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There were four of them-Hugh, the eldest, tall, dark, and sinewy, bespeaking his Highland descent in every line of face and figure : Archie, the second, short, and sturdy, fair of hair and blue of eye, the mother's boy, as one could see at a glance; and then the twins, Jim and Charlie, the joy of the family, so much alike that only cheir mother could tell them apart without making a mistake; two of the chubbiest, merriest, and sauciest youngsters in the whole of Nova Scotia.

Squire Stewart was very proud of his boys, and looking at them now as they all came up from the shore together, evidently discussing something very earnestly, his countenance glowed with pride and affection.

When they drew near he hailed them with a cheery "Hello, boys! what are you talking about there ?"

Archie's face was somewhat clouded as he answered, in quiet, respectful tones, "Hugh and I were talking about going over to Black Run for a day's fishing, and Jim aud Charlie want us to take them too.' "What do you think about it, Hugh?"

asked the Squire, turning to his eldest son. "Well, is's just this way, sir," answered "The little chaps will only be a bother to us, and perhaps get themselves into trouble. We can't watch them and and watch our lines at the same time, that's certain."

"No, we won't;" pleaded Jim, while Charley seconded him with eager eyes. "We'll be so good."

"Ob, let them come," interposed Archie. "I'll look after them.

Hugh still seemed inclined to hold back but the Squire settled the matter by saying : "Take them with you this time, Hugh, and if they prove to be a bother they need not go again until they are old enough to take care of themselves.

"All right, sir! We'll take them. But mind you, youngsters"-turing to the twins-"you must behave st as if you were at church."

Black Run was the chief outlet of the lake on which Maplebank, the Stewart House, was situated. Here its superabundance poured out through a long deep channel leading to a tumultuous rapid that foamed fiercely over dangerous'rocks before settling down into good behavior again. The largest and finest fish were sure to be found in or about Black Run. But then it was full six miles away from Maplebank, and an expedition there required a whole day to be done properly, so that the Stewart boys

did not get there very often. The Saturday to which all four boys were looking eagerly forward proved as fine as heart could wish, and after an early breakfast they started off. Hugh and Archie took the oars, the twins curled up on the sternsheets, where their elder brother could keep his eye upon them, and away they went at a long steady stroke that in two hours brought them to their destination.

"Where'll be the best place to anchor, Hugh?" asked Archie, as he drew in his oars, and prepared to throw over the big stone that was to serve them as a mooring. "Out there I guess," answered Hugh, pointing to a spot about fifty yards above the head of the run.

"Oh, that's too far away; we won't catch any fish there," objected Archie, who was not at all of a cautious temperament. | boat. "Let's anchor just off that point,"

"Our anchor'll hold us all right. But Hugh was not to be persuaded, and so they took up their position where he had indicated. They fished away busily for some time, the two elder boys using rods, and the twins simply hand lines, until a goodly number of fine fish flapping about the bottom of the boat gave proof of their success. Still, Archie was not con-His heart was set upon fishing right at the mouth of the run, for he had a notion that some extra big fellows were to be caught there, and he continued harping upon the subject until at last Hugh gave

"All right, Archie. Do as you please. Here! I'll take the oars, and you stand on the bow, and let the anchor go when you're at the spot."

Delighted at thus gaining his point, Archie did as he was bidden, and with a few strong strokes Hugh directed the boat toward the run. So soon as they approached she began to feel the influence of the current, and Hugh let her drift with it. Archie was so engrossed in picking out the very best place that he did not notice how the boat was gathering speed until Hugh shouted:

"Drop the anchor, Archie. What are you thinking about ?"

Archie was standing in the bow, balancing the big stone on the gunwale, and the instant Hugh called he tumbled it over. The strong line to which it was attached ran swiftly out as the boat slipped down the Then it stopped with a sharp sudden jerk, for the end was reached, and the stone had caught fast between the big stones on the bottom.

