

# Jephthah's Daughter:

A Story of Patriarchal Times.

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## (CHAPTER XI.—Continued.)

And when Namarah and her maidens reached the house of Jephthah, behold it was hung with mourning, and though the doors were wide, there was neither friend nor servant to be seen. So Namarah entered silently, and took her way toward the apartment of her father Jephthah; and as she came unto his door, she turned and spake unto the maidens, bidding them stay without in the hall while she went in alone.

And as she thrust open the door and came into the presence of her father Jephthah, behold he to was dressed in mourning garments, and he leaned upon the breast of the young man Adina, who was also clad in sackcloth; and the faces of both men were white as the faces of the dead; and Adina had grown gaunt and hollow-cheeked and lost his ruddy color, while her father Jephthah was as one grown old before his time.

And Namarah spake no word, but shutting close the door behind her, she went and put her arms about the neck of her father, but her eyes she gave unto her lover.

Her hood had fallen backward, and her white face rose from out its solemn mourning draperies as a fair flower springing out of earth; and her eyes, made large and luminous through fastings and vigils, seemed as the very windows of her spirit; and in their depth Adina read a love unspeakable, unquenchable and not to be surprised. He understood her tender thought in clasping first her father before her touch sought his, for it was by reason of her father that this blow was come upon them, and she felt he had great need of comfort and the assurance of her deep, unchanged affection; but in that long, deep look into her lover's eyes, she gave him her whole self. For a moment they rested in that look, quiet and calm as the deeps of ocean, and then the maiden spake:

"I pray thee leave me now, Adina," she saith, softly, as the voice of Jephthah her father brake into great sobs while she smoothed his snow-white hair, and stilled him as a mother might her babe. "I would be with him alone, that my courage fail not; for he hath more need of comfort than either thou or I. Return to me an hour after moonrise in the garden."

And Adina bowed his head and went, with never so much as a touch of her hand to feed the mighty hunger of his love, howbeit that look in her eyes which rested on him still, even as he left her presence, was as a draught divine wherewith the thirst of his soul might be quenched.

## CHAPTER XII.

Even before the coming of the time appointed, just as the moon was coming up behind the distant horizon, Adina made his silent way into the garden of Jephthah's house, and stood and waited. The hour of moonrise was just what it had been two months before, on the night of their parting here, and in his ears were the same sounds of the babbling brook and of the doves in their house near by. Up and down the young man paced, his thumbs thrust into the belt wherewith his white tunic was held in place, and his whole body tense and strained with the mightiness of his hardly mastered excitement. A light glimmered in the room of Jephthah, and on this he kept his gaze, until presently it became in a moment softly shaded, as if to screen the eyes of one who slept. Namarah, indeed, had soothed her father into a gentle slumber, and when it was known unto her that he slept she stepped forth into the garden.

She had even refreshed her from her journey and clothed herself in snow-white garments, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, in which she moved softly down the garden walks to meet him whom her soul did love. The grasses of summer bent beneath the soft pressure of her feet, and the vines divided themselves at the light touches of her hands. The trees above her were as the wall of her temple of love, and the moon pierced through to light it. Adina stood and waited in the spot made sacred to them by the early dawnings, as well as by the fruition of their love; and as the maiden, fair and white as if made of the rays of the moonlight, moved softly toward him, he stretched out his two arms. She came to them with full gladness and assurance, as one of her white doves, after long wandering, cometh home.

And Adina spake no word; only he drew her to him, as though he would never lose her again. As she rested so, feeling against her heart the full throbbing of his, while that his close clasp tightened and his breath came quick, it seemed to her a moment of such rapture that the thought of her heart came forth in words, as she said, on the breath of a low-drawn sigh: "I would that I could die even now!"

And Adina answered: "And I with thee, that our souls together might return to God who gave them."

"It is most sure," said Namarah, earnestly. "It may not be such as we would choose or look for; but he hath heard that prayer of mine and thine

each time our hearts have breathed it, and the answer doth somewhere await us."

She spake these words in solemn whisperings, more tender than the cooing of doves, more murmurous than the rippling of the brook.

No eye saw the parting, when at last Adina wrenched his heart away from hers. They two were alone in the silence with God. Even the dove came not near them tonight, but remained apart and alone, as if it had knowledge of all and forbore to come between the beating of their hearts and the communion of their souls.

