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THE MISSES AT SCHOOL.

There was once a school Where the mistress, Miss Rule, at a number of misses that vexed

her;
Miss Chief was the lass
At the head of the class,
young Miss Demeanor was next
her.

Poor little Miss Hap Spilled the ink in her lap, And Miss Fortune fell under the table; Miss Conduct they all Did a Miss Creant call, But Miss State declared this was a fable

Miss Lay lost her book,
And Miss Lead undertook
To show her the place where to find it;
But upon the wrong nail
Had Miss Place hung her vell,
And Miss Deed hid the book safe behind it.

They went on very well, As I have heard tell, liss Take brought in Miss Under-

standing;
Miss Conjecture then guessed
Evil things of the rest,
And Miss Counsel advised their disband-



CHAPTER XXV.—CONTINUED.

Above all price are the words of a wise man, but silence, that is the great counsellor. In silence wisdom enters the heart and understanding puts forth her voice. In the hush of that night ride I grew to manhood; I put away childish things. I saw, or thought I saw, the two great powers of good and evil. One was love, with the power of God in it to lift up, to ennoble; the other, love's counterfeit, a cunning device of the devil, with all his power to wreck and destroy, deceiving him that has taken it until he finds at last he has neither gold nor silver, but only base metal hanging as a millstone to his

At dawn we got ashore on Battle coint. We waited there, Louise and I, while D'rl went away to bring horses The sun rose clear and warm; it was like a summer morning, but stiller, for the woods had lost their songful tenantry. We took the forest road, walking slowly. Some bugler near us had begun to play the song of Yankee Its phrases traveled like waves in the sea, some high-crested, moving with a mighty rush, filling the valleys, mounting the hills, tossing their spray aloft, flooding all the shores of silence Far and near, the trees were singing

"Ramon," said Louise, looking up at me, a sweet and queenly dignity in her face, "I have come to love this country."

"And you could not have done so much for me unless you had loved—"

She looked up at me quickly, and ut her finger to her lips. My tongue faltered, obeying the command. How sweet and beautiful she was then, her splendid form erect, the light of her eyes softened by long lashes! She looked down thoughtfully as she

gave the bottom of her gown a shake. "Once upon a time," said she, slowa little country that had a cruel king. And he commanded that none of his people should speak until-until

She hesitated, stirring the dead leaves with her dainty foot.
"Until a great mountain had been

removed and buried in the sea," she added in a low tone "Ah, that was hard."

"Especially for the ladies," she went on, sighing. "Dieu! they could only sit and hold their tongues and weep and feel very foolish. And the longer they were silent the more they had to

'And those who broke the law?" I

say

Were condemned to silence for their lives," she answered. "Come, we are both in danger; let us go."

A bit farther on we came to a log house where a veteran of the old war sat playing his bugle, and a motherly woman bade us sit awhile at the door-

CHAPTER XXVI.

D'ri came soon with the horses, one the black thoroughbred of Louise which had brought her on this errand. We gave them free rein, heading for the chateau. Not far up the woods-pike we met M. de Lambert and the old count. The former was angry, albeit he held himself in hand as became a gentleman, save that he was a bit too cool with me.

"My girl, you have upset us terribly," said the learned doctor. "I should like to be honored with your

"And I with your kindness, dear father," said she, as tears began fall-ing. "I am much in need of it." 'She has saved my life, m'sieur," I

"Then go to your work," said he, coolly, "and make the most of it."

"Ab, sir, I had rather—"
"Good-by," said Louise, giving me

her nand. 'Au revoir," I said quickly, and

wheeled my horse and rode away.

The boats were ready. The army
was waiting for the order, now expected at any moment, to move. Gen. Brown had not been at his quarters for

"Judas Priest!" said D'ri, when we were alone together, "thet air gal 'd go through fire an' water fer you.
"You 're mistaken," I said.
"No, I hain't nuther," said he. "Ef

'm a reg'lar out-an'out fool, hand over fist."

whittled a moment thoughtfully. "Ain' no use talkin'." he added. "I can tell a hoss from a jack-rabbit any "Her father does not like me," I

"Don't hev to," said D'ri calmly.

