In the Days of Poor Richard

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CHAPTER XXVI-Continued.

Those "indications" were the letters of one John Anderson, who described himself as a prominent officer in the American army. The letters were written to Sir Henry Clinton. They asked for a command in the British army and hinted at the advantage to be derived from facts, of prime importance, in the writer's possession

Margaret and her mother sailed with Sir Roger Waite and his regiments on the tenth of March and arrived in New York on the twenty-sixth of April.

The month of May, 1780, gave Wash ington about the worst pinch in his career. It was the pinch of hunger. Supplies had not arrived. Famine had entered the camp and begun to threaten its life, Soldiers can get along without pay but they must have food, Mutiny broke out among the recruits.

In the midst of this trouble, Lafayette, the handsome French marquis, twenty-three years old, arrived on his white horse, after a winter in Paris, bringing word that a fleet and army from France were heading across the sea. This news revived the drooping spirit of the army. Soon boats began to arrive from down the river with food from the east. The crisis passed. In the North a quiet summer followed. The French fleet with six thousand men under Rochambeau arrived at Newport, July tenth, and were immediately blockaded by the British as was a like expedition fitting out at Brest, Washington could only hold to his plan of prudent waiting.

On a clear, warm day, late in July 1780. a handsome coach drawn by four horses crossed King's Ferry and tolled up the Highland road. It carried Bendict Arnold and his wife and their baggage. Jack and Solomon passed and recognized them.

What does that mean, I wonder? Jack queried. "Dun know," Solomon answered,

"I'm scared about it," said the younger scout. 'I am utraid that this money seeker has the confidence of Washington. He has been a good fighting man. That goes a long way with the chief."

Colonel Irons stopped his horse, "I am of half a mind to go back," he de-

didn't tell the general half that Reed said to me. It was so bitter and yet I believe it was true. I ought to ave told him. Perhaps I ought now

to go and tell him." There's time 'nough," said Solomon. Wait till we git back. Sometimes I've. thought the chief needed advice but it's allus turned out that I was the

one that needed it." The two horsemen rode on in st lence. It was the middle of the afternoon of that memorable July day. They were bound for the neutral ter-

ritory between the American and Brit-ish lines, infested by "cowboys" from the South and "skinners" from the North who were raiding the farms of the settlers and driving away their cattle to be sold to the opposing the two scouts were sent to learn the facts and report upon them. They parted at a cross-road. It was near sundown when at a beautiful brook, bordered with spearmint and ild iris, Jack watered and fed his horse and sat down to eat his luncheon. He was thinking of Arnold and the new danger when he discovered that a man stood near him. The young scout had failed to hear his approach -a circumstance in no way remarkable since the road was little traveled and covered with moss and creeping herbage. He thought not of this, how-ever, but only of the face and form of a man of middle age. The young man wrote in a letter:

"It was a singularly handsome face, smooth-shaven and well-shaped with large, dark eyes and a skin very clean and perfect—I had almost said it was transparent. Add to all this a look of friendliness and masterful dignity and you will understand why I rose to my feet and took off my hat. His stature was above my own, his form erect. I remember nothing about his clothes save that they were dark in color and seemed to be new and ad-

rairably fitted. "You are John Irons, Jr., and I am Henry Thornhill,' said he. 'I saw you at Kinderhook where I used to live. I liked you then and, since the war began, I have known of your adcentures. I saw you passing a little way back and I followed for I have

something to say to you.' "I shall be glad to hear of it,' was

my answer.
"'Washington cannot be overcome by his enemies unless he is betrayed by his friends. Arnold has been put in command at West Point. He has planned the betrayal of the army."

"Do you know that?' I asked. "'As well as I know light and dark-

'Have you told Washington?'

"'No. As yet I have had no opportunity. I am telling him, now, through In his friendships he is a singularly stubborn man. The wiles of an enemy are as an open book to him. but those of a friend he is not able to comprehend. He will discredit or ealy half believe any warning that you

and Solomon to warn him and he not you?" deceived.

'I shall turn about and ride back to camp, I said.

"'There is no need of haste,' he

answered. 'Arnold does not assume command until the third of August.' "He shaded his eyes and looked toward the west where the sun was set-

ting and the low-lying clouds were like rose-colored islands in a golden sea, and added as he hurried away down the road to the south:

'It is a beautiful world.' "Too good for fighting men,' I answered as I sat down to finish my luncheon for I was still hungry. "While I ate, the tormenting thought

came to me that I had neglected to ask for the source of his information or for his address. It was a curious oversight due to his masterly manner and that sense of the guarded tongue which an ordinary mortal is apt to feel in the presence of a great personality. I had been, in a way, self-bridled and cautious in my speech, as I have been wont to be in the presence of Washington himself. I looked down the road ahead. The stranger had rounded a bend and was now hidden by the bush. I hurried through my repast, bridled my horse and set off at a gallop expecting to overtake him, but to my astonishment he had left the road. I did not see him eggin, but his words were ever with me in the weeks that

"I reached the Corlies farm, far down in the neutral territory, at ten o'clock and a little before dawn was with Corlies and his neighbors in a rough fight with a band of cattle thieves. in the course of which three men and a boy were seriously disabled by my pistols. We had salted a herd and concealed ourselves in the midst of It and so were able to shoot from good cover when the thieves arrived. Solo mon and I spent four days in the neutral territory. When we left it a dozen cattle thieves were in need of repair and three had moved to parts unknown. Save in the southern limit, their courage had been broken.

