# In the Days of Poor Richard

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### CHAPTER XXVII-Continued.

---25-Jack and Solomon exercised unusual care in guarding the camp and organtzing for defense in case of attack. It was soon after Washington's departure that Arnold went away on the road to the South, Solomon followed, keeperal returned two days later. Solomon came into Jack's hut about midnight of the day of Arnold's return with im-

portant news.

his horse, came to talk with his young being alone. friend. He stepped close to the desk, swallowed nervously and began his whispered report.

"Suthin' neevarious be goin' on," he began. "A British ship were lyin' nigh the mouth o' the Croton river. Arnold went aboard. An' officer got road together for half a mile or so. into his boat with him and they pulled over to the west shore and went into the bush. Stayed thar till mos' night. If 'twere honest business, why did they go off in the bush alone fer a

Jack shook his head. "Soon as I seen that I went to one o' our batteries an' tol' the cap'n what

were on my mind. "'D-n the ol' British tub. We'll make 'er back up a little,' sez he.

'She's too clus anyhow. the water front o' her bow. Say, Jack, they were some hoppin' eround on the deck o' the big British war sloop. They h'isted her sails an' she fell away down the river a mile 'er so. The sun were set when Arnold an' the officer came out o' the bush. I were in a boat with a fish rod an' could jes' see 'em with my spy glass, the light were so dim. They stood thar lookin' fer the ship. They couldn't see her. They went back into the bush. It come to me what they was goin' to do. Arnold were a-goin' to take the Britisher over to the house o' that ol' Tory; Reuh Smith. I got thar fust an' hid in the bushes front o' the house. Sure 'nough !- that's what were done. Arnold an' t' other feller come erlong an' went into the house. 'Twere so dark I couldn't see 'em but I knowed 'twere them."

"How?" the young man asked. "'Cause they didn't light no candle. They sot in the dark an' they didn't talk out loud like honest men would. I come erway. I couldn't do no more." "I think you've done well," said Jack. "Now go and get some rest. Tomorrow may be a hard day."

Jack spent a bad night in the effort to be as great as his problem. In the morning he sent Solomon and three other able scouts to look the ground over east, west and south of the army. One of them was to take the road to Hartford and deliver a message to Washington.

After the noon mess, Arnold mount, ed his horse and rode away alone. The young brigadler sent for his trusted friend, Captain Merriwether,

"Captain, the general hgs set out on the east road alone," said Jack. "He is not well. There's something wrong with his heart. I am a little observed that in other talks with him worried about him. He ought not to be traveling alone. My horse is in front of the door. Jump on his back and let him know what you are doing,? A little later Mrs. Arnold entered

the office of the new brigadier in a most cheerful mood.

"I have good news for you," she announced. "A British officer has come in a ship under a flag of truce to confer with General Arnold. I sent a letter to Margaret Hare on my own responsibility with the general's official communication. I nvited her to come with the party and promised Irons, Jr. her safe conduct to our house. I expect her. For the rest we look to you. Let us have a wedding at headquarters. On the night of the twentyeighth, General Washington will have returned. He has agreed to dine with

us that evening." "I think that she must have observed the shadow on my face for ... while she spoke, a great fear had Highlands, long marches of half come upon me," he testified in the court of inquiry. "It seemed clear to me that, if there was a plot, the capture of Washington himself was to be a part of it and my sweetheart greed of one man. Again thirty pieces a helpful accessory.

to know,' I said. 'The general has , not told me that he is to meet the British. May I know all the good York, was with the traitor when he news?

that,' she assured me. "He has told me only a little. It is some negotiation regarding an exchange of prisoners. I am much more interested in Margaret and the wedding. I wish you would tell me about her. I have | ing the positions of Washington's men heard that she has become very benutiful.'

"I showed Mrs. Arnold the miniature portrait which Margaret had Knox. Much other information was given me the day of our little ride and | put in the hands of the British offitalk in London and then an orderly came with a message and that gave ments of the commander in chief. He me an excuse to put an end to this was to be taken in the house of the

omon. He had got word that the British warship had come back up the river and was two miles above Stony Point with a white flag at her masthead.