When the jerk came, Archie, suspecting nothing, was standing upright on the bow thwart, and at once, like a stone from a catapult, he went flying head-first through of German severeignty did not so distinctly the air, striking the water with a loud appear. Since then, however, Great Britain splash, and disappearing into its dark em brace.

Hugh's first impulse was to burst out laughing, for he knew Archie could swim like a seal, and when a moment later, his head appeared above the water, he hailed him gayly: "Well done, Arch. That was splendid. Come back and try it again, won't you?" while the twins laughed and crowed over their brother's amusing performance.

Archie was not disposed to take a serious view of the matter either, and shouted back: "Try it yourself. Come along; I'll wait for you.'

When, however, he sought to regain the boat he found the current too strong for him, and despite his utmost exertions, could make little or no headway against it. This would get have been a cause for much alarm, however, had not the banks of the run been lined with a dense growth of huge rushes through which Samson himself could hardly have effected a passage, while at their edge the water ran deep and swift. Moreover, but this attracted German traders to

for the time was mid-spring. Beginning to feel a good real frightened, Archie called out : "You'll have to come and help me, Hugh. I can't get back to

Now unquestionably the proper thing for Hugh to have done was to take up the anchor, and letting the boat drift down to where Archie was, haul him on beard. But strange to say, cool, cautious Hugh for once lost his head. His brother's pale, frightened face startled him, and without pausing to think, he threw off his coat and boots and leaped into the water, where a few strenuous strokes brought him to his brother's side.

The twins, in guiltless innocence of any danger, thought all this great sport. Here were their two elder brothers having a swim without first taking off their clothes. They had never seen anything quite so funny before. They kneeled upon the stern-sheets, and leaned over the gunwale, and clapped their hands in childish ecstacsy over what seemed to them so intensely diverting.

But to the two elder brothers it was verh far from being diverting. When Hugy reached Archie he found him already ex hausted, and when, grasping him with his left hand, he strove to force him upward against the current, he realized that ere long he would be in the same condition himself. The strength of the current was appalling. The best he could do, thus encumbered by Archie, was to keep from slipping downward. To make any headway was utterly impossible. Hoping that there might be, perhaps, a helpful eddy on the other side of the run, he made his way across, only find the current no less powerful there. The situation grew more and more serious. The dense rusl es defied all efforts to pierce them, and the boys were fain to grasp a handful of the tough stems, and thereby keep hemselves from being swept away by the relentless current into the grasp of the fatal rapids, whose roar they could distinctly hear but a little distance below.

Hugh says that the memory of those harrowing moments will never lose its vividness, Bussfully unconscious of their brothers' peril. the twins laughed and chattered in the stern of the boat, their chubby faces beaming upon the two boys struggling desperately for life in the rushing water. Even in the midst of that struggle Hugh was thrilled with anxiety as he looked back at them last they should lose their balance and topple over into the water, and he shouted earnestly to them:

"Take care, Jim! Take care, Charlie!" whereat they both nodded their curly heads and laughed again.

Hugh was now well nigh exhausted, and sorely divided in his mind as to whether he should stay by his brother and perhaps, go down to death with him, or, leaving him in his desperate plight, struggle back to the boat, if that were possible, to prevent a like catastrophe to the twins. Poor fellow! it was a terrible dilemma for a mere lad.

Happily, however, he was spared the necessity of choosing either alternative. Suddenly and swiftly a boat shot out from the northern side of the run's mouth, and in it sat a brawny farmer, whose quick ear caught at once Hugh's faint though frantic shout for help.

"Hold on there, my lads; I'll get you in a minute," he shouted back. Sending his boat alongside that of the Stewarts', he quickly fastened his painter to it, and then dropped down the current until he reached the endangered boys. "Just in time, my hearties," said he cheerily. "Now, then, let me give you a hand on board;" and grasping them one after the other in his mighty arms, he lifted them over the side into his own

Neither Hugh nor Archie were any the Hugh shook his head. "Too close, I'm worse for their wetting, and the twins afraid. Archie. The current's awfully | thought them even more funny-looking in strong, you know, and we'd be sure to | their wet, bedraggled condition than they were in the water; but neither of them are "Not a bit of it," persisted Archie. nevertheless at all likely to forget, live as long as they may, the time they were in such peril at Black Run.

