

Our Family Story.

ING THE CLAIM.

As they stood in the open door of the little red cabin and gazed out across the broad stretch of the Kansas prairie...

Up across the prairie from the west came another woman. She was young—no more than twenty at the most.

"What's that?" Mrs. Ashby said, in an eager, questioning tone, as the younger woman approached and sank to a seat by the cabin door.

"Dick Enness," the other replied, folding her hands in her lap.

Mrs. Ashby stared at her daughter in amazement.

"Why, Mary?" she finally exclaimed, "how is that? I thought he wanted to buy it."

"He did, mother, while father was living, but he has changed his mind now."

"But why has he changed his mind? He surely needs the claim now as much as he ever did it then."

"Yes, he does."

"Then, why doesn't he want it now?"

"He does want it, mother."

"That's what I want to know," Mrs. Ashby said, her face flushed with indignation.

"Mother, Dick Enness is a rascal, and he won't buy our claim because he thinks by waiting a little while he can get it for nothing."

"But, mother, he has to buy it, because his father was living, and he thinks now we will be compelled to give it up and move away, and then he will have nothing to do but enter it in our name."

"Surely, Mary, Dick Enness did not tell you that?" Mrs. Ashby said incredulously.

"No," Mrs. Ashby answered. "But he said enough to make his meaning clear. He means to get this claim, and without my consent, and I will not give it to him."

Mary twisted her bonnet nervously and an expression of set determination gradually overspread her features.

"Well," she said, "if that you say is true, Mary, I don't see that you are any hope for us. It is hard to believe that Enness would take advantage of our helplessness and deprive us of our land when we have worked so hard to improve it."

"I would never have thought he could do that," Mrs. Ashby said.

"Neither would I," Mary replied. "It is a poor return for the way that father helped Dick Enness when he came here and when he nursed him and helped him in his crop last year when he was sick."

"He might at the least pay us for the work that's been done on the claim, rather than to see us driven out in the world with nothing."

"But, mother, he shall not have our home. I thought it all over as I came back across the prairie and I made up my mind you wouldn't give it up."

"Why, Mary," she said, "how can we help giving it up? We have no means of living here unless we can raise a crop."

"I know that, but we'll raise a crop," Mary replied, with a quiet determination.

"But how can we do that?" Mrs. Ashby asked.

"I haven't a dollar to hire help and nobody is going to work for us without the money in hand."

"We won't ask anybody to work for us," Mrs. Ashby said.

"We'll work the land in wheat, just as father intended to do, and I'll break the ground and drill the grain myself."

"You?" the mother exclaimed, incredulously.

"Yes, I, Mary replied, firmly.

"Think what a task it would be, and you're only a woman."

"I have thought, mother, of all that, but we must do it, or we'll starve. I'd rather go through anything almost than to give up our home and leave here with nothing."

"But I can't think of you trying to manage a farm and do a man's work," Mrs. Ashby objected.

"I can think of it much better than I can think of giving everything over to Dick Enness, and I'll try to be successful in my efforts to raise a crop, but I'll try. We have the time, the plough and the seed and I'll make use of them."

Mrs. Ashby did not acquiesce readily in her daughter's plans, but she finally gave a reluctant consent, and Mary at once set to work to carry her plans into execution.

Without a word Enness left the house and walked back home. He was too completely beaten to say a word, but he thought a good deal.

It was manifest to him, too, that even a woman could accomplish a great deal when she resolved to try, even though she labored under adverse circumstances.

A few weeks later Mrs. Ashby stood in the doorway of the little red cabin and looked out across the Kansas prairie for the last time.

"Goodness knows you need rest," Mrs. Ashby replied, resting a foot on the door.

"You're not strong enough for such hardships as you have gone through."

"Oh, I've not hurt myself in the least," the mother said, "but I'm sorry to have to refuse you a favor," she said after a while, "but I don't see how I can let you have my drill for I shall need it myself for so long."

and I know that he paid half of its cost.

"That's true enough, Miss Ashby. But about two months ago, just before your father bought the claim, he died and paid him for it, so now it is all mine."

Mrs. Ashby looked at Enness in wonder. "That's not a word of truth in his claim she did not for one moment believe."

"Mr. Enness," she said at last, "it surprises me that you should claim that which is not yours. I never would have believed that you would be so base as to rob two helpless women, and especially the wife and daughter of a man who did so much for you as my father did."

"Miss Ashby," Enness replied, with cool effrontery, "the drill is mine and you can't have it, and that is all there is to it."

He turned on his heel and walked away, and Mary, realizing her helplessness, returned homeward with a heavy heart.

She understood Enness' purpose and she knew that he had had more in view than to put her to the test. His object was to thwart her drill at raising a crop, so that the claim would come to him, and if he could deprive her of the use of the drill he argued that her efforts would be balked.

But he had a different spirit to deal with than he had anticipated and one that was capable of surmounting the impediments he placed in her way.

She thought the matter over. Before she reached home she had a plan formed, and she knew that she was to fight with Enness for her rights and it was equally as useless to seek elsewhere for a drill.

Yet she was determined to get the drill. She had adopted the only plan that was open to her for the accomplishment of that purpose. She would not let it broadcast and harbor it.

She thought it took days of hard work. She persevered until the last foot of land was planted and harrowed.

Enness, who was watching her, felt that she was outwitting him. The new food is especially recommended for the use of persons afflicted with diabetes.

Also a fairly acceptable substitute for coffee is made from peanuts.

Peanuts, raw or roasted are not nutritious at all, for the reason that they contain a very heavy dose of oil.

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FACTS ABOUT AN OLD FRIEND.

Growing Value and Uses of the Peanut.

Under the varied names of peanut, goober, plinder, ground pea and other titles nearly every body is acquainted with the groundnut.

But its uses and history are not so well known, and the facts given below will give some insight as to the value of this common little article.

The humble and slightly esteemed peanut is beginning to assume importance in the world. It is likely to be adopted for rations by the army of Germany.

The Department of State is informed. In this month the opportunity cost of a gigantic military establishment makes demand for the cheapest possible food for soldiers.

This requirement is met by the "goober" which is more nutritious than the best beefsteak and highly digestible when properly prepared.

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Now the American nuts have driven the African nut out of our markets.

After ascending a few hundred yards we came in contact with the enemy. Advancing, as we had to do, over stubble like every progressive farmer.

Like every progressive farmer we experienced great difficulty in reloading our pieces, and a bayonet charge was an utter impracticability.

We clearly remember the relation of the words which were uttered on the summit of the mountain and retreated rapidly.

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Within twenty minutes we approached the breastworks, which were constructed to meet such an emergency. Here we came to a halt as it was utterly impossible to dislodge the enemy from their position.

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