At the rising of the sun next morning, the altar was made ready in the heart of a deep wood, and by it stood a priest resplendent in the robes of his office. The wood was in readiness, and the fire prepared, nor was the offering for the sacrifice wanting. She stood, a pure virgin, clad in stainless white, and on her left, the young man Adina. And the face of the maiden Namarah was calm and peaceful, and her eyes trustful and quiet as the eyes of children when they know their parents are close by. And her face, for all its paleness, was more beautiful to look upon than ever it had been before, for the light that shone upon it was not wholly that cast by the rising sun, but, as it were, a light from within her soul. And Adina's face was radiant, too, so that it seemed as if one light illumined them from within, even as the same sun from without. And Namarah's voice, as she spake, was tranquil and assured.

"Make ready thy fire, O priest of God," Namarah said, "for all is ready." And she turned and kissed her father Jephthah full tenderly. Then, speaking once more unto the priest, she said: "I pray thee, while that the fire is kindling, suffer us to kneel and say one prayer—I and the young man Adina."

And they knelt together, both in virgin white, their hands clasped close and their faces raised to heaven, and the prayer of their hearts, even as the fire blazed and crackled, and the knife gleamed sharp and threatening near by, was that the God in whom they trusted would deliver them in His own time and way.

And they knelt so long in silence that the priest, who wished not to interrupt their prayers, was fain at last to speak to them, lest the sacred fire should burn too low. But there came no answer to his words, and when he turned and looked into their faces, that

# ON THE VELDT

A South African Love Story

In the kitchen of a Boer farm at Harrismith two brothers, Paul and Hendrick Hoopstad, sat in earnest conversation.

"Will you come, Hendrick?" "I cannot leave, Paul; there is English in our veins, and besides, to join the commando against the British would be taking up arms against the woman I love."

"The woman we love, Hendrick, for God knows that I think of her every minute of my life. You and I have been all in all to each other ever since we were born; but this mutual love for Nancy Martin seems likely to divide us. Even supposing we put our chances to the test, if I win her you will hate me, and if you were successful my thoughts would turn to you in anger. Let us then take our rifles, join the commando, and for the time forget her, and perhaps when the war is over one of us may gain by death what the other could not give in life."

"I will not fight against the English, Paul."

"Think well, Hendrick. Nancy Martin has been in England for the last four years—is it not possible that she may have an English lover?"

"We are being enticed and threatened into a foolish war by those who have their own ends to serve. I will take my rifle and fight, but it will be with the English."

"Then, Hendrick, we must part, though we part in all affection. God bless you, my brother, and the woman we love."

"Farewell, Paul, and God grant that we may not meet on the battlefield."

Paul turned his horse toward Newcastle, while Hendrick rode in the opposite direction, with the intention of making his way to John Martin's farm, which lay on the banks of the Caladon river, between Basutol and Natal.

Hendrick Hoopstad's love for Nancy, the only daughter of John Martin, of the Caladon farm, was the one thought that engrossed his mind. He loved her, and was willing to lay down his life for her without thought of re-

wondrous light was gone from them; for their spirits had fled together, and the glare of sunshine upon them revealed that they were even the faces of the dead.

And it was even so that God delivered them. This was His time and place, and He had chosen His own way. And that the vow which Jephthah had vowed might be accomplished, the body of the maiden Namarah was laid upon the altar and with it the body of the young man Adina, a burnt offering unto the Lord.

And as the fires upon the altar began to sink, an object that seemed to fall straight from out the sky dropped down and fell into the flames; and lo! it was the body of a snow-white dove, which had been even dead before it touched the fire upon the altar.

(The End.)

## MASCULINE CHARACTERISTICS.

Begin to Show Themselves at an Early Age.

The masculine characteristics, as well as the feminine, begin to show themselves at an early age. There are a small boy and girl in the city who, in conversation the other day, showed this very notably, says the New York Times. They are particularly bright children, a little son and daughter of clever parents, who talk to the children very much as they would to older people. So when in talking together the other day something was mentioned which they did not understand, the children immediately began to discuss the pro and cons. The little girl is seven and the boy a couple of years younger. The former has a habit while she is dressing of talking to herself. "Arm, go in," she will say, as she puts on one garment, and "Foot go in," as she puts on another. The small boy had noticed this, and spoke to her about it. "Why do you say, 'Foot, go in,' and 'Arm, go in'?" he inquired. "Why don't you say, 'Me go in'?" "Why, it isn't 'me' that goes in," replied the small girl. "It is just my arm or my foot. What is 'me,' anyway?" The small boy thought earnestly for a moment. "Why, 'me,' is your head and stomach," he finally answered. "No," said the small girl. "I think 'me' is your head and heart." Which proves positively that even in early years the ego of the man is his stomach and that of the woman her heart.