## The Gilbert Islands.

A San Francisco dispatch says that the Germans are taking steps to add the Gilbert archipelago to their other possessions in the Pacific. This group forms a portion of a chain of small islands stretching between the Philippines and the Fijis. Nearest the former lie the Pelews, then come the Carolines; east and north of the latter are the Marshall Islands, subdivided into the Radack and Ralick; southeast of these are found the Gilbert; finally, south of the Gilbert is the Ellice group, which brings the line toward the Fijis and Samoa. This chain covers a distance of more than 3,000 miles. The dispute between Germany and Spain three years ago as to the ownership of the Carolines caused a more careful defining of the groups. Under the decision of Pope Leo, to whom as arbiter the controversy was referred, the Carolines proper, situated south of the Ladrones, were assigned to Spain. like the Pelews to the west of them. The eastern limit of the Carolines was put at 164°, and dominion beyond that point was conceded to Germany, who promptly took possession of the Marshall Islands, put them under a Commissioner, while a German commercial company on the island of Jaluit took charge of the trade of the group, imposing port fees. It is said that they also put a small tax on the natives, who were accordingly by no means favorably impressed with their new allegiance.

The Pope's decision had at least carefully separated Spanish from German jurisdiction, so that the former extends over an unbroken area, including the Philippines. Pelews, Ladrones, and Carolines; but the extent and Germany are said to have drawn a line. mutually satisfactory, in this region, so that presumably the formal occupation of the Gilbert Islands accorded with their arrangement. Although the little trading as yet done in that region has fallen more into the hands of Germans than into those of Americans, yet the American Board of Foreign Missions has had its stations established there for more than thirty years. It is stated that of late the religious work in the Marshall and Gilbert groups has been largely or wholly under the charge of the Sandwich Islanders, who can better endure training school for the two groups on the Mistah Bastna. Whitewash, of I mistakes personal affliction. I can think of notifiers not. How is yo fastin, hab, area to affects but Gordon and the Boudan, its news in the German annexation of the latter, of december 1700 of Tangarous life discrepance. It is discrepanced affliction. It is news in the Boudan, its news in t until the German annexation of the latter, independent, being governed by that own chiefs. These islands are of the work law; coral formation, having few products of importance for export except dried coccannit.

ands of Jaluis and Sikieb, and the forme I amb, sak.

can now boast of a German Consularte The Gilbert Islands he directly on the equator, stretching through several hundred miles of north and south latitude. They include scores of small islands, among the most important being Makin, Maraki, Nanonti, Apamama, Onatoa, and Arorai. Oc recent German maps the indication German sovereignty has been distinctly confined to the Marshall group, leaving the Gilbert group unclaimed. But the conference held a year or two ago on the subject of the boundaries in this part of the Pacific between England and Germany has presumably governed the recent action of the Ger mans, who are said to have established them selves on one island of the Gilbert group, and to have visited others as if with intent to occupy them. The Marshall and Gilbert Islands may properly enough be under the same rule. When the Madrid papers announced the decision of the Pope in the Carolines dispute they conceded that both the Marshall and Gilbert groups were to go to Germany. The process of snapping up groups and single islands in the Pacific has been greatly stimulated by the prospective opening of the isthmus route, in which case even possessions which now seem of little value may possible be turned to some

# Smoothing Matters Over.

"When your husband comes home drunk, said the magistrate, "is he ugly?" "No, sorr, he's plisant."

account.

"Then why don't you try to smooth "Oi did, sorr; Oi hit him wid a smoothin' them to get married.

#### He Had Struck It Right.

the birds flitting from branch to branch.

She-"Oh, that is so true. Haven't you noticed how the fingers are made expressly to put 1ings upon?"

#### Would Throw That In.

"My friend," said a tight-fisted banker to a young man who had pulled him out of the water, "I appreciate the fact that you have saved my life and I am prepared to reward you—to reward you liberally for your services. What can I do for you?"

