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CHAPTER XVI.

For Freedom's Sake.

It was this thundery atmosphere of coming conflict, or hopes and doubts, of sundering ties and fearful looking forward, that Richard and Katherine Hyde came, from the idyllic peace and beauty of their Norfolk house.

It was an exquisite April morning when they sailed up New York bay once more. Joris took his daughter in his arms, murmuring "Mijn Katrijntje, mijn Katrijetje! Ach, mijn kind, miin kind!"

He gave Hyde both hands; he called him "mijn zoon;" he stooped, and put the little lad's arms around his neck.

Lysbet had always admired Hyde, and she was very proud and happy to have him in her home and to have him call her "mother." The little Joris took possession of her heart in a moment.

in a few hours things had fallen mess." naturally and easily into place. Joris and Bram and Hyde sat talking of the formation of a regiment. Little Joris leaned on his grandfather's shoulder, listening. Lysbet and Katherine were unpacking trunks full of fineries and pretty things.

About four o'clock, as Katherine and Hyde were dressing, Joanna and Batavius and all their family arrived.

Hyde met his brother-in-law with a gentlemanly cordiality, and Batavius was soon smoking amicably with him, as they discussed the proposed military organization. Very soon Hyde asked Batavius, "If he were willing to join it?"

"When such a family a man has," he answered, waving his hand complacently toward the six children, "he must have some prudence and consideration. It is a fixed principle with of the country, and had commissioned great stone house in a wilderness of

"If you go not yourself to the fight, Batavius," said Joris, "plenty of young men are there, longing to go, who have no arms and no clothes; send in your place one of them."

"It is my fixed principle not to meddle in the affairs of other people, and my principles are sacred to me." "Have you read the speeches of Adams and Hancock and Quincy? Have you heard what Col. Washington

mid in the Assembly?" "Oh, these men are discontented! Something which they have not got, they want. They are troublesome and conceited. They expect the centurwill be called after them. Now, 1, who punctually fulfil my obligations

as a father and a citizen, I am contented. I never make complaints, 1 never want more liberty. You may read in the Holy Scriptures that no good comes of rebellion."

Bram rose, and with a long-drawn whistle, left the room. Jorls said sternly: "Enough you have spoken, Batavius. None are so blind as those who will not see."

"Well, then, father, I can see what in the way of mine own business; and it is a fixed principle with me not to meddle with the business of other

And he marshaled the six children and their two nurses in front of him, and trotted off with Joanna upon his arm, fully persuaded that he had done himself great credit, and acted with uncommon wisdom.

The next morning was the Sabbath. and it broke in a perfect splendor of sunshine. They all walked to church together, and Hyde thought how beautiful the pleasant city was that Sabbath morning.

Katherine and Hyde and Bram were together; Joris and Lysbet were slowly following them. Suddenly the peaceful atmosphere was troubled by the startling clamor of a trumpet. A second blast was accompanied by the rapid beat of a horse's hoofs, and the rider came down Broadway like one en a message of life and death, and made no pause until he had very nearreached Maiden Lane.

At that point a tall, muscular man seized the horse by the bridle and asked, "What news?"

"Great news! great news! There has been a battle, a massacre at Lexagton, a running fight from Concord to Boston! Stay me not!" But, as he shock the bridle free, he threw a handbill, containing the official ac count of the affair at Lexington, to

the inquirer. Who then thought of church, though the church bells were ringing? The gathered round the man with he handbill, and in ominous silence Estened to the tidings of the massacre t Lexington, the destruction of stores at Concord, the quick gathering of the Mile from the hills and dales around Reading and Roxbury, the retreat of the British under their harassing fire. will worn out and disorganized, they ad found a refuge in Boston

sand strong. Joris could hardly en dure the suspense. About 2 o'clock, as he was walking restlessly about the house, Bram and Hyde returned together.

"Well?" he asked.

"Oh, indeed, all fortune fitted us! We went en masse down Broadway into Wall street, and so to the City Hall, where we made an entrance." "And you got the arms?"

"Faith, we got all we went for! The arms were divided among the peo-

"Where were the English soldiers?" "Indeed, they were shut up in barracks. Some of their officers were in church, others waiting for orders from the governor or mayor."

