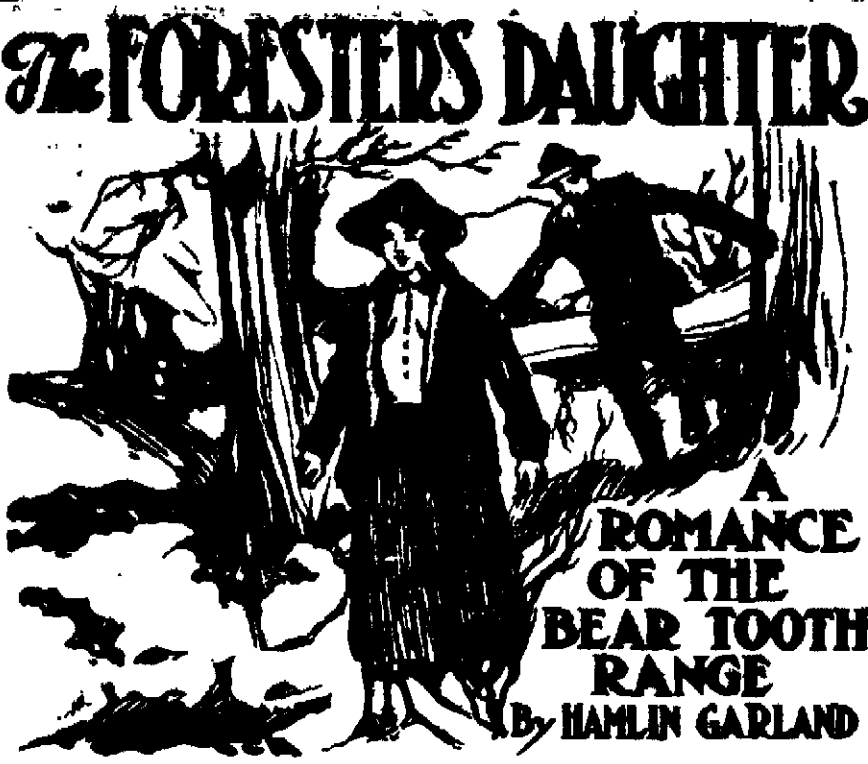




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He bought a horse of his own, although Berrie insisted upon his retaining Pete, and sent for a saddle of the army type, and from sheer desire to keep entirely clear of the cowboy equipment procured puttees like those worn by cavalry officers, and when he presented himself completely uniformed, he looked not unlike a slender young lieutenant of the cavalry on field duty, and in Berrie's eyes was wondrous alluring.

He took quarters at the hotel, but spent a larger part of each day in Berrie's company, a fact which was duly reported to Clifford Belden. Hardly a day passed without his taking at least one meal at the supervisor's home.

As he met the rangers one by one he perceived by their outfits, as well as by their speech, that they were sharply divided upon old lines and new. The experts, the men of college training, were quite ready to be known as Uncle Sam's men. They held a pride in their duties, a respect for their superiors, and an understanding of the governmental policy which gave them dignity and a quiet authority. They were less policemen than trusted agents of a federal department. Nevertheless, there was much to admire in the older men, who possessed a self reliance, a knowledge of nature and a certain rough grace which made them interesting companions and rendered them effective teachers of camping and trailing, and while they were secretly a little contemptuous of the "schoolboys," they were all quite ready to ask for expert aid when knotty problems arose. It was no longer a question of grazing. It was a question of lumbering and reforestation.

Nash, who took an almost brotherly interest in his apprentice, warningly said: "You want to go well clothed and well shod. You'll have to meet all kinds of weather. Every man in the service—I don't care what his technical job is—should be schooled in taking care of himself in the forest and on the trail. I often meet surveyors and civil engineers, experts, who are helpless as children in camp, and when I want them to go into the hills and do field work they are almost useless. The old style ranger has his virtues. Settle is just the kind of instructor you young fellows need."

Berrie also had keen eyes for his outfit and his training, and under her direction he learned to pack a horse, set a tent, build a fire in the rain and other duties.

"You want to remember that you carry your bed and board with you," she said, "and you must be prepared to camp anywhere and at any time."

The girl's skill in these particulars was marvelous to him and added to the admiration he already felt for her. Her hand was as deft, as sure, as the best of them, and her knowledge of camp psychology more profound than any of the men excepting her father.

One day toward the end of his second week in the village the supervisor said: "Well, now, if you're ready to experiment I'll send you over to Settle, the ranger, on the Horseshoe. He's a little lame on his pen hand side, and you may be able to help him out. Maybe I'll ride over there with you. I want to line out some timber sales on the west side of Ptarmigan."