"Well, sir, there was a suit of clothes spoilt," said the rescuer, who was goodnatured, though not educated; "that would row of fine gold and silver passementeries be about seventeen dollars; then I lost my hat; that would be fifty cents; then I took considerable liquor to keep off a cold, which cost me a quarter. I don't think of any. sleeves are half open, and lined with grey thing else, sır."

"But you do not mention the fact that you have saved my life. What can I do for you attention is authority for the declaration on that score ?"

#### Local Color.

Old Colored Woman (to tramp): offen dese premises; what does yuh want? Tramp: I'm writin' a book called "On Foot through Africa," and I came here to get some local color; that's all!

# Economy in Dress.

Dressmaker—There doesn't seem to stuff enough here to make a train three of Spanish women, or fastened closely at Society Belle—Dear me! how much more

"About half a yard." "Well, take it off the neck."

is needed?

## An Irresistible Demand.

My dog was held for ransom, and Pat was sent to rescue him. "Pat," said I, "Did you tell the man that if he did not give up the dog at once, I would have him arrested?"

"Oi did that same, sorr." "What did you say to him?" "Oi tould him jist what yez tould me to tell him. Oi wint there where he had the dorg, and oi sez to him, oi sez, 'The boss sez,' sez oi, 'av yez don't disgorge that dorg,' sez oi, 'he sez he'll have the law on yez, sez

he, that s what he sez,' sez oi." "And did he disgorge the dog, Pat?" "To wanst, sorr.

## What She Meant.

Impatient husband—Where in the world have you been? I want my dinner. Wife-Excuse me, John, but I ran down to the sewing society at 5' and to my surprise. it didn't wind up until 8. Hurband-You mean it was wound up at 5 and didn't run down until 8.

## The Shoddiness of Some People.

"Well, my love," he began, "how much do you think you can do with to day?" "Oh, I think \$40 will be all I want,

dear," replied the wife. husband, as he banged three \$20 pieces on there having been a prevalent impression the table.

"Must be pretty well fixed, these people," said a new boarder to his neighbor. the old boarder. "They go through that memoirs of Mr. Forster that "Forster conperformance once or twice a week just for stantly urged the Ministry to fulfil the effect, and you bet there would be a squeal responsibilities they had incurred in the if she didn't return that money when they case of Gordon, and the resolve, tardily got to their room. He saw you were a new taken, to send the relief expedition hand and so thought he'd impress you with Khartoum, was 'largely due to the persisthis wealth He gets \$75 a month as sales. man in a clothing store down town and question.' In one of his urgent appeals does some collecting for the house. That was the firm's money he handed his wife."

And the new boarder mused sadly upon the shoddiness of some people as he rode down to business ? The nour! no

Montral.

## Renewing Acquaintanceship.

Uncle Reatus Skuse me, sah, but am with more anxiety than Mr. Forstet, die not Mistah Johnsing, whom I met larst when the fatal tidings came of the fa

#### An Interesting Subject.

The results of an investigation on a subject of striking interest are ambmitted by the redoubtable "Bab" in the New York Sunday Star, when she writes :-

A man asked me the other day how women find husbands. It was such a puzzling question to me that I constituted myself committee of one and went around among a lot of married women to see how their husbands proposed to them. There wasn't one who had ever had an absolute romantic avowal of love! There wasn't one whose husband had gotten down on his knees, caught the loved one's hand and besought of her, unless she wished to see him stark and cold with a broken heart, that she would wed him! There wasn't one who had ever known the rapture of being held. with a pistol pointed at her read, while the brave lover pronounced that unless she accepted him, he would kill her and then himself! There wasn't one who had been gained even at the dagger's point, and not a single wife had been drugged and wedded in a semi-conscious state! Dorothy, I confess to a certain amount of disappointment. The nearest I could get as to how the question of marriage had been reached was always that they drifted into it. This is deliciously vague, but it seems to mean that they knew the man, that he had the privilege of holding their hands and criticising their frocks for some time, and that then, when there was no special excitement in Wall street, a Presidential election wasn't going yound the walls of an insalubrious and on on, nor anything else that was distracting, fined city. But the acquisition of land by they suggested that it was about time for foreigners is subject to two disadvantage

#### Pashion Notes.

The majority of dress skirts are made They are walking close together, admiring | either with flat pleats down the front and sides that reach from belt to hem, or with He-" How well everything in nature is long Greek overdresses that are so lightly arranged; how things are made one for the draped as to cover nearly the whole of the underskirt front and back.

