

hands tugging at her dress, and by the beloved little voices calling to her:

"Maman! Maman! Maman! "

She turns slowly about in Dayton's arms, and looks down with wide eyes at her babies. Then a cry of joy escapes her lips, and a moment later, she is kneeling on the ground with her babies in her arms.

Norah and Mrs. O'Rourke have come down to the gate and excitedly they explain the facts to Dayton. Slowly the truth dawns upon him. He stands, looking down at the reunion between mother and children, and suddenly he feels very lonely and forlorn. Minette he realizes now has her babies. She no longer needs him. The babies he has loved, and who love him now have their mother. At this moment Minette looks up, and a beautiful expression comes over her face ---the expression of supreme mother love which makes sublime all true love, whether for lover or child.

"M'sieu" she says. "~~How is he~~ "Now le bon dieu, he have give me tree bebbie, instead of two".

Dayton kneels beside her.

"Who is your third baby?" he asks huskily, and she replies softly:

"Vous, m'sieu!"

Dickie and Birdie are both forgiven. They make good on the ranch. They refuse to return to New York, and refuse also their uncle's annual offer of money. ~~Dick~~ They declare that from henceforth they can paddle their own canoe and raise