This commission delighted Norcross greatly. "I'm ready, sir, this moment," he answered, saluting soldier-wise.

The next morning as he rode down to the office to meet the supervisor he was surprised and delighted to find Berrie there. "I'm riding too," she announced delightedly. "I've never been over that new trail, and father has agreed to let me go along." Then she added earnestly: "I think it's fine you're going in for the service, but it's hard work, and you must be careful till you're hardened to it. It's a long way to a doctor from Settle's station."

He was annoyed as well as touched by her warning, for it proclaimed that he was still far from looking the brave forester he felt himself to be. He replied, "I'm not going to try anything wild, but I do intend to master the trailer's craft."

"I'll teach you how to camp if you'll let me," she continued. "I've been on lots of surveys with father, and I always take my share of the work. I threw that hitch alone." She nodded toward the pack horse, whose neat load gave evidence of her skill. "I told father this was to be a real camping expedition, and as the grouse season is on we'll live on the country. Can you do it?"

"Just about that," he laughed. "Good thing you didn't ask me if I could catch fish." He was recovering his spirits. "It will be great fun to have you as instructor in camp service. I seem to be in for all kinds of good luck."

They both grew uneasy as time passed for fear something or some one would intervene to prevent this trip, which grew in interest each moment, but at last the supervisor came out and mounted his horse, the pack ponies fell in behind, Berrie followed, and the student of woodcraft brought up the rear.

CHAPTER VI.
In Camp.

FOR several miles they rode upward through golden forests of aspens. On either hand rose thick walls of snow white boles, and in the mystic glow of their gilded leaves the face of the girl shone with unearthly beauty.

Twice she stopped to gaze into Wayland's face to say, with hushed intensity, "Isn't it wonderful? Don't you wish it would last forever?"

Her words were poor, ineffectual, but her look, her breathless voice, made up for their lack of originality. Once she said: "I never saw it so lovely before. It is an enchanted land!" with no suspicion that the larger part of her ecstasy arose from the presence of her young and sympathetic companion. He, too, responded to the beauty of the day, of the golden forest as one who had taken new hold on life after long illness.

Meanwhile the supervisor was calmly leading the way upward, vaguely conscious of the magical air and mystic landscape in which his young folk floated as if on wings, thinking busily of the improvements which were still necessary in the trail and weighing

OF INTEREST TO SCANDINAVIANS

News Gathered in the Fatherland and Elsewhere.

WILL NOT WAIVE HER RIGHTS

Sweden Determined to Resist British Interference With Commerce to Neutral Nations.

Admiral Lindman, former Swedish premier and present leader of the Conservative party, denies that Sweden was prepared to make concessions in her recent trade dispute with England. It has been rumored in Stockholm, says the Svenska Dagbladet, that upon the return of the English commissioners and the resumption of conferences Sweden would be forced by her serious shortage of coal to waive the principle of free commerce which she has insisted upon and to comply with England's request that she no longer delay the transit of supplies to Russia. In this connection Admiral Lindman made the following statement recently: "It is unfortunate that no league of neutral powers was formed at the beginning of the war to safeguard the rights and privileges of the neutral nations, but since that was not done it is now the duty of Sweden to defend these rights. One of these rights is her commerce with another neutral nation like the United States. In her dispute with England, Sweden is upholding this sovereign right and she will continue to uphold it. England's exaction is equivalent to forcing us into partnership with her, for we regard it one of the requirements of neutrality to treat both sides impartially in regard to the transit of materials. Now that England has made it impossible for us to send goods to Germany our only way of correcting this is to refuse to permit transit of supplies to Russia and England. It is stated in Stockholm that Sweden should not limit her complaints to England, but also protest against Germany's action in sinking Swedish ships, which is just as distinct a violation of our rights. But this is trifling in comparison with the enormous harm which we are suffering from the interference with our imports which concern the whole life and industry of the nation. I do not say that if Germany were in the same place as England she would not be attempting the same thing, but she is not in a position to bother us in this respect. The issue at hand has been obscured by an ignorance of the regulations governing our exports to foreign countries and there has been, I think, considerable confusion in the minds of people at home and abroad as to what we can and what we cannot rightfully export. We are reproved for having shipped vast quantities of cotton to Germany, but this was at a time when the export of cotton was not forbidden and when it was going direct from the United States to Germany. There are a great many other articles which we shipped to Germany without protest. As to the amount of illicit trade with Germany, that has been greatly exaggerated. There always is a certain amount of smuggling and evasion of law which no government can entirely prevent, but the amount of supplies which has gone to Germany in this way has been insignificant."

