

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FAIR AND EXHIBITION.

To be held at Omaha August 27-September 5, 1896.

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NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO MISS THIS FAIR AND EXHIBITION.

Harpers Bazar of August 1st contains a thoughtful article on Bryn Mawr College, written by Mrs. Agnes Bailey Ormsbee. There is also a sprightly account by John Corbin of an on-locker's share in one of the races at the recent Henley regatta, with an illustration of the scene of the race. In fiction there is a humorous short story entitled "A Violin Case," by Margaret Sutton Briscoe.

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CHAPTER I.

HE waves came rolling in fierce and sullen clamor against the sharp rocks that formed the precipitous shore of a small island, far away amidst the Pacific group, little known and rarely frequented. The anger of the storm-king still manifested itself in the hoarse bay of the surf, while the moaning of the wind, yet lashing the water to white caps of foam, echoed fitfully along the shore and sea; but the fury of the elemental strife had passed, for where huge masses of sullen clouds were trooping away, showed in the west a broad line of smiling blue.

As the despairing wretch greets the hand that sets him firm upon the pinnacle of joy—as the parched and falling desert traveler hails the music of the fountain's dash—as dying creatures seize at life—so was the sight of that patch of fair sky—that island green and fresh as Hope—welcomed with transport by the ship-wrecked remnant of a staunch and gallant company, who but a few hours before had walked in fearless security on the deck of what was now a dismantled, broken wreck, plunging, tossing, sinking—not safe for the nest of a sea-gull.

Of a freight of forty souls four human creatures alone survived, and these had been drifting to and fro clinging to the caboose, which had been washed from the deck, and fortunately preserved from dashing upon the long sunken coral reef that extended from the island a league or more.

"Courage, sir; didn't I tell you, never say die? I reckon by this time old Nep has tired out his dolphins. I could make a whole rig out of that ere blue patch, and the sign's as sartin here in these heathen parts as in England—God bless her! That fair weather's close alongside; the wind's going down, and the current's a-setting us toward the shore as softly as a cat drops her kitten. I wish for these poor little creturs' sake it would hurry itself a little, though to be sure I'm not above comfortable on my own account. I like salt water, but ain't anxious to soak in it—that's a fact. But avast there! I'm not giving to looking on the black side of things—nary a grumbler could I ever call a good shipmate. It's hard to think of all our poor fellers gone to Davy Jones' locker—but the Lord must have known it, and Tom Harris ain't a-going to question Providence just yet!"

A sigh came from the individual he addressed—of whose personal appearance just then it would be unfair to judge—with the water trickling down his sharp pallid features, which wore a look of haggard suffering and exhaustion. He changed his position a little to rest the arm that held firmly upon the wreck a boy of nine or ten years, by whose side lay a little girl not more than six years of age, fainting and quite worn out with fright and exposure, her head drooping forlornly against the brawny shoulder of the kind-hearted sailor.

"I hope your brave spirits will hold out, my noble fellow; as for myself, I confess I am growing hopeless. Is there no way to increase our speed or guide this ark of our safety?"

Tom was not so used up but he could laugh.

"If we had oars and row-locks both fixed up on poor old Sambo's palace. I reckon our arms are pretty well used up, sir, and these little things must be held on. We might as well keep cool and let the work be done for us. 'Beggers musn't be choosers!'"

This philosophical reasoning was presently lucidly explained and exemplified. In its own good time the tide brought them to shallow water. With a cheery hallo Tom sprang down from his perch, and wading along, soon drew the little caboose high and dry on the beach.

"Look a-here now, sir," said he, "see how much better this 'ere was done for us than we could ha' done for ourselves. Don't you see this 'ere is the only smooth place to land? The tide was a mighty sure pilot. Now let me see what's to be done."

The children were too much exhausted to complain, save by an occasional sigh or a groan. The little girl, indeed, was nearly insensible, and Tom, giving no thought to his stiff and aching limbs, went cheerily to work. He carried his little charge to a soft spot of green farther in shore, and then began looking around anxiously for traces of fresh water; his sharp eye was not long in spying out a modest-looking urn-like plant among the luxuriant vegetation that crept almost to the pebbles of the beach.

"Water ain't very far off," muttered he, "for this 'ere dumb mouth tells me so; and howsomer ever human creturs set a bad example, I never knew one o' Natur's sign-boards to lie." So he went stumbling and reeling about something in the zig-zag course of a drunken man, for his swollen feet were very painful; but he kept the same genial smile, which, like a sunbeam, brightened a rough and uncomely

scene into quiet beauty. Presently his eye flashed with the triumph of success, and bending down to lift away a velvety spray of moss, he discovered a tiny spring bubbling up clear and pure enough for a fairy's dainty lip.

Fertile in expedients—for Tom had been taught in the thorough school of necessity—he did not demur at the absence of a drinking vessel, but gathering a broad, glossy leaf, wound it into a roll, filled it and hurried back to his companions. He found the boy clinging to his father and asking piteously for water, while that father sat in icy stolidism—or rather in the apathy of despair—without any attempt to help himself or his child.

Tom Harris looked at him sternly as he raised the insensible little girl and poured the water over her face and began chafing her icy hands; and after a moment's hesitation, with a little tremor of tenderness softening the roughness of his words:

"I don't know nothing about you, sir, but if I may be so bold, I must say I don't think you take a very good way to thank the Power that has saved you from death. 'Pears like it's sinful to sit looking as glum as a man who's had the worst luck in the world, when these little innocents need all our care."