"And where went you with the arms?"

"To a room in John street. There they were stacked, the names of the men enrolled, and a guard placed over them. And now, mother, we will have some dinner; 'the soldier loves his

But events cannot be driven by wishes; many things had to be settled before a movement forward could be made. Joris had his store to let, and the stock and good will to dispose of. Hyde's time was spent as a recruiting officer. In company with Willet, Sears and McDougail, Hyde might be seen enlisting men, or organizing the "Liberty Regiment" then raising. Every day's events fanned the temper of the city, although it was soon evident that the first fighting would be done in the vicinity of Boston.

For, three weeks after that memorable April Sunday, Congress, in session at Philadelphia, had recognized toe men in camp there as a Continental army, the nucleus of the troops that were to be raised for the defense me not to meddle with the business of Col. Washington as commander-in- foliage and beauty, and yet within chief to direct their operations. Then

> were ready to leave for Boston-near- is living in it. I am sure there are ly six hundred young men, full of pictures enough of the family to acpure purpose and brave thoughts, and count for three hundred years; but with all their illusions and enthusi- the two handsomest, after all, are asms undimmed.

> escorted Van Heemskirk to his house. | ton, I believe. I suppose it is natural, It would have been hard to find a for those who have ancestors, to brag nobler looking leader than Joris. And about them, and to show off the old the bright young lads who followed buckles and fans and court dresses

> son; and any one might have been I must say the Hydes have a really sure, com if the roll had not shown delightful lot of such bric-a-brac. But it, that they were Van Brunts and Van | the strangest thing is the 'household Rivers and Van Rensselaers, Roose- talisman.' It is not like the luck of vers, Westervelts and Terhunes.

> flag, with a cluster of twelve blue tradition that the house will prosper stars above the word liberty. It was as long as it lasts, and so this pre-Lysbet's hands that gave it to them. clous palladium is carefully kept in But few words were said. Lysbet and a locked box of carved sandalwood, Katherine could but stand and gaze for it is only a bit of faded satin that as heads were bared, and the orange | was a love-token-a St. Nicholas Bow folds flung to the wind, and the in- of Orange Ribbon," spiring word liberty saluted with bright, upturned faces and a ringing shout of welcome.

It was to be the last evening at home for Joris and Bram and Hyde, and everything was done to make it a happy memory.

There had been some expectation of Joanna and Batavius, but at the last moment an excuse was sent. "The child is sick, writes Batavius; but I think, then, it is Batavius that is afraid, and not the child who is sick." said Joris,"

After supper Bram went to bid a friend good-by, and, as Joris and Lysbet sat in the quiet parlor, Elder Semple and his wife walked in. The elder was sad and still. He took the hands of Joris in his own and looked him steadily in the face. "Man Joris," he said, "what's sending you on sic a daft-like errand?"

Joris smiled, and grasped tighter his friend's hand. "So glad am I to see you at last, elder. As in you came, was thinking about you. Let us part good friends and brothers. If come nct back-"

"Tut, tut! You're sure and certain to come back; and sae I'll save the quarrel I hae wi' you until then. came to speak anent things, in case o' the warst, to tell you that if any one wants to touch your wife or your bairns, a brick in your house, or a flower in your garden plat, I'll stand by all that's yours, to the last shilling I hae, and nane shall harm them."

"I have a friend, then. I have you, Alexander. Never this hour shall I

The old men bent to each other; there were tears in their eyes. Without speaking, they were aware of kindness and faithfulness and gratitude beyond the power of words.

Hyde and Katherine were walking in the garden, lingering in the sweet June twilight by the lilac hedge and the river bank. All Hyde's business was arranged; he was going into the fight without any anxiety beyond such as was natural to the circumstances. of aldermanic proportions, of gener-While he was away his wife and son ous girth, well fed apparently, and were to remain with Lysbet. If he also well satisfied with himself. The never came back, ample provision had buy was a little bit of a chap, who been made for his wife and son's wel- clung to his father's hand quite desfare, but and he suddenly turned to perately. It was evident that the boy Katherine, as if she had been con- was enjoying his first visit to the zoo. scious of his thoughts-"the war will His questions were many. The last not last very long, dear heart, and one he saked in the elephant house on Housey is won, and the founds was:

comewhere upon the banks of this beautiful river. A bundred years after this, your descendants shall wander among the treilinges and cut hedges and boxed walks, and say, 'What a sweet taste our dear great, great grandmother had!"

