light the fire and the candles.

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in the sun—the very melody that had uplifted the heart of Klaus long ago in the spring twilight.

Klaus came out of his corner as if he had been called; his face had upon it a look of wisdom and wonder.

He tucked the precious Guarnerius under his chin. His bow wondered a little, for he could not master the chord.

He walked to the end of the room, nodding his head, listening with closed eyes.

But the Herr Professor laid his hands on his shoulders, looking down into his face as Klaus had never seen him look before.

"Klaus, dear child, dear child," he said softly.

People who passed them on the street wondered where the great musician had found the shy, rosy checked boy.

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FARM NOTES.

—Profitable turkey raising is largely a matter of proper management.

—Hens need minerals both for body maintenance and shell formation.

—The best time to market Leghorn cockerels is when they are broiler size.

—It is probably best to use two geese with one gander.

—In feeding geese it is always advisable to have plenty of water near at hand.

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—Motor trucks are being used more and more to transport fruits and vegetables from the place of production to market.

—Preparations for the 1931 flower garden include ordering seeds and plants, obtaining fertilizers, buying or repairing garden tools and accessories.

—Whether meat is purchased at the store or butchered at home.

—Use of shavings in the nests helps to keep eggs clean.

—The future lives of some 50,000 bees, a rough estimate of the number which now inhabit the hives of Monroe county.

—The dairy kingdoms, which greatly aid the pollination of the trees in the county's famous fruit belt.

—Another big liquor raid was made in the vicinity of Jersey Shore.

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