

WHEN THE BOATS COME HOME.

There's light upon the sea to-day,
And gladness on the strand;

There's glory on the sea to-day,
The sunset gold is bright;

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

CHAPTER I.

My name—is not Norval, nor have I
ever in any way been associated with
the Gramplan hills—but my name is

One day I arrived at Cregmore, a
little old town on the upper Arkansas
river.

"Baggage, indeed!" I exclaimed.

"You brought no baggage, sir."

He doubtfully shook his head and
walked away.

"What is the matter?"

"Oh, sir, if I did not know that my
son Norval was dead, I would think you

He regarded me closely and in a
quieter tone continued:

"I have never before seen such a re-
semblance. Same eyes, nose, mouth—

"Exactly, only he is much older."

"Yes, but you must remember that
it is more than twenty years since

"I feel under many obligations to
you, old gentleman, for I am really in

"You didn't come in on the train."

"But, sir, I know that I did. I de-
livered my trunk to a tall negro who

"Look here," said the officer, "you
came up on a boat, for I saw you when

This statement was insulting, yet I
struggled to conceal my resentment.

Officials, in small towns, are general-
ly narrow-minded, dogmatic men, and

"Your honor," said he, "this man
also made false statements to Mr.
Bunch, proprietor of the hotel.

"I understood him. He would urge
charges against me merely to defend
his own position.

"Come, Mary, don't give way to
your feelings. This is—you have not

"Poor Norval," she repeated over
and over again.

"Be quiet, Mary," said the old gen-
tleman. "Don't become excited. Let

"I was born in Richmond, Va.," I
replied.

and was wounded by a piece of shell at
Shiloh. After the war I went home,

"Until then," said Mrs. Metford,

"Mary," said the old gentleman,

"I don't give way to your feelings. I
would not have urged him to come

She became calm, but every time
she looked at me, I could see her lip

"What a pity, that I am not your
son," I mused.

After dinner, to which I was in-
duced to remain, we were sitting in

Approaching me, and placing his un-
gentle hand on my shoulder, he said:

"I want you."

"Yes, I want you."

He took out a paper and handed it
to me. It was a warrant, arresting me

"What do you mean, I asked."

"I don't think that I ever saw you
before," I replied.

He looked at me and smiled sadly.

"What do you mean, I asked."

"I mean nothing offensive. You
know Abe Catham?"

"I am sorry, for I had hoped that
you would recognize me."

"How can I recognize you, sir, when
this is the first time we have ever

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something which sounded to me like

"I have been your keeper for years."

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souri Insane asylum."

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two months ago, vowing that you
would return the money within a week.

"For a time the marshal knew not
what to say. His face grew red. "You

"I am glad to hear you say so," re-
joined Mr. Metford.

"You needn't make out a warrant, judge.
Well, Mr. Hockersmith," turning to me,

When we again went to the house,

Mrs. Metford's lip trembled. They

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one doubt the existence of a God?
Who but a God could have planned

"You haven't the slightest symp-
toms of fever, Norval, dear," she

"Angelic woman! She cannot keep
her arms from around my neck when

"Paganini's Playing."

How did Paganini play? Now like an
angel, now like a demon with his tail

"Of course there was no surprise.
We invited the rebels to come and take

"Is there no pain in (lead)
Is there no physician there?"

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in his "Golden Medical Discovery"—a

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"I don't know. I don't know. I don't

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give my wife on her birthday. I tell

"Why don't you do as I do? I have
never failed to make my wife a present

"How do you manage it?"

"Fools Rush in Where Angels Fear to
Tread."

So impetuous youth is often given to
folly and indiscretions; and, as a re-

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several old soldiers were discussing

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