## His Letter to the Judge.

"Will you please, sub, lemme know," wrote a colored prisoner to the Judge, "des w'en my case'll come up fer conviction? I been in jail, sub, 'bout eight months ez de crow fly, en I hez a sorter restless feelin' er wantin' ter know des w'en my conviction'll come off. I writes dis, sub, kaze I feels it in my jints dat de spring season is comin' on, en hit come ter me dat you might go fishin' en fergit de time fer my conviction. Do, ef you please, sub, keep me in min', en do by me ez you 'spects ter be did by."—Atlanta Constitution.

Polite Chinamen consider it a breach of etiquette to wear spectacles in company.

## PLEDGES BROKEN

### Sultan of Turkey Arouses Uncle Sam's Ire.

#### DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MOST CRITICAL

Passports to Minister May Soon be Tendered—Repeated Failure to Pay Awarded Indemnity Claims After Giving Solemn Promise.

There is no longer any question that the diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are in a critical state, growing out of the sultan's bad faith, says a Washington special of Wednesday. He promised to pay the indemnity claims of the American missionaries for the destruction of eight buildings of the Ephraim colleges at Harpoot, and several buildings belonging to the American missionaries at Marash during the Armenian massacres of 1895. Mr. Straus, the United States minister to Turkey, is at present in the United States on leave of absence. As has already been announced he presented his resignation, but the president regarded the services of Mr. Straus as indispensable, definitely extended his leave, subject to the call of the secretary of state, whenever circumstances may necessitate his return.

Diplomacy appears to have exhausted itself at Constantinople, the sultan having promised to pay the indemnity claims, amounting to some \$90,000, which promise was again renewed prior to Mr. Straus' departure and although sixteen months have elapsed since the promise was first made, that promise still remains unfulfilled. What action the government will now take to enforce the sultan's promise is not definitely known, but as the situation is critical, it may result in Secretary Hay sending the Turkish minister at Washington his passports. The question involved between the two countries is no longer one resting upon disputed points of international law, but upon the sultan's broken faith.

## NOT AS BAD AS PICTURED

No Deaths Result From the Kansas Tornado.

The rain and wind storm in western Kansas appears to have passed off without having accomplished any serious damage. Storms were reported from several localities, but so far as can be learned, the damage was confined to the turning over of half a dozen small buildings. At Putnam three buildings were destroyed and a few cattle killed, and at Burton two buildings were blown down. The telephone wires were broken north of Sedgewick City, west to Hutchinson and telegraph offices being closed, it was impossible to get word from the storm direct. This led to wild rumors of loss of life and heavy destruction of property.

## HAS HIS ARM BLOWN OFF

Distressing Accident to a Fighter at Santiago.

A. R. Root, who is the traveling representative of the Modern Brotherhood of America, had his arm blown off by a shotgun at Stanton. He was with some friends at H. N. Way's livery barn preparing to go hunting. Stepping out of the office they left him alone trying to remove the shells from his gun. A report was heard and on returning they found him with his hand hanging to his left arm by a shred of flesh, the bone having been blown away by the charge of shot. Root enlisted at the opening of the Spanish war in the regular army and served in an infantry regiment and participated in the Santiago campaign.

## Andrews Good as Accepts.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews will accept the proffered chancellorship of the university of Nebraska unless conditions which have not entered into his consideration present themselves. He stated Tuesday night that he was favorable to the acceptance of the position, but had not notified the regents of the university of his decision, preferring not to consider it final yet. Dr. Andrews said his attitude was forced by the state of his health.

## Miller Found Guilty.

William F. Miller of Franklin syndicate fame was found guilty in the county court of Kings county, N. Y., of grand larceny in the first degree for taking from Mrs. Katherine Moeser \$1,000 which she invested in his 529 per cent scheme "to get rich quick." The prisoner was remanded for sentence a week from next Friday. His counsel stated that the case would be appealed.

## Death in a Tenement House

A large tenement house occupied by Italian and negro families near Rockpoint, Pa., was destroyed by fire and four men burned to death. Many occupants escaped by jumping from the windows. The cause of the fire is not known.