> Too late to be of much use this year, but in time to be adopted extensively next sum. mer, says The Now York Sun, the girls have learned the beauty of the flannel shirt idea and many of them have put it into opera-A flannel shirt exactly like those made for the men, boy's size, worn inside of a dress body and belted in at the waist, is very charming and comfortable beyond imagining.

The duchess is a stately redingote design. ed for late autumn wear, made of dove-grey soldier's cloth and trimmed with a single There is a full drapery of the cloth at the back, gathered closely and applied to the centre forms of the bodice portion. The and gold shot surah

A lady who has given the matter much that in kissing all men kiss with too much "Oh, well, call the whole thing eighteen force. A kiss to be appreciated by a girl dollars-that's as much as it's worth, I she says, must be gentle and not rough, and under no circumstances should have any suggestions of tobacco or John Barleycorn. As the result of comparing notes with many ladies married and engaged, she asserts that the sisses of three-fourths of mankind, husbands, lovers and brothers, are "smoky." Very long scarfs of black lace in various fine delicate patterns are imported and are to be as fashionable as they were a few years ago. These come in lengths which vary from two and one-half to four yards, and some are nearly a yard in width. They are to be worn either in the picturesque fashion

> skirt hem. Large Directoire hats with low crowns and projecting brims are imported both in velvet and felt. These are stylish and picturesque for visiting and carriage wear, but for general uses the toque and the English turban will be highly favoured. The "Aureole" hat is another rather striking model for dressy wear. The crown is wreathed with large, full ostrich plumes; and at the edge of the brim is a band of the same plumage, short and fluffy, which surrounds

> clasp set with gems. The ends of some of

the face like a halo. Many of the new basques and bodices are lengthened to cover the hips more deeply. The vest buttoned on each side to the corsage, the plastron, the separate waistcoat. the pleated shoulder pieces, the demure nun's corsage with soft folds lapping each other over the chest, the surplice front crossing from right to left, the round waist with its charming belt adornings, the pointed corsage with revers of all shapes and kinds, each and all, are among the new or repeat- it appears, is the only bird that willing ed fancies of the season. It is almost im- braves a Polar winter; and in the deput possible to go far astray in the design of the season he is seen to flit through the the bodice, as the variety of models is now and sunless atmosphere like an evil spin so limitless that any graceful style becom- his sullen croak alone breaking the siles ing to the wearer is good form. The broad and showy Directoire revers give the effect attempted to shoot the ravens, and in of breadth, and are seen alike on the simplest and the richest gowns. The high military collars and the deep turn-over models are equally popular.

## General Gordon's Fate.

The fate of General Gordon created as "Better take \$60," said the generous unpleasant sensation all over the world, that the Gladstone Ministry had been very reluctant to send to his relief. It will be interesting to note that a letter in the Si "Well it doesn't always follow,' replied James' Gazette shows from the published ency with which Forster pressed them on the against further delay he said, 'I believe everyone but the Prime Minister is already convinced of Gordon's danger, and I attri bute his not being convinced to his wonderful power of persuasion. He can persuade R. MAITLAND, most people of most things, and, above all, he can persuade himself of almost anything. When the expedition under the devages at length started no one followed its advages. When the expedition under Lord Welseley when the fatal things came of the fall of Brown, 128 out of 20 m and 12 my

