BAREE, Son of Kazan

HOMESICK BAREE

Synopsis.-Part wolf, part dog -when two months old Baree has his first meeting with an enemy, Papayuchisew (young owl). Fighting hard, the antagonists are suddenly plunged into a swollen creek. Badly buffeted, and half drowned, Baree is finally flung on the bank, but the water has destroyed his sense of direction and he is lost, lonely and hungry.

Chapter II—Continued

Baree was fully three quarters of : mile from the windfall when he came to a point where the creek split itself into two channels. He had but one choice to follow-the stream that flowed a little south, and east. This stream did not run swiftly. It was not filled with shimmering rifles, and rocks about which the water sang and foamed. It grew black, like the forest. It was still and deep. Without knowing it, Baree was burying himself trapping grounds. Since Tusoo had died, they had lain undisturbed except for the wolves, for Gray Wolf and Kazan had not hunted on this side of the waterway-and the wolves themselves preferred the more open country for the chase.

Suddenly Baree found himself at the edge of a deep, dark pool in which the water lay still as oil, and his heart nearly jumped out of his body when a great, sleek, shining creature sprang out from almost under his nose and landed with a tremendous splash in the center of it. It was Nekik, the

The otter had not heard Baree, and wife, came sailing out of a patch of gloom, and behind her came three little otters, leaving behind them four shimmering wakes in the oily-looking water. What happened after that made Baree forget for a few minutes that he was lost. Nekik had disappeared under the surface, and now he came up directly under his unsuspecting mate with a force that lifted her half out of the water. Instantly he was gone again, and Napanekik took after him fiercely. To Baree it did not look like play. Two of the baby otters had pitched on the third, which seemed to be fighting desperately. The chill and ache went out of Barce's body. His blood ran excitedly; he forgot himself, and let out a bark. In a flash the otters disappeared. For several minutes the water in the pool continued to rock and heave-and that was all. After a little, Baree drew

afternoon, and the sun should still have been well up in the sky. But it | yearning to follow his father. Nawas growing darker steadily, and the ture was hard at work trying to overstrangeness and fear of it all lent come its handicap now. It was struggreater speed to Baree's legs. He gling to impress on Baree that the stopped every little while to listen, and at one of these intervals he heard a sound that drew from him a responsive and joyous whine. It was a distant howl-a wolf's howl-straight | three or four shellfish he had caught of wolves but of Kazan, and he ran through the gloom of the forest until he was winded. Then he stopped and listened a long time. The wolf-howl did not come again. Instead of it there rolled up from the west a deep and thunderous rumble. Through the treetops there flashed a vivid streak of lightning. A moaning whisper of wind rode in advance of the storm; the thunder seemed searching Baree out where he stood shivering under a canopy of great spruce. This was his second storm. The first had frightened him terribly, and he had crawled far back into the shelter of the windfall. The best he could find now was a hollow under a big root, and into this he slunk, crying softly. It was a babyish cry, cry for his mother, for home, for warmth, for something soft and protecting to nestle up to; and as he cried, the storm burst over the It was almost dusk when he stirred a

much noise, and he had never seen older, he could have caught it. He the lightning play in such sheets of was still very hungfy, for three crayfire as when this June deluge fell. It fish-scattered through the day-had seemed at times as though the whole | not done much to fill the emptiness world were aflame, and the earth that was growing steadily in him. seemed to shake and roll under the crashes of the thunder. He ceased his crying and made himself as small as he could under the root, which protected him partly from the terrific beat of the rain which came down through the treetops in a flood. It was now so black that except when the lightning ripped great holes in the gloom he could not see the sprucetrunks twenty feet away. Twice that distance from Baree there was a huge dead stub that stood out like a ghost each time the fires swept the sky, as if defying the flaming hands up there to strike-and strike, at last, one of them did! A bluish tongue of snapping flame ran down the old stub; and as it touched the earth, there came a tremendous explosion above the treetops. The massive stub shivered, and then it broke asunder as if cloven by a gigantic ax. It crashed stand how the reverse idea ever came down so close to Baree that earth and to be accepted. It must have been a sticks flew about him, and he let out superpowerful Crusader who first ena wild yelp of terror as he tried to forced it with his mace. crowd himself deeper into the shallow hole under the root.

the thunder and lightning seemed to ing the one small, last thing of all have vented their malevolence. The that will cut nearest to the place thunder passed on into the south and where a man keeps his "wince." And east like the rolling of ten thousand I have heard men talk of "playing the heavy cartwheels over the roofs of the game." forest and the lightning went with it. | "Playing the game," "Letting down for it.

