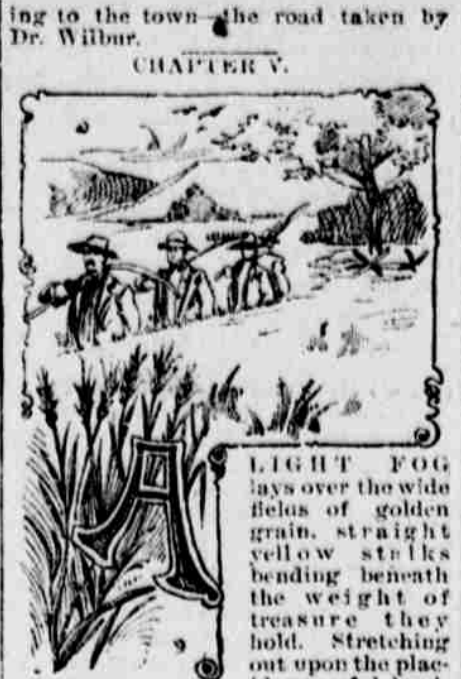


WILBUR'S NOTE BOOK BY DR. N. T. OLIVER



ing to the town—the road taken by Dr. Wilbur.

CHAPTER III—(CONTINUED). "Boy! ah! A wild idea flashes through his brain. Cannot this trouble, the exposure be diverted? Perhaps all is not lost. His heart beats violently; his breath comes quicker. A daring scheme has come to him. Can it be carried out? "My God it must," he mutters.

CHAPTER IV. With a doubtful look upon his face, the man follows his master into the reception room, the same room where the interview between the brothers had taken place.

"The master lights the gas, turning it low. Then telling the man to be seated, he throws himself into the spacious depths of an easy chair. He has much to say to this man. A daring proposition to make. How shall he begin? Suppose the man were to refuse? He thinks deeply, conscious that the eyes of the servant are fixed upon him, wondering, uneasily.

Finally he says: "Conrad, you have been in my employ a long time. "Nearly twelve years, sir." "I have been a good master." "None better, sir." "I have paid you regularly, liberally. In time of sickness, have sent my own doctor, and paid his bill."

"You appreciate all this, you are grateful?" "I would go through fire and water for you, sir." "The man speaks fervently. "I believe you, Conrad. I am going to put you to the test."

"And what would I do? My wife!" he gasps. "The master lays his hand upon the broad shoulder of the man. "You shall have my child—it is but an exchange. The two children are but a few hours old. Your wife is not in a state to detect the difference. She will love one child the same as the other, will not know that my child is not her own. My wife will not know. She is weak; the sex of her babe is not known to her. The exchange will be easy, unaccompanied by risk. Will you do it?"

"The man bows his head. He falls upon his knees before his master. "Ah, Master Adrian anything but that," he cries. "Anything but that. My baby! my boy! I can't part with him, sir." "The scheming master roughly raises him to his feet. "See here, Conrad," sternly. "You look upon this matter in the wrong light. I don't ask you to part from your boy. I only ask you to allow me to part with him as my own, until I shall have come into possession of this fortune. It is a matter of life and death with me. I could not survive exposure and disgrace. You will have my sweet little babe to love, to care for! When they grow up they can marry. You will then have your son—my daughter, and more than this. Upon the day that I come into this money, I will present you with a check for ten thousand dollars. Think of it, Conrad! No more work! no more anxiety! money in the bank. Wealth at your command."

"The man trembles as though suffering from intense cold. His master's words are flashing, burning through his mind. If he does not accept, his master, whom he loves, his kind, generous master, will become a beggar, his lands sold, his fine house and magnificent furniture sacrificed. And he can give up his boy, the little creature that his honest heart clings to, with all the first love of a father. But he will not be childless, he will have another. Can he not love another as well as his own? And then the money—ten thousand dollars! A princely fortune to him. What can he not do with it? How he can live, what a fine little farm he can purchase and still be near his boy. He hesitates.

"Come, Conrad. Precious moments are flying. If it is done, it must be done to-night." "But Mary Calder—she is nursing your missus—won't she know?" "A frown contracts the brow of the master. "Yes, but she won't tell," he says. "You will let me see my boy when I want to?" "You can see him whenever you like." "The man bursts into tears. "To save you, Mister Adrian, I'll do it. But don't tell anybody." "Adrian Dyke burst into wild laughter. Tell anybody! The man's homely words filled him with mirth—wild, hilarious mirth. He will be saved. It will be easy now.

CHAPTER V. LIGHT FOG lays over the wide fields of golden grain, straight yellow stalks bending beneath the weight of treasure they hold. Stretching out upon the placid, peaceful landscape, on meadow and highland, streamlet and forest, the mazy, light, airy, substance obscures the pathway of the sun, which is struggling to make its appearance this peaceful morning.

"The amount of land that will be opened to settlement is about 546,000 acres, situated in the Nez Perce reservation, in Idaho. Any religious society or other organization occupying any of these lands for religious or educational work among the Indians, is given the right to purchase the lands so occupied within two years, at the rate of \$3 per acre.

"LEWISON, Idaho, Nov. 12.—There are enough homeseekers already in camp on the Nez Perce reservation to take all the available land. The act for settlement by proclamation by the president. Several hundred are waiting in this vicinity for the opening day, and hundreds more are in camp at other points. Many of those who will make a rush into Cold Springs in the southern part of the reservation have already crossed the line and it is understood the Indian agent will drive them out.

"Lucy Parsons a Trifle Too Violent to Suit Chicago Police. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 12.—To an audience of 2,000 sympathizers in the West Twelfth street Turner hall, Herr Koot and Lucy Parsons tonight spoke of the memory of the dead anarchists and denouncing the police. The police language was kept from being too inflammatory by the presence of 200 blue coats, under the command of Inspector Shea, who occupied a prominent place on the speaker's platform.

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SECURED A BIG HAUL

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