Erskine Dale -- Pioneer

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DPSIS.—To the Kennesses outpost commanded by sanders, in the time immespece eding the Revolution, a white boy fleeing from a of SI awnees by whom he had aptured and adopted as a sonell'f Kahtoo. He is given r and attracts the favorable don of Dave Yandell, a leader g the settlers. The boy warrs and the coming of a of the coming of a shelter and attracts the ravorance attention of Dave Yandell, a leader among the settlers. The boy warms his new friends of the coming of a Shawnee war party. The fort is attacked, and only saved by the timely appearance of a party of Virginians. The leader of these is fatally wounded, but in his dying moments recognizes the fugitive youth as his son. At Red Oaks, plantation on the James river, Virginia, Celond Dale's home, the boy as pears with a message for the colond, who after reading it introduces the bearer to his daughter Parbara as her cousin, Erskine Dale. Erskine meets two other cousins, Harry Dale and Hugh Willoughly, Dueling rapiers on a wall loughby. Dueling rapiers on a wall at Red Oaks attract Erskine's attakes his first fencing lessen from Hugh.

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For an hour or more they had fields of tobacco and grain.

'Are we still on your land?" Barbara laughed, "Yes; we can't drive around the plantation and get fort, and then, seeing the boy's face back for dinner. I think we'd better turn scarlet, he did not tell how that

"Plan-ta-tion," said the lad, "What's

Barbara waved her whip, "Why, all this-the land-the farm."

big trees back of the house."

"Oh. I know oaks well-all of 'em." She wheeled the ponies and with breath, resh zest they scampered for home. Everybody had gathered for the noonday dinner when they swung around great trees and up to the back our boys. Just as they were starting in figure in coonskin cap and hunter's garb was balted at the sun-dial and ooking toward them.

"Now, I wonder who that is," said much going on outside,

They saw the tall stranger stare wonderingly at the boy and throw back his head and laugh. Then the go with them to the fair at Williamstwo came on together. The boy was still flushed but the hunter's face was

"This is Dave," said the boy simply, "Pave Yandell," added the stranger, smiling and taking off his cap. "I've been at Williamsburg to register some lands and I thought I'd come and see how this young man is getting along. Colonel Dale went quickly to meet him with outstretched hand.

"I'm mighty glad wou did," he said heartily. "Erskine has already told us about you. You are just in time for dinner."

That's mighty kind," said Dave. And the ladies, after he was presented, still looked at him with much cu riosity and great interest. Truly, strange visitors were coming to Red Oaks these days.

That night the subject of Hugh and Harry going back home with the two Kentuckians was broached to Colonel Dale, and to the wondering delight of the two boys both fathers seemed to consider it favorably. Mr. Brockton was going to England for a visit, the summer was coming on, and both fathers thought it would be a great benefit to their sons. Even Mrs. Dale, on whom the hunter bad made a mos acreeable impression, smiled and said sle would already be willing to trust her son with their new guest any

"I shall take good care of him, n claim," said Dave with a bow.

Colonel Dale, too, was greatly taken countains. There was dancing again a head above them all, looked on with smiling interest. He even took part in a square dance with Miss Jane Willoughby, handling his great bulk with shing grace and lightness of foot. Then the elder gentlemen went into the drawing-room to their port and bipes, and the boy Erskine slipped after them and listened enthralled to the talk of the coming war.

Henry voiced the first intimation of independence in Virginia; Henry, a country storekeeper - bankrupt; are Virginians." farmer-bankrupt; sterekeeper again, and bankrupt again; an idler, hunter, fisher, and story-teller-even a keeper," as Mr. Jefferson once dubbed him, because Henry had once helped Henry denounce the clergy, stigmatize the king as a tyrant who had forfeited all claim to obedience, and had seen the orator caught up on the shoulders of the crowd and amidst shouts of applause borne around the court-house green. He had seen the same Henry ride into Richmond two years later on a lean horse; with papers in his saddle-pockets, his expression grim, his tall figure stooping, a peculiar twinkle in his small blue eyes, his brown wig without powder, his coat peach-blossom in color, his knee-breeches of leather, and his stockings of yarn. The speaker of the Burgesses was on a dais under

a red canopy supported by gilded rods, and the clerk sat beneath with a mace on the table before him but Henry cried for liberty or death, and the shouts of treason failed then and there to save Virginia for the kieg. The lad's brain whirled. What did Who was this king and what had he done? He had known but the one from whom be had run away... When he got Dave alone he would learn and learn and learneverything. And then the young people came quietly in and sat down quietly, and Colonel Dale, divining what they wanted, got Dave started on stories of the wild wilderness that was his home-the first chapter in the Iliad of Kentucky—the land of dark forests and cane thickets that separated Catawbas, Creeks and Chero kees on the south from Delawares. Wyandottes and Shawnees on the north, who fought one another, and all of whom the whites must fight. How the first fort was built, and the first women stood on the banks of the Kentucky river. He told of the perils and hardships of the first journeys thither-fights with wild beasts and wild men, chases, hand-to-hand combats, escapes and massacres - and only the breathing of his listeners could be heard, save the sound of his own voice. And he came finally to the story of the attack on the fort. the raising of a small hand above the cane, palm outward, and the swift dash of a slender brown body into the same lad had slipped back into the woods even while the fight was going on, and slipped back with the bloody scalp of his enemy, but ended with the timely coming of the Vigginians, led by the lad's father, who got his "hi's called Red Oaks—from those death-wound at the very gate. The lad up to their room. Below they tense breathing of his listeners cul. lad up to their room. Below they minated now in one general deep