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The rain fell steadily. The hole in which he had taken shelter was soppy. He was drenched; his teeth chattered as he waited for the next thing to happen.

It was a long wait. When the rain stopped, and the sky cleared, it was night. Through the tops of the trees Baree could have seen the stars if he had poked out his head and looked upward. But he clung to his hole. Hour after hour passed. Exhausted, half drowned, footsore, and hungry, he did not move. At last he fell into a troubled sleep, a sleep in which every now and then he cried softly and forlornly for his mother. When he ventured out from under the root it was morning, and the sun was shining.

At first Baree could hardly stand. His legs were cramped; every bone in his body seemed out of joint; his ear was stiff where the blood had oozed out of it and hardened, and when he deeper and deeper into Tusoo's old tried to wrinkle his wounded nose, he gave a sharp yap of pain. If such a thing were possible, he looked even worse than he felt. His bair had dried in muddy patches; he was dirtstained from end to end; and where yesterday he had been plump and shiny, he was now as thin and wretched as misfortune could possibly make him. And he was hungry. He had never before known what it meant to be really hungry.

When he went on, continuing in the direction he had been following yesterday, he slunk along in a disheartened sort of way. His head and ears were no longer alert, and his curiosity was gone. He was not only stomach-hunin another moment Napanekik, his gry: mother-hunger rose above his physical yearning for something to eat. He wanted his mother as he had never wanted her before in his life. He wanted to snuggle his shivering little body close up to her and feel the warm caressing of her tongue and listen to the mothering whine of her voice. And he wanted Kazan, and the old wind all, and that big blue spot that was in the sky right over it. While he followed again along the edge of the creek, he whimpered for them as a child might grieve.

The forest grew more open after a time, and this cheered him up a little. Also the warmth of the sun was taking the ache out of his body. He grew hungrier and hungrier. He had depended entirely on Kazan and Gray Wolf for food. His parents had, in some ways, made a great baby of him. Gray Wolf's blindness accounted for this, for since his birth she had not himself back into the bushes and taken up her hunting with Kazan, and it was quite natural that Baree should It was about three o'clock in the stick close to her, though more than once he had been filled with a great time had now come when he must seek his own food. The fact impinged itself upon him slowly but steadily, and he began to think of the ahead of him. Baree was not thinking and devoured on the stony creek-bar near the windfall. He also remembered the open clam shell he had found, and the lusciousness of the tender morsel inside it. A new excitement began to possess him. He be

came, all at once, a hunter. With the thinning out of the forest the creek grew more shallow. It ran over bars of sand and stones, and Baree began to nose along the edge of these. For a long time he had no success. The few cravfish that he saw were exceedingly lively and elusive, and all the clam-shells were shut so tight that even Kazan's powerful jaws would have had difficulty in smashing them. It was almost noon when he caught his first crayfish, about as big as a man's forefinger. He devoured it ravenously. The taste of food gave him fresh courage. He caught two more crayfish during the afternoon, young rabbit out from under a cover Baree had never before heard so of grass. If he had been a month

> With the approach of night Baree's fears and great loneliness returned. Before the day had quite gone he found himself a shelter under a big rock, where there was a warm, soft bed of sand. Since his fight with Papayuchisew, he had traveled a long distance, and the rock under which he made his bed this night was at least eight or nine miles from the windfall. It was in the open of the creek bottom, with the dark forest of spruce and cedars close on either side; and when

the moon rose, and the stars filled the sky, Baree could look out and see the water of the stream shimmering in a glow almost as .bright as day. Directly in front of him, running to the water's edge, was a broad carpet of white sand. Across this sand, half an hour later, came a huge black bear.

Until Baree had seen the otters at play in the creek, his conceptions of the forests had not gone beyond his own kind, and such creatures as owls and rabbits and small feathered things. The otters had not frightened him, because he still measured things by size, and Nekik was not half as big as Kazan. But the bear was a monster beside which Kazan would have stood a mere pigmy. If nature was taking this way of introducing Baree to the fact that there were more important creatures in the forests than dogs and wolves and owls and crayfish, she was driving the point ome with a little more than necestary emphasis. For Wakayoo, the bear, weighed six hundred pounds if he weighed an ounce. He was fat and sleek from a month's feasting on fish. His shiny coat was like black velvet in the moonlight, and he walked with a curious rolling motion with his head hung low. The horror grew when he stopped broadside in the carpet of sand not more than ten feet from the rock under which Baree was shivering as if he had the ague.