Jerusalem as a Trade Contra According to the report of the Consul at Jersualem on the trade of the town for the past year it appears that a ports, notably those to the United Live dom, have increased, owing to a root west, while there is a small decrease in a ports. Statistics are not obtainable in in. imported at Jaffa go to Jeruslen, while the market for the villages of the in and for the Bedouins. The chief industry are the manufacture of a coarse soap and to Egypt and of objects of devotion; mother of pearl and olive wood, in which considerable art is now displayed; £20.00 worth of there were exported in 1887 Europe and America. The Jewish inni. gration has been checked by a regulation of the Porte prohibiting Jews from settling; Palestine and restricting their residence the country to a period of three months The culture of the vine by German settlen is extending and the quality of the vin produced is improving. The price of had in the vicinity of the city has continued by rise in price, the best fetching, on an are. age, 6s. the square yard, which not mur years ago could have been obtained for sixth of the price. This rise is due to the Jewish immigration before it was interfered with, to the multiplication of religion establishments and educational and caritable institutions, English, French, Germa and Russian, and to the desire to live be for all claims and questions concerning it are settled by the native courts, the Com having no right to interfere, and the own cannot build on it without the consent of the Government. German trade with Pale tine is rapidly developing on account of the large and prosperous German colonies which have established themselves in Palestine and the members of which are invading branches of commerce, industry, and had craft. The colonists exercise a benefix

#### Warm Weather in Australia

influence on the natives.

The most remarkable feature of the Autralian climate is the hot wind. The fu sandy interior of the continent resembles the deserts of North Africa and Arabia, and the winds, therefore, are very similar. Immen quantities of sand are drifted about by the wind and carried beyond the coast a consierable distance out to sea. On Jan 21 1845, Capt. Sturt's thermometer rose to 1:10 in the shade; the mean temperature in December was 101°, for January 104°, a for February 101 °. So parched was the ground that there were great cracks in it from 8 to 10 feet deep. At Cooper's Creat on Nov. 11, 1845, he experienced one d these hot-air currents, and thus describait: "Tne wind, which had been blowing a morning from north-east, increased to again and I shall never forget its withering effect I sought shelter behind a large gum tra, but the blasts of heat were so terrific that wondered the very grass did not take fir; everything, both animate and inanimat gave way before it; the horses stood with their backs to the wind and their noze to the ground, the birds were mute, and the leaves of the trees fell like a shower round us. At noon I took out my thermometa, graduated to 127°, and put it in the forket a tree, and an hour afterwards, wheel went to examine it, the tube was full of mecury and the bulb had burst; about sunst the wind shifted to west, and a thundercloud passed over us, but only a few drops of mi the throat with a gold or silver lace-pin or fell." The bursting of the instrument show that the temperature was much higher the the longest reach quite to the edge of the | 1270, the glass being unable to assist the expansion of the mercury. Vegetation st fers greatly from the parching character d this wind. Plants droop, leaves shrive a if frost bitten, and wheat crops have been destroyed. Its intense dryness is shown by the relative humidity falling to zero, at evaporation amounting to an inch of will day. High up in the mountains to the and south-east, in the midst of a tres morning, occasional hot blasts are felt ima the interior, and they cause a pocular in tation of the nostrils and throat. Althou disagreeable as heated air and fatal to tation, this dry wind, like that of India healthy. The dry climate is practical free from miasmatic diseases.

#### The Trick of the Ravens. In the narrative of the Arctic voyage

Captain McClure is the following story

the two ravens which became domicilian on board the "Investigator." of the death-like scene. No one of the consequently became very bold, as will seen by the narrative. Two ravens lished themselves as friends of the firm in Mercer Bay, living mainly by what in scraps the men might have thrown after meal-times. The ship's dog, howen looked upon these as his special perqua and exhibited considerable energy in taining his rights against the ravens, nevertheless outwitted him in a way amused every one. Observing this appeared quite willing to make a mount of their own sable persons, they need throw themselves intentionally in his just as the mess-tins were being cleaned on the dirt-heap outside the ship. would immediately run at then, and would fly just a few yards; the dog made another run, and again they appear to escape him but by an inch, on, until they had tempted and provot him to the shore, a considerable duty Then the ravens would make a dir flight for the ship, and had generally degreed good execution before the mortified look dog detected the imposition that had been practised upon him and rushed back again

