A CHANGED SKIN.

BY HIALMAR H. BOYESEN.

She followed him all day long like a little dog. If he ran she ran; fell and scrubbed her knees, cried and was I fied up again. Thus it went from the week's beginning to its end. He grew tired of her, and would have liked to run away from her. But he did not dare, for she was his master's daughter, and he was, well, there was the rub, he did not know who he was. He woke up one fine day and found himself born. The sky was above him, and there would have been earth beneath his feet if he had not pointed them in the wrong direction. He was christened, in a random way, Ola. and was put on the parish, as they say. Jens Oestmo took him as his share of the parish burdens. He was paid for it, at first, from the "poor fund," but when he was 6 years old the boy could be made useful enough to earn his food and shelter. Jens Oestmo then wanted to send him away, but his little daughter Birgit was so fond of him that he decided to keep him.

When Ola was 12 years old he could kick a cap from a nail high above his head, and he could spit as far as any man. Birgit practiced this accomplishment by she hour, with indifferent success. She was so fond of Ola that everything he did seemed admirable. Ouce she swore. and Ola way whipped for it.

"It is time now to send that boy away," said the mother.

"Send him to the mountains," said his father, "he is big enough now to herd the cattle."

So Ola was sent to the mountains. Bare-footed bare-headed, with a pair of leather-patched knee-breeches hanging upon one suspender, he roamed with his alpine horn over the wide mountain plains, ate berries cought thought once of the little girl down How, oh how can I do it ?" in the valley, though it pleased him when the seater maids told him that she had cried for him.

One day late in the summer she came up to the saeter with her moth er. She was carried up on horseback; in a basket. When she saw him she flang herself down upon the grass and screamed with delight.

"Get up, child," said her mother "don't act like a fool."

distance increased, he yearned to kill skin." somebody, just to give vent to the

tremendous wrath within him. It was at such a time that Birgit

ought him and spoke kindly to him. "You musn't mind the girls," she ust a way they have' ..

Ola. You wouldn,t harm me."

said, "it is no use talking."

Ola," she replied with a smile; and I to you before I go."

Say it."

while a quick blush sprang to her cheek. "No, I think I won't say it after all," she finished, and turned to

her hand.

"Well it is this; it seemed so easy to say a moment ago, and now it seems so hard."

"I want to hear it."

"Well, I-I wish you could do as the hare-change your skin."

She drew her hand away from him, and ran down the hill-side, so that the stones and dry leaves flew behind

her. That night he picked a quarrel with Thorger Sletten, who was said to be attentive to Brigit, and he whipped and the veins swelled upon his brow. him. All the following winter he kept watch of her from afar, and picked quarrels with everybody whom she seemed to favor. He got a bad name in the parish, and people looked ask-

ance at him wherever he went. "Change my skin," he ponderfish, and was happy. He hardly ed. "Change my skin like the hare !

> This thought followed him day and night. One day, in the spring, an emigrant ship bound for America appeared at the mouth of the river. Ola packed together his traps and went up to Oestmo's to say good by. He met Birgit in the birch grove behind the barn. It was the time when the buds were bursting and the swallows had returned.

birds and beasts. The girls giggled to herd cattle at the Oestmo saeter. when he went by; and when he heard "You Ola! who was on the parish? their laughter growing louder, as the Then you must have changed your

> "That was what I went to America for he answered, laughing.

The church lay half way up the hillside. There Ola sat down to rest, for he had walked far and was tired. said; "they laugh at everything. Presently he heard music ap under They don't mean anything by it. Its the ledge of the forest; there was one clarionet and several fiddles. A bri-"Somebody will come to harm you dal party ! Yes there was the bride, you ever do it," he answered fierce- with a silver crown upon her head and shining brooches upon her bosom "That is foolish talk." she gently Pistol shots were heard, and singing remonstarted. "I know you too well, and laughter. The procession came nearer. The birds flew up freighten-"Ah, you don't understand me," he ed along the roadside, and the squirrels climbed chattering into the tops "Oh, yes, I do understand you, of the fir trees. Now the master of ceremonies opened the church doors wish you would let me say one thing wide and went to meet the bride and groom. Ola sat still, like a rock . but a strang numbress came over him "I wish-I wish," she stammered the ground billowed under his feet. ble up lost or mislaid property with-As the party drew near to the gate of out saying anything about it." the church yard, he arose and stood, tall and grave, in the middle of the road. The fiddlers stared at him and "Yes, say it," he entreated, seizing stepped aside. Then came Birgit

Oestmo and Thorger Sletten. She looked pale and sad ; de defiant. "You didn't expect me at your wedding, Birgit Oestmo?" he said. and stared hard at her. She gave a

scream ; the crown fell from her head she rushed forward and flung her arms around his neck. He held her long and close.

"Now come," he cried, "whoever dares, and I'll make a merry bridal." Jeus Oestmo stepped forward and

spoke. His voice shook with wrath, "Here I am," he said, "if you want

the girl you shall fight for her." "Not with you, old man," retorted Ola, "but with Thorger I'll fight. Let him come forward."

The bridal guests made a ring on the green and the bridegroom came slowly forward.

fight for your bride on your wedding day."