It was quite evident that Wakayoo had caught scent of him in the air. Baree could hear him sniff-could hear his breathing-caught the starlight flashing in his reddish-brown eyes as they swung suspiciously toward the big boulder. If Baree could have known then that he-his insignificant little seif-was making that monster actually nervous and uneasy, he would have given a yelp of joy. For Wakayoo, in spite of his size, was somewhat of a coward when it came to wolves. And Baree carried the wolf-scent. It grew stronger in Wakayoo's nose; and just then, as if to increase whatever nervousness was growing in him, there came from out of the forest behind him a long wailing howl.

With an audible grunt, Wakayoo moved on. Wolves were pests, he argued. They wouldn't stand up and fight. They'd snap and yap at one's heels for hours at a time, and were always out of the way quicker than a wink when one turned on them. What was the use of hanging around where there were wolves, on a beautiful night like this? He lumbered on decisively. Baree could hear him splashing heavily through the water of the creek Not until then did the wolf-dog draw

a full breath. It was almost a gasp. But the excitement was not over for the night. Baree had chosen his bed a place where the animals came down to drink, and where they crossed from one of the creek forests to the other. Not long after the bear had disappeared he heard a heavy crunching in the sand, and hoofs rattling against stones, and a bull moose with a huge sweep of antlers passed through the open space in the moonlight. Baree stared with popping eyes, for if Wakayoo had weighed six hundred pounds, this gigantic creature whose legs were so long that it seemed to be walking on stilts weighed at least twice as much. A cow moose followed. and then a calf. The calf seemed all legs. It was too much for Baree, and he shoved himself farther and farther back under the rock until he lay wedged in like a sardine in a box. And there he lay until morning.

When Baree ventured forth from under his rock at the beginning of the next day, he was a much older puppy than when he met Papayuchisew, the young owl, in his path near the old windfall. If experience can be made to take the place of age, he had aged great deal in the last forty-eight hours. In fact, he had passed almost out of puppyhood. He awoke with a new and much broader conception of the world. It was a big place. It was filled with many things, of which Kazan and Gray Wolf were not the most important. The monsters he had seen on the moonlit plot of sand had roused in him a new kind of caution. and the one greatest instinct of beasts -the primal understanding that it is the strong that prey upon the weakwas wakening swiftly in him. As yet he quite naturally measured brute force and the menace of things by size alone. Thus the bear was more terrible than Kazan, and the moose was more terrible than the bear.

Baree has now discovered that it's a big world with many ad--ventures. And he's learning fast,

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CHANGE CONTRACTOR CHANGE CONTRACTOR CHANGE CONTRACTOR CHANGE Writer's Tribute to Chivalry of Women

rous sex. In fact, I cannot under-

How many times have I noticed how a woman, in the very climax of With the destruction of the old stub a quarrel, will not refrain from say-

I am convinced that, in their rela- | one's side," "It isn't done." The good tions to men, women are the chival- old code, phrased in schoolboy jargon, that I have had to hear so very often, too often, from the lips of a husband who is, perhaps, nearer to the schoolboy than I always remember .- G. B. Stern; in Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan.

Mayas in High Place

What is known of the Mayas indicates that they were the most advanced of the American Indian races. The Mayas had a written language, but as yet no key has been found lows the dress line.

Tweed Suits Are Shown for Spring

Navy Blue, Beige and Pale Shades of Rose and Pink Are Favored.

By all the finery that flutters in the Southern breezes, gray and green are leading colors, especially for daytime wear. More shades of green than nature ever essayed to use in her decorative schemes are seen and in all popular fabrics. But that's not saying that other colors are out of the picture, notes a fashion correspondent in the Kansas City Star, for every observer of fashion knows that green combines delightfully with nearly every other color under the sun. Fashion will not overlook this opportunity to use other colors. The same is true of gray. The pinky beige lingers out of popularity and service to womankind rather than for any new note it serves in the mode.

Gray is one color that requires an ensemble of complete harmony. It brings us back to an increasing vogue for gray hosiery, something lighter than the gunmetal shade and partaking of fleshy tones so much a part of the nude-shade hostery. Paris has not given up beige and flesh-colored hosiery by any means, but it must be conceded that many another shade may be worn and still be in good taste; even black hosiery has its sponsors by women who are regarded cartorially correct on every occasion

Importance in colors is given to chartreuse, which, by the way, is a much-abused word this season, as all shades of yellowish green now come under that name. Pale blue, lavender, pink and delicate vellows are very popular both in taffeta for evening and in wool for sports. Jersey, knitted fabrics and tweed all come in these delicate colors.

The new tweeds are as varied as the silks and crepes, and it goes without saying quite as lovely in their way. Whether you choose the safest of all shades, navy blue, or a flattering beige or the still more flattering pale shades of rose or pink, rest assured that fashion is with you.