The man he addressed turned fiercely. "Be still—what do you know about me?" said he. "I tell you this casting upon a desolate, wretched island is fit crown for a life that has never seen a fair hope that has not turned to ashes in my grasp—that has endured more misery than one of your temperament has power to think about. Just heavens! I had but one feeble ray of comfort left in me—the hope of educating that boy to escape from such a life as mine. And this is the end of my hopes—wrecked, nearly naked and destitute, on a deserted, lonely island, to perish as miserably as I have lived—and you talk to me of the gratitude I owe!"

CHAPTER II. TOM Harris dropped the limp little hand he held to gaze in pitying wonder upon the wild misery that haggard face depicted, and then said soothingly:

"Avast, there, shipmate! I know nothing about you, to be sure, but shiver my topsails if by-and-by I can't point out something pleasant for you to look at. Jest about this time I'd thank you heartily to help me bring this poor thing back to life. You won't let her die now, will ye?—for if we're to stay here long she'll be the prettiest flower and sunbeam this place will have for us."

The boy crept along wonderingly to the sailor's side, and mechanically his father followed, and began chafing the polished little limbs, until with his earnest exertion came back to his face a calm, sad, but no longer bitter look.

"Go for a little more water, while I roll her to and fro," said he quietly. After a sharp glance at his face Tom obeyed. When he returned the sufferer's blue eyes were open, and she was murmuring a few broken words, of which "Hannah, Hannah," were alone intelligible.

"Poor little thing!" said Tom; "that was the gal's name who took care of her. I've often talked with 'em on deck. She's gone, and so is the grand-looking gentleman, her father, maybe. Please God, there's one man left to see to her! As long as Tom Harris has a loaf in his locker or a cent in his pocket she shan't want—the lonesome, pretty little thing!"

And with an awkward tenderness, inexpressibly touching, the rough sailor lifted the tiny childish hands to his lips—a token to register his silent vow.

Suddenly then the shipwrecked passenger, Paul Vernon, grasped with his thin soft fingers the hard, brown, sinewy hand of the weather-beaten tar.

"God bless you, honest soul!" said he. "I beg your pardon for my ill-humor. On my knees will I beg forgiveness of that overruling Power that has sent me here to be taught by you. Who knows but here my weary, tempest-tossed spirit will find peace and rest?"

He paused, overcome with emotion, while Tom, wringing his hand, said naively:

"I'm sure I'm much obliged to you, sir, for I was a-puzzling my wits how I was ever to get along without anybody to help and cheer me up. Now I see all's right, and, to be sure, I think we've found a pretty snug berth. Anyhow, we wouldn't change with our poor shipmates, stark and cold in Davy Jones' locker. Now, you see, I was ashore in Injee nigh on to a year after the old 'British Queen' was wrecked in that tormented river o' sand-bars, the Hooghly, and I roamed pretty far into the country and I larned a powerful sight more'n I ever knew afore about those trees and plants. I see a bread-fruit tree right back of us, and if the worst comes to the worst, why, we'll have a pretty tolerable home here, I'll be bound. We've got tired of each other the children will make us happy as kings. Besides, I'm tolerable smart for pulling at the work, and I'm glad you're cheering up."

"What does he say, father?" ventured little Walter Vernon, timidly. "Oh, I'm

so hungry for some bread. Let me find the tree."

"Wait a moment, my son; the little girl needs our first care, and no doubt Tom will say as I do, that when we explore the island it had better be as a united company."

"All we need to be afraid of, I'm thinking, is of poisonous serpents. I'll run and strip up a nut, seeing as it's handy. We'll want something to please the poor little thing when she comes to, and take off her thoughts."

Tom disappeared in the luxuriant undergrowth of tangled vines and shrubs, and almost immediately returned with a bunch of ripe bananas and a cocunut. He flung the boy a generous share and with the rest he approached the little girl, who was looking around her in affright.

"Don't be afraid, dear little one. See what nice fruit I've brought you. You remember me—don't you know Tom, who made the little ship for you, and how poor Hannah laughed at it? You know Tom, don't you?"

"So you had a chance to pay your respects to the czar when you were in Russia. You must have caught cold up there, for you are fearfully hoarse."

"Yes I spoke with his majesty. That's why I'm so hoarse."

"How's that? Did he give you that icy stare?"

"No. You see, I thought I must address him by his whole title. Awful job. Voice gave out repeatedly. Had to begin three days before the time for the interview. Seemed funny, but there were lots of others going it the same time I was."—Truth.

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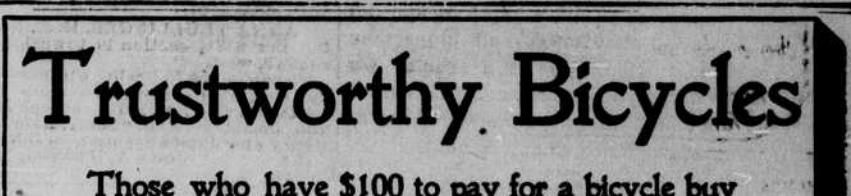
"This here paper says we got a strickly do nothing congress," said Perry Patetic to his oft-tried friend.

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