"I went out of doors. Soon I met Merriwether coming into camp. Aring out of his field of vision. The gen- nold had returned. He had ridden at a walk toward the headquarters of the Second brigade and turned about and come back without speaking to any one. Arnold was looking down as if Jack was at his desk studying a absorbed in his own thoughts when map of the Highlands. The camp was | Merriwether passed him in the road. at rest. The candle in Jack's but He did not return the latter's salute. was the only sign of life around head- It was evident that the general had quarters when Solomon, having put out ridden away for the sole purpose of

> "I went back to my hut and sat down ery was suspected. to try to find my way when suddenly the general appeared at my door on his bay mare and asked me to take a little ride with him. I mounted my horse and we rode out on the east

"I believe that my wife had some talk with you this morning,' he began.

"'Yes.' I answered. "'A British officer has come up the river in a ship under a white flag with a proposal regarding an exchange of prisoners. In my answer to their request for a conference, some time ago, I enclosed a letter from Mrs. Arnold to Miss Margaret Hale inviting her to come to our home where she would find a hearty welcome and her lover-now an able and most val-"Then he let go a shot that ripped ued officer of the staff. A note received yesterday says that Miss Hare is one of the party. We are glad to be able to do you this little favor.'

"I thanked him. "'I wish that you could go with me down the river to meet her in the morning,' he said. 'But in my absence it will, of course, be necessary for you to be on duty. Mrs. Arnold will go with me and we shall, I hope, bring the young lady safely to headquarters.'

"He was preoccupied. His face wore a serious look. There was a melancholy note in his tone-I had



but it was a friendly tone. It tended to put my fears at rest.

"I asked the general what he keep in sight of the general, but don't thought of the prospects of success for our cause.

"They are not promising," he answered. 'The defeat of Gates in the South and the scattering of his army in utter rout is not an encouraging

"'I think that we shall get along better now that the Gates bubble has burst.' I answered."

This ends the testimony of "the able and most valued officer." Jack

### CHAPTER XXVIII

As an Army With Banners.

The American army had been sold by Arnold. The noble ideal it had cherished, the blood it had given, the bitter hardships it had suffered-torture in the wilderness, famine in the naked men in mid-winter, massacres at Wyoming and Cherry Valley-all this had been bartered away, like a shipload of turnips, to satisfy the of silver! Was a nation to walk the "You know much that I am enger bitter way to its Calvary? Major Andre, the adjutant general of Sir Henry Clinton's large force in New rowed from the ship to the west shore "'Of course, he will tell you about of the Hudson and went into the bush under the observation of Solomon with his spy-glass. Arnold was to receive a command and large pay in the British army. The consideration | nut brown. had been the delivery of maps showand the plans of his forts and other defenses, especially those of Forts Putnam and Clinton and Battery cer, including the prospective moveuntimely babbling for which I had man he had befriended. Andre had of en as de Lawd takes 'em, so will L'

I no heart. The message was from Sol-I only to reach New York with his treasure and Arnold to hold the confidence of his chief for a few days and, before the leaves had fallen, the war would end. The American army and its master mind would be at the mercy of Sir Henry Clinton.

Andre would have reached New York that night if The Vulture had not changed her position on account of a shot from the battery below Stony Point. For that, credit must be given to the good scout Solomon Binkus. The ship was not in sight when the two men came out in their boat from the west shore of the river while the night was falling. Arnold had heard the shot and now that the ship had left he feared that his treach-

boat myself," he suggested to Andre. "She will not return until she gets orders from you or me," the Britisher assured him. "I wonder what has become of her,"

"I may want to get away in that"

said Arnold. "She has probably dropped down the river for some reason," Andre

answered. "What am I to do?" "I'll take you to the house of a man I know who lives near the river and send you to New York by horse with passports in the morning. You

can reach the British lines tomorrow." "I would like that," Andre exclaimed. "It would afford me a weicome survey of the terrain."

"Smith will give you a suit of clothes that will fit you well enough." said the traitor. "You and he are about of a size. It will be better for you to be in citizens' dress.'

So it happened that in the darkness of the September evening Smith and Andre, the latter riding the blazedface mare, set out for King's Ferry, where they were taken across the river. They rode a few miles south of the landing to the shore of Crom pond end spent the night with a friend of Smith. In the morning the latter went on with Andre until they had passed Pine's bridge on the Croton river. Then he turned back.