"I had often thoughtsof Nancy, the

blaze-faced mare, that I had got from Governor Reed and traded to Mr. Paulding. I was again reminded of her by meeting a man who had just come from Tarrytown. Being near that place I rode on to Paulding's farm and spent a night in his house. I found Nancy in good flesh and spirits. She seemed to know and like the touch of my hand and, standing by her side, the notion came to me that I ought to own her. Paulding was reduced in circumstances. Having been a patriot and a money lender the war had impoverished him. "My own horse was worn by overwork and so I proposed a trade and offered a sum to boot which he promptly accepted. I came back up the north road with the handsome. high-headed mare under my saddle. The next night I stopped with one Reuben Smith near the northern limit of the neutral territory below Stony Point, Smith had prospered by selling supplies to the patriot army. had heard that he was a Tory and so I wished to know him. I found him a rugged, jovial, long-haired man of middle age, with a ready ringing laugh. His jokes were spoken in a low tone and followed by quick, stertorous breathing and roars and gestures of appreciation.

"He looked my mare over carefully before he led her to the stable.

"Next morning as he stood by her head, he asked if I would sell her. "You couldn't afford to own that more.' I said

"I had touched his vanity. In fact I did not realize how much he had made by his overcharging. He was better able to own her than I and that he proposed to show me.

"He offered for her another horse and a sum which caused me to take account of my situation. The money would be a help to me. However, I shook my head. He increased his of-

fer. "'What do you want of her?'

"'I've always wanted to own a hoss like that,' he answered.

"'I intended to keep the mare,' said I. 'But if you will treat her well and give her a good home I shall let you have her.

"'A man who likes a good joke will never drive a spavined hoss,' he answered merrily.

"So It happened that the mare Nancy fell into the hands of Reuben

CHAPTER XXVII

Love and Treason.

When Jack and Solomon returned to headquarters, Arnold and his wife were settled in a comfortable house overlooking the river. Colonel Irons made his report. The commander in camp in his company. They mounted their horses and rode away together. "I learn that General Arnold is to

soon after the ride began. "I have not yet announced my in- exceed 190,000.

or I may give him. But it is for you | tention," said Washington. "Who told

"A man of the name of Henry Thornhill."

"I do not know him but he is curiously well informed. Arnold is an able officer. We have not many like him. He is needed here for I have to go on a long trip to eastern Connecticut to confer with Rochambeau. In the event of some unforeseen crisis Ar nold would know what to do."

Then Jack spoke out: "General, I ought to have reported to you the exact words of Governor Reed. They were severe, perhaps, even, unjust.] have not repeated them to any one. But now I think you should know their full content and judge of them in your own way. The governor insists that Arnold is bad at heart-that he would sell his master for thirty pieces of sil-

Washington made no reply, for a moment, and then his words seemed to have no necessary relation to those of Jack Irons.

"General Arnold has been badly cut up in many battles," said he. "I wish him to be relieved of all trying details. You are an able and prudent man. I shall make you his chief aide with the rank of brigadier general. He needs rest and will concern himself little with the daily routine. In my absence, you will be the superintendent of the camp, and subject to orders I shall leave with you. Colonel Binkus will be your helper. I hope that you may be able to keep yourself on friendly terms with the gen-

Jack reported to the commander in chief the warning of Thornhill, but the former made light of it.

"The air is full of evil gossip," he said. "You may hear it of me."
When they rode up to headquarters Arnold was there. To Jack's surprise the major general greeted him with friendly words, saying:

"I hope to know you better for I have heard much of your courage and fighting quality."

On the third of August—the precise date named by Henry Thornhill-Arnold took command of the camp and Irons assumed his new duties. The major general rode with Washington every day until, on the fourteenth of September, the latter set out with three aldes and Colonel Binkus on his trip to Connecticut, Solomon rode with the party for two days and then re-Thereafter Arnold left the turned. work of his office to Jack and gave his time to the enjoyment of the company of his wife and a leisure that suffered little interruption. For him. grim-visaged war had smoothed his wrinkled front, 'Like Richard he had hung up his bruised arms. The day of Washington's departure, Mrs. Arnold invited Jack to dinner. young man felt bound to accept this opportunity for more friendly rela-

Mrs. Arnold was a handsome, vivaclous, blonde young woman of thirty. The officer speaks in a letter of her Lively talk and winning smiles and which brought her face to face with splendid figure, well fitted with a costume that reminded him of the court ladies in France.

"What a contrast to the worn, patched uniforms to be seen in that cump!" he added.

Soon after the dinner began, Mrs. Arnold said to the young man, "We have heard of your romance. Colonel and Mrs. Hare and their young daughter spent a week in our home in Philadelphia on their first trip to the colonles. Later Mrs. Hare wrote to my mother of their terrible adventure in the great north bush and spoke of Margaret's attachment for the handsome boy who had helped to rescue them, so I have some right to my interest in you. I happen to know a detail in your story which may be new to you. Miss Hare is now with her father in New York."