## Injured in Tornado.

Five persons were injured, one fatally, and considerable property was damaged by a tornado that passed just west of Concordia, Lafayette county, Missouri. Three houses and half a dozen big barns were destroyed, stock killed, and much other damage done to property.

## Will Take an Outing.

D. A. Campbell, the retiring clerk of the supreme court, will remove from Lincoln for the summer. With his family he will spend the summer in Western Colorado.

## EARLY HEARING IS URGED

Kentucky Contest Cases Docketed in the Supreme Court.

The cases involving the Kentucky governorship have been docketed in the United States supreme court. A brief statement in which counsel for both Taylor and Beckham joined was filed at the same time, asking for an early hearing. In this agreed statement it is set forth that "both Taylor and Beckham as governor, John Marshall as lieutenant governor on the republican side, and L. H. Carter as president pro tem of the senate and John R. Castleman as adjutant general on the democratic side are each and all claiming the right to and are actually attempting to exercise the powers of the respective offices severally claimed by them, thus producing great confusion in Kentucky, by reason of the doubts as to which of the persons named has the lawful right to exercise the authority pertaining to the several offices named, all to the great injury and detriment of the people of the state.

By reason of these facts and others which might be enumerated, it is of the utmost importance to the people of the state of Kentucky that the question of right to office involved in the aforesaid litigation be determined. The question of law involved in said causes are of very great and grave interest and importance, involving the nature and extent of the powers of an election contest tribunal and the powers of the judiciary with relation thereto.

## REGARDS IT AS AN INSULT

Spanish Minister Replies to the Dewey Committee.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago received from Duke D'Arcos, the Spanish minister at Washington, the following reply to an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration in Chicago:

"Washington, D. C., April 14.—Sir: I return to you here enclosed an invitation from the city of Chicago, for the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which, I take it, for granted has been sent to me by mistake, for it is the first discourtesy I have met with since I am in the United States.

"It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain, to go to your city and rejoice with you on the destruction of the Spanish ships and on the death of so many brave sailors, my compatriots. That would have been simply an insult; and as I do not deserve it, and it cannot have been your intention, I am perfectly sure as I say, that all this is the result of an error.

"I have the honor to remain, sir, very respectfully yours, ARCOS."

In reply Mayor Harrison has written the minister, explaining that the invitation was sent through the carelessness or ignorance of a clerk, and extending sincere apologies for the unintentional discourtesy.

## APOLOGIZES FOR MAYOR.

Minister Storer Explains the Chicago Oversight.

The United States minister, Bellamy Storer, visited Premier Silveira at Madrid and apologized for the action of Mayor Harrison of Chicago, in sending an invitation to the Duke d'Arcos, the Spanish minister at Washington, to attend the Dewey day celebration there.

Mr. Storer said his government regretted the incident, which was the result of an error committed by a municipal clerk, and promised it would not be repeated.

## Handsome Easter Gift.

Easter gifts aggregating \$30,000, donated for the work of church extension, were announced at York, Pa., by General Secretary H. H. Weber of the board of church extension of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in America. These gifts are in the shape of general loan funds, just founded, and are to be used exclusively in the territory west of the Mississippi river.

## Burned Fatally.

Mrs. Dan Huff, who lives on South Sixth street, Beatrice, Neb., near the river bridge, was fatally burned by the explosion of coal oil. Her daughter had risen before the rest of the family and had started a fire in the kitchen stove. Mrs. Huff did not know there was a fire in the stove and poured oil therein to start up a fire. The explosion followed.

## An Unknown Assailant.

At Eagle as Roll Freeman was sitting by the table reading someone hurled a big rock through the window at him, breaking the glass and tearing the curtain away. Luckily the children were at church and no one was hurt. This is the second time in three weeks that this has happened, and Mr. Freeman is becoming alarmed.

## House and Contents Burned.

The house occupied by W. O. Hall at Norfolk was destroyed by fire with all its contents. Mr. Hall had started a cob fire and is supposed a defective flue was the cause. Loss on building \$1,200; contents, \$707, all insured.

## Enters at Old Age.

Edward Entwistle, aged eighty-seven, who ran with George Stephenson on the first trip of Stephenson's Rocket, in 1826, was initiated into Des Moines lodge No. 113, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, on Sunday last. He was sixteen years old and an apprentice in a Liverpool machine shop when the first locomotive made its trial trip. Stephenson had taken a fancy to him and he was taken as an assistant on the trip. He has been a steamboat and stationary engineer all his life until a few years ago, having come to America when a young man.

