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Your country's call to you

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When others do and dare

Across the narrow sea

Can your own heart declare

"They have no need for me?"

Listen once more! The Call

Repeats in the thrilling drum

Hitting out one but all

Of Britain's unshook com: Recalls our comrades' deed

Freely and nothing left

Shall all his toll be spent

To keep you safe and fit?

What use to slum your ears?

Your country claims her debt

And in the coming years

Your heart, your strength, your yet!

Think of that future day

And show the noblest plan

That you can offer to your land

"At least I played the man!" —Anon.

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The most manifest sign of wisdom

Is continued cheerfulness.—Montaigne.

Select Family Reading

Bethuel Barsand's Bear Hunt

By I. L. HATIN

ABOUT seventy years ago the Barsands, with three other families from western New York, began a new settlement in the province of Ontario.

Bethuel Barsand was a strong man, forty years old, one of the "grit" type, tall, well built, with a good deal of hair on his head.

He had no hunter or woodsman's knowledge, but he was a good farmer and a good worker.

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been there, as even a greenhorn could see.

There were few footprints on a patch of sand, but Barsand could not trace them, or judge how fresh the tracks were, or where they went.

He next visited a huckleberry swamp, where he wandered about a long time.

Only a few huckleberries were ripe, but he was fond of them, and the swamp looked to be a good place for bears.

But he found none, and coming to expect bears he sat down to lunch.

Before him was a small, shallow pool a dozen feet across, dotted with little weedy hummocks.

Beyond the pool thick patches of huckleberry bushes, taller than a man, covered thirty troopers across.

While Barsand was eating, two bears emerged from behind the huckleberry thicket in front of him across the pool.

They appeared so suddenly and silently that Barsand sat and stared. The two were playing with a frog, which tried to escape into the pool.

One bear pinned the frog lightly under a fore paw, while both grinned to see the victim squirm.

The first bear lifted his paw, and the frog leaped.

Down came the paw, but missed, and the frog leaped again.

The second bear struck the frog with its paw, and the frog leaped again.

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