He was beginning to be hungry also—he had eaten a very early breakfast—and he felt to wondering just where and when they were to camp, but he endured in silence. "So long as Berrie makes no complaint my mouth is shut," he told himself. "Surely I can stand it if she can." And so struggled on.

Up and up the pathway looped, crossing minute little boggy meadows on whose bottomless ooze the grass shook like a blanket, descending ravines and climbing back to dark and muddy slopes. The forest was dripping, green and silent now—a mysterious menacing jungle.

"I'm glad I'm not riding this pass alone," Wayland said as they paused again for breath.

"So am I," she answered, but her thought was not his. She was happy at the prospect of teaching him how to camp.

At last they reached the ragged edge of timber line, and there, rolling away under the mist, lay the bare, grassy, upward climbing naked neck of the great peak. The wind had grown keener moment by moment, and when they left the storm twisted pines below its breath had a wintry nip. The rain had ceased to fall, but the clouds still hung densely to the loftiest summits. It was a shunter yet beautiful world—a world as silent as a dream, and through the short, thick grass the slender trail ran like a fluid serpent.

"Now we're on the divide," called Berrie, and as she spoke they seemed to enter upon a boundless Alpine plain of velvet russet grass. "This is the Bear Tooth stand." Low mounds of loose rock stood on small ledges, as though to mark the course, and in the hollows dark ponds of icy water lay, half surrounded by masses of compact snow.

"This is a stormy place in winter," McFarlane explained. "These piles of stone are mighty valuable in a blizzard. I've crossed this divide in August in snow so thick I could not see a rod."

Half an hour later they began to descend. Wind twisted, storm bleached dwarf firs were first to show, then the first, then the blue green spruces, and then the sheltering drops of the undisturbed forest opened, and the roar of a splendid stream was heard. But still the supervisor kept his resolute way, making no promises as to dinner, though his daughter called: "We'd better go into camp at Beaver Lake. I hope you're not starved," she called to Wayland.

"But I am," he replied so frankly that she never knew how faint he really was. His knees were trembling with weakness, and he stumbled dangerously as he tried the loose rocks in the path.

(To be continued.)

inally a teacher, her "Gosta Berling," published in 1891, was the Nobel prize for literature at Stockholm in 1909. Her juvenile stories, "The Adventures of Nils," written for primary school purposes, also have brought their author wide commendation and popularity. Miss Lagerlof's favorite recreation is found in traveling, especially in Europe and the Far East.

John Lind, one of Minnesota's leading Swedish-Americans, has, according to Washington dispatches, been offered the ambassadorship to Mexico, but it is understood he will decline the honor. Mr. Lind is reported to have said: "I am not a candidate for and would not accept any political appointment. Washington is fully informed of my attitude and there is nothing in this talk of the Mexican ambassadorship."

NORWAY.

The reports of three district superintendents and the election of a secretary featured the business session of the joint conference of the Red River Valley, Minneapolis and Chicago districts of the Norwegian-Danish church at Duluth Oct. 9. The reports were made by Rev. Paul J. Haugan for the Red River district, Rev. J. P. Andrews for the Minneapolis district and Rev. Hans K. Madsen for the Chicago district. Rev. J. M. Heckstrom of Deer Park, Wis., was re-elected secretary of the tri-district conference. An address on missions was made by Professor N. E. Simon of Chicago. Rev. Andrew Green of Westby, Wis., conference secretary for the Epworth league, reported that the membership has increased.

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A dispatch from Christiania dated Oct. 11 states that women were on that day voting for the first time in Norwegian general elections. There were 170,000 new electors on the rolls. It was generally predicted that the woman's vote would bring large gains to the Socialist representation in parliament, making that the strongest single party, although the government expects to maintain itself by a combination of three political groups. The Socialist platform is devoted largely to an anti-military propaganda. The government program includes a grain monopoly, old age pensions and restrictions of almost a prohibitive character on the sale of alcoholic liquors.

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Rev. M. H. Hanson of Kenyon, Minn., president of the Hauge Norwegian Lutheran Synod of America, a former resident of Red Wing, Minn., is dead at a hospital at Faribault, Minn., following an operation for acute stomach trouble. Rev. Hanson graduated from the Red Wing seminary in 1884 and was ordained the same year in Lee county, Ill. His first charge was in St. Paul. In 1898 he assumed the presidency of Red Wing seminary.