Fight? Birgit, who in her happiness had been blind and deaf, woke up with a start. She unwound her arms from Ola's neck and stepped up monvaie, saw the put up job, and tries between the two men. "Oh, do not fight, do not fight !"

she entreated, holding her hands first other.

"STRICTLY HONEST, BUT_"

"That's the tenth one this afternoon," said a Woodward avenue floorwalker the other day, as a woman hurriedly passed out.

"What-tenth woman ?" "No; tenth portenmonnaie." "What do you mean ?"

"Well, this house bought a job lot of portemonnaies last spring, and we got them so cheap that we could almost give them away. A few days ago I took it into my head to see how many of our customers were honest. and I stuffed a portemonnaie with paper and left it on the silk counter. It was slyly pocketed by the very first lady who discovered it, and she is the wife of a man worth \$50,000." "And the next ?"

"Well, we lose an average of twenty portemonnaies a day. That means we have twenty ladies come in here who are thieves, for it is theft to gob-

"It must be interesting to watch them ?'

"It is. Now and then a woman will observe the article and hand it over to the clerk, but that is an exception. I have seen a woman work for a quarter of an hour to get the portemonnaie into her pocket or shopping-bag. But are the best books in every particular that isn't where the fun comes in." "Where is it ?"

"Why, on a slip of paper stuffed in the little wallet I write : 'Stolen from the counter of --- & Co.' At least half the wallets are returned. There comes a lady now."

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"Hard luck," he said, " to have to if I have put her to any trouble." "Very well, madam,"

"That was well done," said the reporter.

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She got up a little shamefaced and hid herself behind her mother's skirt. bundle and staff in hand. But when her mother had entered the sacter hut she ran up to him and hug. ged him. While the cattle were being cal" milked he went to look for his traps. She followed him, proud in the thought that he tolerated her.

"Look here," he cried, lifting up a ed her narrowlybrown hare, "isn't that a big fellow ?" + What is it ?" she asked.

"It is a bare."

"No, it isn't a hare. A hare is

white." "It is brown in summer.

changes its skin."

her.

"How does he do it ?.' she asked after a while.

"I don't know."

the other ?"

Instead of a nawering he took his from hell." knife and cut the hare's skin.

more'n one."

But, though he had a coat now. if it was a cast-off one of Jans Oestomo's. which was much too big for him. seen better days, before they made his acquaintance. He walked aside from the rest, his ears burning when any one looked at him. But if any one darde to mock him, he used a pair of fists which inspired respect. He was a handsome enough lad, and finely made; but his clothes and frow. Penny. sy hair made him look ugly. Heavy thoughts came to him, and a fierce, defiant spirit was kindled within him. The world seemed all out of gear He longed to go back to the mountains where he could be along with the the dollar he had flung into her hand.

"Well, Ola, where are you going she asked as she saw him coming with

"To America."

"America !" she caied. "Ameri.

The answer seemed to frighten her. She turned pale and grabbed hold of a birch-tree for support. He watch-

"Change my skin," he replied with a vigor that startled her.

"Oh, it is I, who have put you up to this, Ola," she whispered tremulously.

"Yes thank God! it was you," he cried, drawing her close up to him; "and if I come back within five years That made a deep impression upon with a changed skin, will you promise to wait for me."

"I promise," she whispered, weep ing quietly upon his shoulder.

"Then may God bless you, Birgit," "Has he two skins, one inside of he oried, gazing into her face, with radiant eyes, "for you have saved me

Five years from that day a young "No," he said, "he hasn't got man was seen hastening up the hillside to Oestmo. He had a big slouch

The timecame when he had to go to hat on his head and he was well the parson to prepare for confirma- dressed. His face was strong, square tion. It so happened that she went and determined ; his eyes danced with for her! I am glad to be rid of such the same year. She was a tall, fine joy, for in his pocket he had a royal girl now and all the lads in the parish marriage license with which he meant have our wedding yet. A girl betried to show off before her. Ola to surprise somebody on the Oestmo longs to him who can catch her." would have tried to do the same, if farm. It was five years to-day since he had had any thing to show off. he left her, and it was five years she promised to wait for him. For this hour he had toiled, saved and suffered for five long and weary years. He His boots, too, and his trousers had had been a silver-miner in Leadville when the place was yet new, and he had sold his claim for \$50,000.

As he was hurrying along an old woman, who was sitting at the road. side hailed him.

"Gentlefolks out walking to-day ?" she said, holding out her hand for a

"Gentlefolks !" he cried with a happy laugh. "Gentlefolks did you say, Gurid ?"

"Yes, I said gentlefolks," said the old woman, gazing with big eyes at "Why, Gurid I am Ola, who used

"Out of the way girl, out of the way !" shouted her father, seizing her by the arm.

"No," she cried, "I shall stand where I stand. You know, father, for whom I have waited these five years. You know whom I have loved since I was a child. But you used force against me and threats. Now he has come back. I am no longer afraid of you.

"Whoever will be my wedding guest let him follow," shouted Ola, "for here I have in my hand a royal license to be married to Birgit, Jeus' daughter Oestmo."

He pulled the paper from his pocket and swung it above his head.

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"You coward," he yelled, you let the girl be snatched away before your very nose, and do not strike a blow son-in-law. Come folks ! We'll

With a wrathful snort he stalked in through the open church door, and the wedding guests slowly followed .--Chicago Inter Ocean.

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