## POINTS OUT THE SUSPECT

Man and Woman Accused of Poisoning Face Each Other.

A somewhat dramatic scene was enacted in the Winold poisoning case at Cincinnati when Charles O. Winold and Fatha Gillen were brought face to face in the office of the chief of police.

Winold had denied all knowledge of the girl. She was not told that she was to confront him, but as soon as he came within her sight she became very much agitated and shrunk from him. When he was seated Chief Deitsch addressed the girl, saying:

"You are accused of poisoning the Winold family. Did you do it?"

"I did not," she promptly replied.

"Who did?"

"That man there," she exclaimed, pointing at Winold, and thus showing that she recognized him.

Winold's bond was fixed at \$10,000.

## ANDREWS IN LINCOLN

Noted Educator Comes to Capital City to Look Ground Over.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews has arrived in Lincoln to consult with the regents of the state university and survey the institution, whose chancellorship has been offered him. He will decide upon acceptance or rejection of the proposition within a few days. Some of his friends expect the announcement to be made at Lincoln before his return to Chicago. His visit to the university is regarded as indicative of a desire to accept the place.

## MAN KILLED BY THE CARS

Accident Mars Outing of the Central Engineers.

A Gibbon, Neb., dispatch says: The special train carrying the New York Central railroad engineers struck a man named John Foster as it was passing through Gibbon, breaking his back and other bones, causing instant death. He had just got across the track when the side of the engine struck him. He was about seventy-five years of age and an old settler in Buffalo county.

## Hurried Away From a Mob.

Sheriff Powers of Douglas county took James Cerney out of jail at South Omaha, Neb., and boarded a train for Lincoln, where he placed his prisoner in the penitentiary. The sheriff had been informed that a party was forming intent upon lynching Cerney, a Pole, who resided in South Omaha, a boarder in the home of Frank Vavra until his arrest Monday. The charge is criminal assault upon Vavra's little daughter. Cerney is a middle-aged man. He had been drinking.

## Accept the Holland.

The navy department has signed a contract with the Holland Submarine Torpedo Boat company for the adoption of some of their boats to the navy. By the terms of the contract the government pays \$150,000 for the Holland. It also agrees to pay \$175,000 each for any boats of the Holland type it may purchase hereafter, providing the boats be similar in dimensions to the new Holland, which will be larger than the old one.

## Monument for Thompson.

The body of the late Col. Richard W. Thompson, which has rested in the vault at Terre Haute, Ind., for some time, was interred in the presence of the family and intimate friends. The popular subscription for the erection of a magnificent monument to the dead statesman is being rapidly augmented.

## Shoots Girl and Himself.

Gus Young, a prominent young man of Murphysboro, Ill., shot and wound ed Miss Kate Van Clooster and then blew out his own brains. Young was a real estate man and the girl is a member of one of the best families of southern Illinois. The young lad will recover.

## Half the Town Submerged.

The Colorado river flood has no reached Wharton, Tex., and half the town is now under water. So far there has been only one casualty, negro refuge being drowned in trying to reach the town. The people a left the bottoms and flocked to the top.

## Aged Couple Asphyxiated.

Carl E. Walstrom, fifty-five years old, and his wife, Nellie, fifty-five years old, were found asphyxiated gas in their home in New York. They plugged the cracks under the door a windows in the room and turned two gas jets.

## Chokes His Wife to Death.

Joe Stringer killed his wife by choking her to death, and then commit suicide, at Bakerville, Ky. The couple had been separated, and Stringer called on his wife seeking a reconciliation.

## Kills Her Defamer.

At Alexander, Ark., Mrs. T. N. H and shot and instantly killed Will Cook, a member of a prominent family. Holland claims Cook defamed her character.

## Eight Hundred Miners Quit.

Eight hundred miners employes the Temple coal company at Philadelphia, struck for an increase of wa-

## Jury Leans to Plaintiff.

In the breach of promise suit \$200,000 brought by Miss Nellie Le against President Samuel Strong the Free Coinage and other Creek gold mining companies, the at Colorado Springs, Colo., was the plaintiff \$50,000 damages.

## Reichman Not Aiding Boers.

United States Consul Hay, in a interview had at Pretoria, says that report that Captain Reichman, United States military attache, participated in the fight near Sannas is absolutely false.