Now Andre fared along down the road alone on the back of the mare Nancy. He came to an outpost of the Highland army and presented his pass. It was examined and endorsed and he went on his way. He met transport wagons, a squad of cavalry and later, a regiment of militia coming up from western Connecticut, but no one stopped him. In the faded hat and coat and trousers of Reuben Smith, this man, who called himself John Anderson, was not much unlike the farmer folk who were riding hither and thither in the neutral territory, on their petit errands. His face was different. It was the well-kept face of an English aristocrat with handsome dark eyes and hair beginning to turn gray.

A little out of Tarrytown on the highway the horseman traveled, a group of three men were hidden in the bush-ragged, reckless, unlettered country lads waiting for cows to come down out of the wild land to be milked. They were "skinners" in the patriot militia, some have said; some that they were farmers' sons not in the army. However that may have been, they were undoubtedly rough. hard-fisted fellows full of the lawless spirit bred by five years of desperate warfare. They were looking for Tories as well as for cattle. Tories were their richest prey, for the latter would give high rewards to be ex-

cused from the oath of allegiance, They came out upon Andre and challenged him. The latter knew that he Chic Frocks and Coats had passed the American outposts and thought that he was near the British lines. He was not familiar with the geography of the upper east shore. He knew that the so-called neutral territory was overrun by two parties-the British being called the "Lower" and the Yankees the "Upper." "What party do you belong to?"

Andre demanded. "The Lower," said one of the Yankees.

(TO BE CONTINUED.) Rare Sea Shell

In a specially provided case in the fover of the American Museum of Natural History, there was exhibited recently for the first time one of the most highly prized cone shaped shells

ever found in the world. According

to scientific authorities, it is properly called "The" Glory of the Sea." It is about five inches in length, of peculiarly slender appearance, graceful proportions, and has a tapering spire. It suggests an unfolding rosebud. The ground color is pale ivory, overlaid with a mosaic of thousands of triangular figures ranging from an eighth of an inch to almost micro

scopical size. These triangles are out-

lined in chrome yellow or deep chest-

Fair Play

A woman has just learned that her colored workwoman, Aunt Dinah, had at the age of seventy, married for the fourth time.

"Why, Aunt Dinah," she exclaimed. "you surely haven't married again?" "Yessum, boney, I has," was Aunt Dinah's smiling reply, "Yessum, as

#### Coat Frock Makes French Ensemble Coat Bow for Approval

### Simple One-Piece Garments of Popular Materials Are Charming.

Length of skirt having been settled, the rea! novelties in the season's styles are significant, declares a fashion writer in the New York Times. The sleeve is long, down to the wrist in the new wool, crepe and silk frocks for the open, and for afternoon dress in even the georgettes, chiffons and voiles. A pretty model half covering the hand s especially popular, a subtly engaging fancy, and most becoming.

The long sleeve has been accepted wholly, and its vogue is now firmly established. It eclipses, almost eliminates, the kimono sleeve, and quite logically tightens the lines of the oodice, making a definite, fitted shoul-

There are variants with a fullplaited "peasant" sleeve set in the arm seum, or a snug-fitting sleeve at the top, developing into a bishop shape below the elbow. But the point emphasized is the length; it will cover the arm from shoulder to wrist.

This, in the plain model, has brought into fashion the collar and cuff sets that add a dainty note to the most commonplace frock. A neck is more slender and hands are more fair when sheer batiste, net or lace in soft, creamy tint touches them at the border lines of bodice and sleeve. The simpler one-piece frocks of cloth. crepe or the many new stuffs have a demure, Quaker-like appearance that is altogether charming.

In the more elaborate gowns, such as the brocades, the beautiful new embossed velvets, the silk reps and the satins, sleeves of chiffon, full and long. of elegance

With both the skirt and the sleevethe two conspicuous novelties of the season that have the approval by the prominent \* couturieres-the gown is the thing about which every one is most keen. Beginning the day, it is the coat frock, the tunic, the tailored



Attractive Coat Dress in Black Coleen Over White Satin.