An eight-year-old Italian girl, unable Neb., the other day after a misjerney in Nebe. She was the daughter of man, who died, leaving her without no or relatives there. Neighbors raffed sing family furniture and h ut up a three weeks lunchers, father put up a three weeks' lunchers,

Moodie shook hands with the o assured him that we should and to see him. After this invite trequent guest. He wo then with delight to Moodie wh to him elephant huntin Cape ; grasping his rifle in a and whistling an enco to his dogs. I asked him one ev made him so fond of hunting. "Tis the excitement," he drowns thought, and I love to b

sorry for the creatures, too, f free and happy; yet I am led by I cannot restrain to kill them. the sight of their dying agonies 1 ful feelings; and then I lay asid and do not hunt for days. But be alone with God in the great watch the sunbeams stealing t thick branches, the blue sky apon you in patches, and to kno bright and shiny above you, the gloom that surrounds you.' After a long pause, he conti much solemn feeling in his look "I lived a life of folly for year respectably born and educated, a

comething of the world, perhaps was good, before I left home for and from the teaching I had re kind relatives and parents I known how to have conducted n But, madam, if we associate los depraved and ignorant, we learn even worse than they. I felt degradation-felt that I had alave to low vice; and in order pate myself from the hateful ty passions, I did a very rash and I need not mention the manner transgressed God's holy laws; bours know it, and must have t ago. I could have borne reproturned my sorrow into indecen unable to bear their coarse ridi companions of my dogs and gu forth into the wilderness. Hu a habit. I could no longer live and it supplies the stimulant when I renounced the cursed

"I remember the first hunti I took alone in the forest. I gloomy I felt ! I thought that creature in the world so misera I was tired and hungry, and upon a fallen tree to rest. Al death around me, and I was fa aleep, when my attention was long, wild cry. My dog, fo Chance then, and he's no hu up his ears, but instead of ans bark of defiance, he crouched ling, at my feet. "What doe I cried, and I cocked my rifl upon the log. The sound cam the wind. It was like the de pack of hounds in full cry. noble deer rushed past me, a his trail-I see them now, black devils-swept by a po fifteen large, fierce wolves, w and bristling hair, and paws hardly to touch the ground haste. I thought not of dan their prey in view, I was sa every nerve within me tremb of the poor deer. The wolve him at every bound. A close cepted his path, and, rendere turned at bay. His nostrils and his eyes seemed to se streams of light. It was witness the courage of th bravely he repelled the attack enemies, how gallantly he t the right and left, and spuri beneath his hoofs; yet all his useless, and he was quickly torn to pieces by his ravenou moment he seemed more un than myself, for I could no manner he had deserved his speed and energy, his courag had been exerted in vain. destroy myself; but he, wi vigorously made for self-pr doomed to meet the fate he just to his creatures?"

With this sentence on his abruptly from his seat and One day he found me pair flowers, and was greatly inte ing the progress I made in t in the afternoon of the fo brought me a large bunch of flowers.

"Draw these," said he ; the way to the ----- lak them for you."

Little Katie grasping th with infantile joy, kissed ev "These are God's picture ter, "and the child, who is derstands them in a min strange that these beautifu away in the wilderness, wh the birds of the air, and th the wood, and the insect them, ever see them? Do for the pleasure of such flowers? Is His benevol the admiration of animals

been taught to consider thought nor reflection? in the forest, these though Knowing that to argue only to call into action th of his fatal malady, I to sation by asking him why

orite dog Chance ? back in the bush. He wa At first I took him for a of his bead undeceived wallet, and called him slowly, stopping and every step, and looking n fabe. I offered him a bit and he soon became frien me home, and has never called him Chance, after pened with him; and I him for twenty dollars." Alas, for poor Chance to his master, contracte forfresh mutten, and no less than eight sheep

on the front been long suspended this Brian was s toks after his far and have resto my dog."
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