He cut a deep slash in the stick he held, then added: "Don't make no odds ner no diff'rence one way er t' other. I did n't like th' measles, but I hed to hev 'em."

"He'll never permit a marriage with me," I said.
"'T ain't nec'sary," he declared

soberly. "In this 'ere country don' tek only tew t' mek a bargain. One o' the blessin's o' liberty."

He squinted up at the sky, deliver-ing his confidence in slowly measured phrases, to wit:

'Wouldn't give ten cents fer no man 'at 'll give up a gal 'less he 'd orter-nut fer nuthin' ner nobody."

I was called out of bed at cockcrow the morning. The baroness and a footman were at the door.

"Ah, my captain, there is trouble," she whispered. "M. de Lambert has taken his daughters. They are going back to Paris, bag and baggage. Left

"By what road? The turnpike militaire."

"Thanks, and good morning," id. "I shall overhaul them."

I called D'ri, and bade him feed the horses quickly. I went to see Gen. Brown, but he and Wilkinson were on the latter's gig, half a mile out in the harbor. I scribbled a note to the farmer-general, and, leaving it, ran to Our horses were soon ready, and D'ri and I were off a bit after daylight, urging up hill and down



PURTY FRESH," HE REMARKED.
"CAN'T BE MORE'N FIVE MILD ER SO FURTHER ON.

at a swift gallop, and making the forest ring with hoof-beats. Far beyond the chateau we slackened pace and went along leisurely. Soon we passed the town where they had put up overnight, and could see the tracks of horse and coach-wheel. D'ri got off and examined them presently.
"Purty fresh," he remarked. "Can't

be more 'n five mild er so further on." We rode awhile in silence. "How ye goin' t' tackle 'em?" he in-

quired presently. "Going to stop them somehow." said

"and get a little information. "An' mebbe a gal?" he suggested.
"Maybe a gal."

"Don' care s' long as ye dew th' talkin'. I can rassle er fight, but my talk in a rumpus ain' fit fer no woman t' hear, thet's sart'in."

We overtook the coach at a village, near ten o'clock.

D'ri rushed on ahead of them, wheeling with drawn sabre. The driver pulled rein, stopping quickly M. de Lambert was on the seat beside him. I came alongside.

"Robbers!" said M. de Lambert.
"What do you mean?"
The young ladies and Brovel were

looking out of the door, Louise pale

"No harm to any, m'sieur," I an-"Put up your pistol."

I opened the coach door. M. de Lambert, hissing with anger, leaped to the road. I knew he would shoot me, and was making ready to close with him, when I heard a rustle of and saw Louise between us, her tall form erect, her eyes forceful and commanding. She stepped quickly to her father.

"Let me have it!" said she, taking the pistol from his hand. She flung it above the heads of some village folk who had gathered near us.

"Why do you stop us?" she whispered, turning to me.

"So you may choose between him and me," I answered. "Then I leave all for you," said she, coming quickly to my side.

The villagers began to cheer, and old D'ri flung his hat in the air, shouting,

"Hurrah fer love an' freedom!" "An' the United States of Ameriky," some one added.

"She is my daughter," said M. de Lambert, with anger, as he came up to me. "I may command her, and I shall seek the aid of the law as soon as I find a magistrate.

But see that you find him before we find a minister," I said. "The dominie! Here he is," said

spread its own quality and prosper by

the sympathy it commands? Louise turned to the good man, taking his hand.

"Come," said she, "there is no time to lose."

The minister came to our help. He could not resist her appeal, so sweetly spoken. There, under an elm by the wayside, with some score of witnesses, including Louison and the young Comte de Brovel, who came out of the coach and stood near, he made us man and wife. We were never so happy as when we stood there hand in hand, that sunny morning, and heard the prayer for God's blessing, and felt a mighty uplift in our hearts As to my sweetheart, there was never such a glow in her cheeks, such a light in her large eyes, such a grace in her figure.