Notwithstanding the craze for tailored coat and skirt, with an over- line effect of the new modes.

and Frock Combination

This is one of the popular French ensemble coat and frock combinations, developed in a fabric covered with gold embroidery and trimmed with dark gray squirrel.

trimmed with fur or flowing stuff of blouse of any one of the new models cloud-like texture, give an impression in daintiest lingerie effect, in crepe or georgette; in something of needlework, smocked or whatever.

The skirt of this type of suit is invariably plain, narrow, tube-like and short. The coat must be straight, or, following some of the latest designs from Paris, it must have an effect of being ever so slightly pinched in, with a rather high-waist fastening in front, matching the prevailing mode in men's fashionable daytime attire. Among all the later styles nothing is quite so modish, in a conservative sense, as a smart, perfectly-cut tailored suit, and the blouse to be worn with it may be the loveliest, finest thing in the ensemble.

### New Winter Coats Are Longer; More Graceful

Truly the designers and manufacturers of fur coats have more than surpassed their previous efforts. Skins are handled with consummate skill and lines reveal a grace undreamed of a decade ago when a fur coat was an affair of warmth and comfort but of no special beauty of line. While a number of jackets are shown, the coat of longer length predominates both in the less costly furs as well as the most luxurious. A feature of the new coats is the sleeve, which frequently is bellshaped or shaped or formed so that there is a fullness from the elbows to the wrists. Seal, both Alaska and Hudson; black caracul, gray squirrel and Wiatka squirrel, mole and leopard are used for daytime coats, while for those of sports type muskrat, raccoon and opossum are chosen. Ermine is for evening and when bordered with bands of white fox is ravishingly

### Soften Severe Lines

Here and there one sees fluttering long ribbon ends. They tie at the backs of necks, on an elbow, or at the easy-going slip-on, the one-piece the beltless side of a skirt. In any or the two-piece frocks, many fashion- case, their purpose is both to soften able women cling to the conventional and to emphasize the severe, straight-

### for Little Girls' Wear

Just because her years are few in number, let no one suppose that Miss Six-Year-Old is indifferent to her clothes. In fact it is often surprising to discover the definite ideas that these small persons have concerning their frocks and coats, especially in the gested. This suggestion of a raised matter of color.

about children's clothes of today and a certain chic that is always in keeping with the youthful spirit. One no period. It will be interesting to watch tices among the latest models a marked tendency to employ plaids. far the new/models in a great majority These gay materials are used with the greatest success in the fashioning of entirely. little school frocks,

A material that is becoming more and more popular for school and play frocks is challis which now comes in most interesting patterns. One design reproduces amusing little Japanese figures in different colors on a dark blue

Small evo-toned checks are also much in evidence and in colors a prominent position is accorded shutter green. The smartest little straightline coats are developed in this shade as well as demure little frocks of flannel or crepe de chine trimmed with green a bit lighter in tone.

### More Material Is Used in Fashioning Gowns

While many of the new frocks give the effect of extreme slimness, a close However, writes a correspondent, these | felt.

extra yards are so skillfully handled that one is not conscious of the

change. Another point brought out by sartorial authorities is that there is apparently an attempt to deviate a bit from the absolutely straightline and to adjust the material so that the lines of the figure are subtly sugwaistline was seen all summer and There is a most engaging simplicity | already the question has been raised as to whether this presages a return of the high waistline of the Empire developments along this line. Thus of cases dispense with the waistline

### Novel Hat Brims

Hatter's plush is used for smart tailored hats showing interesting brim treatment. One model somewhat resembles a cardinal's hat, fifting snugly and having a closely turned up brim. Several rows of twisted satin ribbon meet at the center front in a scroll effect and continue on the back brim in a looped pattern. Wing effects are carried out by cutting or twisting the brim in various models of either hatter's plush or velvet. Much use is made of brown velyet, in dark shades and in the lighter wood tones.

### Trim New Hats

Not so many flowers appear on the hats now. Here and there a large study of details reveals the fact that capelline may have a single bright considerably more material goes into blossom, snuggled against the brim. the fashioning of gowns of this season But for the most part the trimmings than was used in the season just past, are bow ends and bands of silk or

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