"In New York!"

"Oddso! In New York! We heard in Philadelphia that she and her mother had sailed with Sir Roger Waite in March. How jolly it would be if the general and I could bring you together and have a wedding at headquar-

"I could think of no greater happiness save that of seeing the end of the war," Jack answered.

"The war! That is a little matter. want to see a proper end to this love story." She laughed and ran to the spinnet

and snng "Shepherds, I Have Lost My Love." , (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Insects Lead All

It is computed that there are five times as many different kinds of insects as there are species of all other living things put together. Seventy years ago the number of species of insects preserved in collections was about 170,000. Today it is estimated that there are 750,000 sorts, and that chief complimented him and invited without counting the parasitic creathe young man to make a tour of the tures. In Europe alone there are 850,000 species. Most insects live on trees or plants. There are known to be 450 sorts which make their home be in command here," Jack remarked in oak trees, and about 200 in the pine. Of beetles slone the varieties

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Lesson for August 31

JESUS TALKS WITH A SAMAR. ITAN WOMAN

LESSON TEXT-John 4:4-42. GOLDEN TEXT-God is a GOLDEN TEXT—"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must wor-ship Him in spirit and in truth."—

PRIMAPY TOPIC Sesus Talks With JUNIOR TOPIC-Jesus and a Woman

Samaria.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-IC—How Jesus Won the Samaritans.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC

The Teaching of Jesus Concerning

1. The Occasion (vv. 4-6).

Himself.

The growing popularity of Jesus aroused the envious opposition of the Pharisees, which obliged Him to leave Judea and go into Galilee. There was another way to reach Galilee, one used by many Jews to avoid contact with the despised Samaritans, the eastern side of the Jordan. He must needs go through Samaria in order to find this poor sinful woman and the needy citizens of Sychar. The great necessity which was upon Him was to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). The wearled Jesus waiting at Jacob's well to speak to this poor, lost woman gives us a picture of the divine human Savior in His work of seeking lost humanity, II. The Testimony of Christ to the

Samaritans (vv. 7-41). 1. Discloses His Identity to the Woman of Samaria (vv. 7-26). This is a fine example of personal evangelism.

(1) A Favor Asked (vv. 7-9). He tactfully made a request which appealed to the woman's sympathy. Net only did the thirst of the weary traveler appeal to her but the fact that He being a Jew asked a favor of her showed His sympathy for her. In introducing the conversation He re-

ferred to that which was uppermost in her mind, namely water. This was the Teacher's point of contact. He soon passed from earthly water to the water of everlasting life which was in Himself. His aim was to bridge the chasm which separated

(2) Jesus' Tender Dealing With the Woman (vv., 10-15). He first appealed to her curlosity by declaring, "If thou knewest the gift of God" (v. 10). He knew the deep unrest of the soul of that sinful woman as she went on her way. He knew that if she really knew Him she would believe on Him and be saved from her sins. Therefore, the first thing was to get her attention. He followed this appeal to her curiosity by a promise which directed her attention to her deepest need. The deepest need 🙃 the soul Jesus only can satisfy. There s real and lasting satisfaction in Him and His gifts. The woman's reply, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not," is the inarticulate cry of every heart.

(3) The Woman Convicted of Her Sins (vv. 15-19). Jesus succeeded in arousing her interest but she did not really understand Him. Before she can understand what the water of life is she must be convicted of her sins. He skillfully gave the command the facts of her life which she was unwilling to confess.

(4) The Problem of Worship Submitted to Christ (vv. 2-24). This she did as soon as she perceived Him to be a prophet. This indicates that He was succeeding in bringing her mind to spiritual things. Jesus, knowing the inner life of this woman, tells her of the glad time, even then present, when true worshipers could hold intercourse with God anywhere. He showed her that the place of worship is unimportant, but the all-important thing is to have the true conception of God as brought through the Jews. He exposed the folly of a religion of form only and showed that acceptable worship depends upon the condition of the heart.

(5) Discloses His Identity to the Citizens of Sychar (vv. 40, 41). When they heard the testimony of the woman, they invited Jesus to come among them. Though they heard her testimony, their belief was due to Christ's own words.

III. The Testimony of the Samar-Itans (vv. 27-42).

1. The Woman of Samaria Witnesses for Christ (vv. 27-39). soon as she was converted she became an enthusiastic missionary. This is as it ought to be and always will be. The soul that realizes Jesus cannot be still (John 1:41-45). The result of her testimony was that many believed on Him.

2. The Samaritans Witness for Christ (v. 42). They declared, "We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the World."

Begin Upon Yourself

If you must be severe, be sure that you begin with your severity upon yourself. Clean up your own life, and then with the beam taken out of your own eye you are in position to take the mote out of your brother's eye .-Gospel Herald.

If Willing to Repent

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BROUGHT HOME FROM MEXICO ON STRETCHER

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egged man"? Lou-"Behold! Aha! What is this Diplomacy is the etiquette of nasee walking in parentheses?"

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