Colonel Dale rose and turned to General Willoughby,

"And that's where he wants to take

"Oh, it's much safer now," said the the Kentucky boy gave a cry and darted down the path. A towering some time, and there's no danger inhunter. "We have had no trouble for side the fort."

"I can imagine you keeping those boys inside the fort when there's so Colonel Dale. "Jupiter, but that boy Colonel Dale stopped and the two boys took heart again.

Colonel Dale escorted the boy and



Maidens Moved Daintily Along in Silk and Lace, High-Heeled Shoes and Clocked Stockings.

burg next morning, and Mr. Yandell ould go gladly. They would spend questions of the new land beyond the the night there and go to the governor's ball. The next day there was a that night, and the hunter, towering county fair, and perhaps Mr. Henry would speak again. Then Mr. Yandell must come back with them to Red colonel would accept no excuse what-

The boy plied Dave with questions about the people in the wilderness and passed to sleep. Dave lay awake a long time thinking that war was sure he talk of the coming war.

Colonel Dale had been in Hanover said Colonel Dale — not Virginians, ten years before, when one Patrick just as nearly a century later the same people were to say:

"We are not Americans now-we

CHAPTER VI.

It was a merry cavalcade that swung around the great oaks that his father-in-law to keep tavern. That spring morning in 1774. Two coaches far back Colonel Dale had heard with outriders and postilions led the way with their precious freight-the elder ladies in the first coach, and the second blossoming with flowerlike faces and starred with dancing eyes Booted and spurred, the gentlemen rode behind, and after them rolled the baggage wagons, drawn by mules in Jingling harness. Harry on a chestnut sorrel and the young Kentuckian on a high-stepping gray followed the second coach-Hugh on Firefly champed the length of the column. Colonel Dale and Dave brought up the rear. The road was of sand and there was little sound of hoof or wheel—only the hum of of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-voices, occasional sailies when a suffering gentleness, goodness, faith.

neighbor joined them, and laughter from the second coach as happy and care-free as the singing of birds from rees by the roadside.

The capital had been moved from lamestown to the spot where Bacon had taken the oath against England—then called Middle-Plantation and now Williamsburg. The cavalcade wheeled into Gloucester street, and Colonel Dale pointed out to Dave the old 'capitol at one end and William and Mary college at the other. Mr. Henry had thundered in the old cap-Lord Dunmore lived there.

At the season the planters came with with true feminine dress parade would be to us now. It names, that have plain sleeves shorter have anticipated the fall needs of was filled with coaches and fours. Maidens moved daintily along in silk and lace, high-heeled shoes and clocked stockings.

The cavalcade halted before a building with a leaden bust of Sir Walter Raleigh over the main doorway, the old Raleigh tavern, in the Apollo room of which Mr. Jefferson had rapturous ly danced with his Belinda, and which as to become the Faneuil hall of Virginia. Both coaches were quickly surrounded by bowing gentlemen, young gallants, and frolicsome students. Dave, the young Kentuckian, and Harry would be put up-at the tavern, and, for his own reasons, Hugh elected to stay with them. With an au revoir of white hands from the coaches, the rest went on to the house of relatives and friends.

Inside the tayern Hugh was soon surrounded by fellow students boon companions. He pressed Dave and the boy to drink with them, but could hear Hugh's merriment soing on, and when he came upstairs a while later his face was flushed, he was in great spirits, and was full of enthusiasm over a horse race and cock-fight that he had arranged for With him came a afternoon. youth of his own age with daredevil eyes and a suave manner, one Dane Grey, to whom Harry gave scant greeting. One patronizing look from the stranger toward the Kentucky boy and within the latter a fire of antagonism was instantly kindled. With a word after the two went out, Harry snorted his explanation:

In the early afternoon coach and orsemen moved out to an "old field." Hugh was missing from the Dale party, and General Willoughby frowned when he noted his son's ab

Then a crowd of boys gathered to run one hundred and twelve yards for a hat worth twelve shillings, and Dave nudged his young friend. A moment later Harry cried to Bar-

"Look there!" There was their young Indian lin-ing up with the runners, his face but an eager light in his eyes. At the word he started off almost eisurely, until the whole crowd was nearly ten yards ahead of him, and then a yell of astonishment rose from the crowd. The boy was skimming the ground on wings. Past one after another he flew, and laughing and hardly out of breath he bounded over the finish, with the first of the rest-laboring with bursting lungs ten yards behind. Hugh and Dane Grey had appeared arm in arm and were moving through the crowd with great gayety and some boisterousness, and when the boy appeared with his hat Grey shouted:

"Good for the little savage!" Reskine wheeled furiously but Dave caught him by the arm and led him ack to Harry and Barbara, who looked so pleased that the lad's illnumor passed at once.