"Dear sister," said Louison, kissing er, "I wish I were as happy."

"And you shall be as soon as you get to Paris," said the young count.
"Oh, dear, I can hardly wait!" said the merry-hearted girl, looking proud-

ly at her new lover. "I admire your pluck, my young man," said M. de Lambert, as we shook hands. "You Americans are a great people. I surrender; I am not going to be foolish. Turn your horses," said he, motioning to the driver. "We shall go back at once.

I helped Louise into the coach with her sister and the Comte de Brovel. D'ri and I rode on behind them, the village folk cheering and waving their

"Ye done it skillful," said D'ri, smilng. "Whut 'd I tell ye?" I made no answer, being too full of

happiness at the moment. "Tell ye one thing, Ray," he went on soberly: "ef a boy an' a gal loves one 'nother, an' he has any grit in 'im, can't nuthin' keep 'em apart long." He straightened the mane of his

norse, and then added: "Ner they can't nuthin' conquer

Soon after two o'clock we turned in

We were a merry company at lunch-con, the doctor drinking our health and happiness with sublime resignation. But I had to hurry back—that was the worst of it all. Louise walked with me to the big gate, where were D'ri and the horses. ment on the way. We stopped a mo-

"Again?" she whispered her sweet often as you like. No more now—there is D'ri. Remember, sweetheart, I shall look and pray for you day and

CHAPTER XXVII.

Sooner or later all things come to an end, including wars and histories a God's mercy!-and even the lives of such lucky men as I. All things, did I say? Well, what wonder, for am I not writing of youth and far delights with a hand trembling of infirmity? All things save one, I meant to say, and that is love, the immortal vine, with its root in the green earth, that weathers every storm, and "groweth not old," and climbs to paradise; and who eats of its fruit has in him ever a thought of Heaven—a hope immortal as itself.

This book of my life ends on a bright morning in the summer of '17, at the new home of James Donatianus Le Ray, Comte de Chaumont, the chateau having burned the year before.

President Monroe is coming on the voods-pike, and veterans are drawn up in line to meet him. Here are men vho fought at Chippewa and Lundy's Lane and Lake Erie and Chrysler's Farm, and here are some old chaps who fought long before at Plattsburg and Ticonderoga. Joseph Bonaparte, the ex-king of Spain, so like his mighty brother at St. Helena, is passing the line. He steps proudly, in ruffles and green velvet. Gondolas with liveried condoliers, and filled with fair women, are floating on the still lake, now rich with shadow-pictures of wood and sky and rocky shore.

A burst of melody rings in the great harp of the woodland. In that trumpet peal, it seems a million voices sing:

Hail, Golumbia, happy land!

Slowly the line begins to limp along There are wooden legs and crutches and empty sleeves in that column. D'ri goes limping in front, his right leg gone at the knee since our last charge Draped around him is that old battle flag of the Lawrence. I march beside him, with only this long seam across my cheek to show that I had been with him that bloody day at Chrysler's. We move slowly over a green field to the edge of the forest. There, in the cool shadow, are ladies in white, and long tables set for a feast. My dear wife, loved of all and more beautiful than ever, comes to meet us.

"Sweetheart," she whispers, "I was never so proud to be your wife. "And an American," I suggest, kiss

'And an American," she answers. A bugle sounds; the cavalcade is coming.

"The President!" they cry, and we all begin cheering.

He leads the escort on a black horse fine figure in military coat and white trousers, his cocked hat in hand, a smile lighting his face. The count receives him and speaks our welcome President Monroe looks down the warscarred line a moment. His eyes fill

with tears, and then he speaks to us.
"Sons of the woodsmen," says he concluding his remarks, "you shall live in the history of a greater land than that we now behold or dream of, and in the gratitude of generations yet unborn, long, long after we are turned to

And then we all sing loudly with full

"The dominie: Here he is, said some one near us.
"Marry them." said another. "It is Capt. Bell of the army, a brave and honorable man."

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