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Gunnar Knudsen, "statsminister," president and member of the so called "landstorbund," has tendered his resignation. It is believed that Mr. Knudsen resigned owing to the fact that he could not consent to the tariff on small grains, which the society this year has included in its program.

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Dates for the next Norwegian-American asenkerfest of the Norwegian Association of America were announced recently by L. K. Hassel of Grand Forks, vice president of the association. They are July 6-8, 1916, and the place will be Grand Forks, N. D.

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The strings of neutrality are being drawn tighter every day in Norway. No nation realizes as much as Norway the vast importance of preserving peace and everything that is consistent with honorable measures is being tried out to avoid war.

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Norway's oldest merchant, Anton Christensen of Fredrikshald, celebrated his ninetieth birthday the other day. He is still enjoying vigorous health and is actively engaged in the dry goods business.

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The government recently placed a ban on the export of wood and cheese. These commodities are needed at home and there will be no more exported to foreign countries.

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DENMARK.

The pleasant duty of congratulating King Christian of Denmark on his birthday, Sept. 26th, fell to Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister, as acting dean of the diplomatic body in Copenhagen and the representative of a neutral power. It would have been impossible for the king to receive a minister as representative of a mixed diplomatic corps.

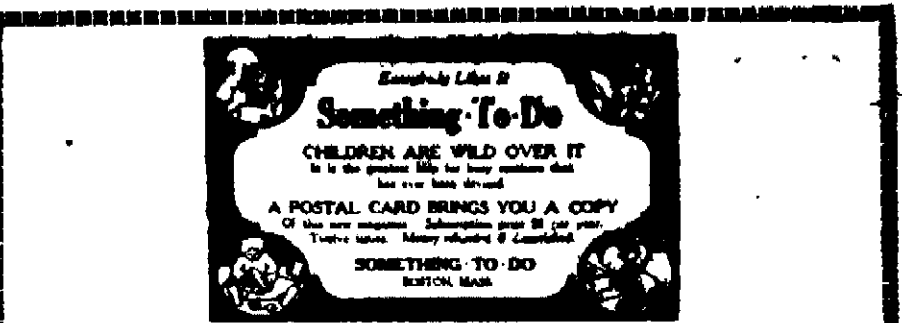
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Danish-Americans held a very successful meeting in St. Paul the past week. Plans from all parts of the Union were in attendance, about 300 delegates, who represented twenty-seven states, being present. The convention decided to establish an official organ in Omaha Jan. 1, 1916, and also discussed plans for establishing an Old People's Home.

MARION S. NORELIN

Philosophically Considered.

"I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth!" said the girl. "Well," replied the young man who takes everything seriously, "if I was the last man on earth I'd be mourning so many friends and relatives that I don't suppose I'd feel much like taking part in a wedding anyhow."—Washington Star.



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The Welsh are a peculiarly musical people and they carry their music with them wherever they go. Every year the average Welshman will quit his business and take his family with him and devote a week or so to taking in the nearest "Elsteddod"—that is a music festival where solo-singing, chorus singing, and instrumental music in all shapes and forms is rendered and where prizes are given to the best performers. Here is where a Welshman enjoys himself to his heart's content. A Welshman cannot live without his music. He feeds on it, and he thrives on the diet. Without it he does not think life is worth living.

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themselves unable to decide and finally divided the ten thousand dollars between them.

Peculiar interest was added to the festival by the fact that the quaint old druidic rites were celebrated in spectacular fashion in a grove in Golden Gate Park. Mr. William Ap. Madoc of Chicago, acting as high priest and explaining the interesting druidic story of Ancient times in England.

The concert at the Presbyterian church Wednesday 27 by the Royal Gwent Welsh chorus is being looked forward to by local music lovers as the musical event of the season.

MARRIAGES

Lofthus-Lindeberg.

(Contributed)
At the home of the officiating clergyman, Reverend Edward Norvik of Albert Lea, Tuesday evening, Oct. 12th occurred the marriage of Miss Carolyn Lofthus to Olaf E. Lindeberg.

The bride was attended by Miss Emma Finbraten of Grand Meadow, Minn.; the groom by K. A. Venge of Emmons.

The bride who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Lofthus of Emmons, is a very popular young lady of a bright and genial disposition and her removal from Emmons will be regretted by a wide circle of life long friends.

The groom is a promising young man of Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Thompson college of Minneapolis and is at present in the employ of the Twin City Transit company.

The bride wore a suit of midnight blue. The bridesmaid a suit of navy blue. The groom wore the conventional black and his attendant navy blue.

The young couple will leave in a

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