The long tunic frocks for daytime wear are leaders in their particular delds of dress.

It was O'Rossen who made famous the boyish suit of a few seasons past. one that never has quite faded from the picture since that time.

Its tremendous popularity may be repeated again if the O'Rossen models meet with the same approval of seasons ago,

Black Crepe de Chine, Navy, Tan, Printed Crepe



Black crepe de chine and navy and tan printed crepe are pleasingly combined in a pretty frock for springtime. The tie and cuffs of the printed silk are effective touches.

Crepe de Chine, Voile, Chiffon for Lingerie

chiffon are all much in favor for linunderwear, while when more original green, pale blue, mauve or yellow, the lace is often dyed to match the fabric. Black lingerie always enjoys a certain vogue, and in chiffon or georgette amply trimmed with lace it is exquisite this season. Inlet points and incrustations of lace that are turreted or vandyked are very popular. Sometimes black lingerie is trimmed with black lace, chantilly or d'alencon being the favorites, although many women prefer the contrast of

light ochre. The printed chiffon craze has also spread to lingerie. One of the pretflest sets seen in Paris this season was made of white chiffon scattered with a field flower design in blues, reds and yellows, trimmed with inlet triangles of fine black lace, giving

Pastel Print Ensemble; Coat Is Edged With Fur



THE STATE OF THE S Showing a delightful ensemble of pastel print in modernistic design. The coat is lined with the printed silk of which the dress is made, and it is edged with bands of fur.

High Lights of Modes

of Interest to Women

A prominent actress arrived from Paris wearing a grayish beige wool skirt with a red leather straight-line coat with ragian sleeves. Summer ermine appeared in a narrow collar and in a border down the side of the coat. A lipstick-red felt hat draped in the back, and grayish beige was repeated in her hose and shoes.

Martial and Armand accent the princess lines of a velvet bridal gown. with insets of fame and lace.

Lanvin shows a black lace fichu draped across the front in rounded line tied with flowing ends near the waistline in the back. The hemline is petaled. This is adhered to by every French house.

Broad stripes, too wide even for an awning, are woven into lovely tweed mixtures for coats at Palm Beach. These are worn above a turtle neck sweater outfit; the stripes in the sweater are horizontal.

Shantung is favored for sports wear as being practicable and of novelty in-

The tailored dress in French open ings is developed frequently in fine navy woolen; the severity of line and clor is relieved by white collars and cuffs.

There are many soft dresses of crepe de chine presented in the collection, accompanied by coats in costume effect. Delicate shades in hoslery, pale blues, lavender and all shades of pink. are seen in the new hosiery. White pique is much used for

Novelty Handkerchiefs

vestees and waistcoats.

in Attractive Designs

The popularity of the novelty handkerchief continues and varied and interesting new designs are being shown in the spring assortments, Linens, of course, are the best medium to consider from a style aspect. From Ireland come the daintiest and sheerest of handkerchiefs. Fine hand-embroidered corners, hand-rolled hems and hemstitching are the outstanding features of the white ones. Printed linens have a touch of colored embroidery, but only a suggestion. Artistic colored designs are seen in the French importations. These have white or solid centers with contrasting colors in the borders. All-over effects are also good, especially when they include the brilliant colors in a border design. Swiss handkerchiefs made of net, voile and crepe de chine are more decorative than useful, as is suggested both in their size and sheerness.

Gloves Are Gay

Accessories to costumes are gay, but none are gayer than the gloves. There are red gloves with a little scallop at the top, and one red and one gray with stitching in the two-tones effect. Green with tan; red with black; blue with tangerine, and gray with tangerine are other color combi-Crepe de chine, triple voile and nations which are proving popular. We are told on every hand that it is gerie. Real lace dyed in deep ochre to be a season of color, and here are shades trims the classical flesh-pink the gloves to prove it. Worn with a dark fur coat, they will lend a note colors are chosen, such as almond of gayety to the most somber costume.

Dance Hats

Reports from here and there lend ever more interest to the evening turban for restraining unruly tresses. It is made on the lines of an aviation cap, and in one instance is described as being of black hatter's plush, laid in a solid band of plaits which circle the hat, extend down over the ears, and are finished with a pearl and rhinestone pin worn at the front.

All in Black

Brilliant satins that shine like the surface of a lake, soft velvets, hard failles, severe taffeta, soft crepes, all in black, are now to be seen. Black is coming in again, especially for afterthat amusing little flare at the hem noon wear, in consequence of the of the chemise and knickers that fol- stylish effects that can be obtained with It.

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