Hugh and his friend had not approached them, for Hugh had seen Erskine saw Grey look long at Barbara, turn to question Hugh, and again he began to burn within.

The wrestlers had now stepped forth to battle for a pair of silver buckles, and the boy in turn nudged Dave, but unavailingly. The wrestling was good and Dave watched it with keen interest. One huge bullnecked fellow was easily the winner. but when the silver buckles were in his hand, he boastfully challenged anybody in the crowd. Dave shouldered through the crowd and faced the victor.

"I'll try you once," he said, and a shout of approval rose. .The Dale party crowded close and

my lord's coach appeared on the out skirts and stopped. "Backholts or catch-as-catch-can?" asked the victor sneeringly.

"As you please," said Dave. "He's hurt," said Dave, "and

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Very Much to Be Desired. We all should like a cook such as an English clergyman advertised for in the London Times. In his advertisement he said among other things that it was essential not only that his cook should have a sense of humor but also that she should exemplify the spirit of Galatians, verse 22. Now Galatians, verse 22, reads thus: "But the fruit

FROCKS FOR EARLY FALL:

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SNUGLY CLAD IN WOOL

chamber there, and in the hall there not less graceful, than their predeces-

NEW frocks for early fall are making a dignified and impressive one side from color to hem. It is of itol, the Burgesses had their council entrance. They are less simple, but knitted wool in a very dark red comwould be a ball that night. Near the sors of summer and very generally knitted tights in the same color, white street was a great building which the have adopted the vogue for drapery wool sox and a pretty wool cap with colonel pointed out as the governor's and the uneven hem line, together little yarn tassel hanging on a cord surrounded by pleasure, with some entirely new features. And at the back. Comfy pockets offer a grounds of full three hundred acres again they place an emphatic accent and planted thick with linden trees. on sleeves which are endlessly ingendessly ingendessl ious and beautifully decorated. But, above one of them where quaint inconsistency, flowers might bloom immediately ortheir families to the capital, and the there are sleeveless frocks among street was as brilliant as a fancy- them and others, sponsored by great

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TWO OF THE PRETTY NEW GOWNS

displays; the waist line continues low and durable. and very often is bloused. Skirts grow longer and panels continue to adorn them, usually draped and falling below the hem line. Facings in contrasting colors, ornamental buckles, or cabochons, for holding drapery, and serge, tweed and Jersey textures and little silver buttons are much in evi-

Several of these new style-points wear later on. make their appearance in the afternoon dress of satin-crepe that is pic-

than elbow length. In afternoon and school children, big and little, and are evening dresses at all events one may concerned with those of everybody else expect to see elaborate sleeves. The rumored return of the normal sturdy products are ideal for the little waistline is not borne out by present folks because they are warm, elastic

resented and duvetyn is forecast for

Styles retain the straight, low-belted lines of the summer and look to novel tured here. It is one of the sleeveless ties in trimmings to give them a dismodels in which both bodice and skirt tinctive flavor of fall. Pin-checked are ingeniously draped and the dra- taffets are used for Peter Pan collars, pery faced with satin-crepe in a contrasting color. The small silver button wrist on sleeves. Gaily colored rib tons and ornamental buckle will har- bons, silk braid-including soutachemonize with any color combination. applique of colored leather in leaf de Another frock of crepe shown in the signs and other applique trimmings of picture has adopted the loose strap materials are among the new trimming trim. In this instance the straps are ideas. Red, yellow or green are liked



IN WOOL FROM HEAD TO FOOT

amplified into narrow panels, pointed on navy blue serges, and they make at where they are set on to the bodice, and edged with flat silk braid. They fasten under the hem of the skirt. borders of georgette edged with braid. for winter wear.

This little French lass will never

the tooth in the wind of autumn while she is clad in her smart outfit of knitted wool. She is fortified against it by a coat that has a muf-

dresses for all school girls, appears Elbow sleeves, flaring slightly, add to to be growing, and even grownups are their reputation for beauty by wide experimenting with this combination



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to get back.

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"How was the lecture?" asked Mr.

has hitherto paid income tax. As an Oh, it was wonderful!" exclaimed income this is inadequate, but in the Mrs. Gadder. "The speaker discussed

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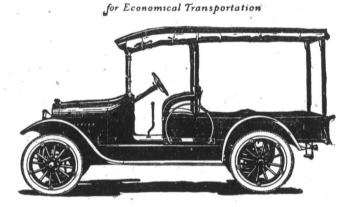
"No: we wish to eat it on toast. We

seldom have rolls."

The Dress Is the Thing. A writer in the Dallas News says of your poetry." that people will soon have to agree "No, but it doesn't take them two with him on the subject of dress. "The that people will soon have to agree

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