And Katherine laughed at his merry talk and touched his sword, and asked, "Is it the old sword, my Richard?"

"The old sword, Kate, my sweet With it I won my wife. Oh, indeed, yes!" He drew it partially from its sheath, and mused a moment. Then he slowly untwisted the ribbon and tassel of bullion at the hilt, and gave it into her hand. "I have a better hilt-ribbon than that," he said, "and, when we go into the house, I will retrim my sword."

She thought little of the remark at the time, though she carefully put the tarnished tassel away among her dearest treasures; but it acquired a new meaning in the morning. The troops were to leave very early, and, soon after dawn, she heard the clatter of galloping horses, and the calls of the men as they reined up at their commander's door.

They rose from the breakfast table and looked at their wives. Lysbet gave a little sob, and laid her head a moment upon her husband's breast. Katherine lifted her white face and whispered, with kisses, "Beloved one, go. Night and day I will pray for you, and long for you. My love, my

Katherine held her husband's hand till they stood at the open door. Then he looked into her face, and down at his sword, with a meaning smile. And her eyes dilated, and a vivid blush spread over her cheeks and throat, and she drew him back a moment, and passionately kissed him again; and all her grief was lost in love and triumph. For, wound tightly around his sword-hilt, she sawthough it was brown and faded-her it was Tamson." first, fateful love-token-the Bow of Orange Ribbon.

Postscript.

(Quotations from a letter dated July

"Yesterday I went with my aunt to spend 'the Fourth' at the Hydes'. They have the most delightful place-a convenient distance of the railroad every heart was in a state of the and the river boats. Kate Hyde said greatest expectation and excitement. the house is more than a hundred In June the Van Heemskirk troops | years old, and that the fifth generation those of the builders. They were very The day before their departure, they | great people at the court of Washinghim him his sons, for most of they have hoarded up, not to speak of and strengly resembled him in per- the queer bits of plate and china; and Eden hall; it is neither crystal cup, Katherine and Lysbet had made the nor silver vase, nor magic bracelet, ag of the new regiment—an orange nor an old slipper. But they have a

GOT THE BRIDE'S GARTERS.

Eight Fair Ones Gladdened by the

Lucky Talisman. The fashionable Riverside Drive district is tittering over the originality of a young bride last week, whose gifts to her eight bridesmaids were garters. Each girl received a single garter. The bride was deep in arrangements before the wedding, when one of the Danish servants told her of a popular superstition in her native land. The maid said the very essence of good luck, both for bride and briesmaid, might be accomplished by the bride giving the left garter to her attendant after the wedding ceremony. The Riverside Drive belle thought the superstition delightful. and being somewhat "faddish," she decided to try the Danish talisman. "But," cried the girl, "I have eight bridesmaids and only one left garter! This predicament she confided to her flance, blushing prettily as she spoke the unmentionable word. The man solved the problem in a moment. He told her to wear eight pairs of garters for eight days, and on the wedding day to wear all left eight garters. In this way each bridesmaid might receive an acclimated garter, teeming with good luck. The ceremony was flourishing, and before the whiterobed bride slipped into her goingaway gown she called her faithful bridesmaids to a retiring room. "Girls," she said, "here is your gift." Then she unclasped eight left garters that encircled her silk hose and each girl received her talisman. A still worse dilemma was when the ushers asked the bridesmaids what their bridal gifts were. They answered, "Something lucky."

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"Get out! Get out! Take it away! exclaimed the busy editor, savagely. "I don't want it! Haven't any room

for it." The rural appearing visitor hurried out, looking scared. The society re porter got his breath and gasped:

the editor got up and tore his bair. "!

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"Consider - it a vile habit, I sup-

Fatal Misunderstanding.

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for spring poultry?" "Poultry! Great Heavens!" and thought he said poetry."

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planks he had yet to carry. "Ah wis wunnerin' if you thocht Ah said it

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