A PASTORAL.

BY A. J. MUNDY.

I sat with Doris, the shepherd maiden;
Her crook was laden with wreathed flowers;
I sat and wooed her through sunlight wheeling,
And shades stealing for hours and hours.

And she, my Doris, whose lap incloses
Wild summer roses of rare perfume,
The while I sued her, kept hushed and hearkened
Till shadows had darkened from gloss to gloom.

She touched my shoulder with fearful finger;
She said, "We linger; we must not stay;
My flock's in danger, my sheep will wander;
Behold them yonder—how far they stray!"

I answered bolder, "Nay, let me hear you,
And still be near you, and still adore;
Nor wolf nor stranger will touch one yearling;
Ah! stay, my darling, a moment more."

She whispered, sighing, "There will be sorrow
Beyond to-morrow, if I lose to-day;
My fold unguarded, my flock unfolded,
I shall be scolded, and sent away."

Said I, replying, "If they do miss you,
They ought to kiss you when you get home;
And well rewarded my friend and neighbor
Should be the labor from which you come."

"They might remember," she answered meekly,
"That lambs are weakly and sheep are wild;
But if they love me, it's none so fervent;
I am a servant, and not a child."

Then each hot ember glowed quick within me,
And love did win me to swift reply;
Ah! do but prove me, and none shall blind you,
Nor fray, nor find you, until I die."

She blushed and started, and stood awaiting,
As if debating in dreams divine;
But I did brave them—I told her plainly
She doubted vainly; she must be mine.

So we twin-hearted, from all the valley
Did chase and rally the nibbling ewes,
And homeward drove them, we together,
Through blooming heather, and gleaming dews.

That simple duty such grace did lend her—
My Doris tender, my Doris true;
That I, her warder, did always bless her,
And often press her to take her due.

THE QUEEN'S LITTLE SHOES.

On the 6th of January, 1776, at the feast of the Epiphany, there occurred on board the French frigate Heron, as she lay at the pier previous to her departure from France, a scene piquant enough to merit recital.

All the officers whose services were not in actual demand were promenading the quarter-deck, smoking, chatting, and otherwise whiling away the time, when suddenly a young midshipman mounted the gang-plank from the pier, crying, "Hats off, gentlemen! hats off!—the Queen approaches." Yet, strange to say, Marie Antoinette had not quitted Versailles, for at that moment she might have been found in a corner of the chateau, under the shelter of etiquette, playing high comedy *en famille*, taking the cue from Count d' Artoris, and having for prompter the Count de Provence, her brothers-in-law. She filled the principal role in "Le Devrin du Village"—"The Village Soothsayer"—and sang with feeling—

J'ai perdue mon serviteur
J'ai perdue tout mon bonheur—

words which she had occasion afterward to repeat often enough—poor, unfortunate Queen!

Who, then, was the usurper? Who 1,200 leagues from Versailles, had taken up the scepter which the legitimate Queen had for an instant abandoned for a shepherd's crook? Let us hasten to assure the reader that there was no imposition, no crime, nor high treason there; the royalty that honored the Heron with its presence was only the fugitive "royalty of the beau," which, by chance, had fallen to a pretty creole of Martinique, a relative of the Captain, who, under the charge of an aged aunt, was journeying to the metropolis in a vague search for fortune and inheritance.

In truth, it was to be regretted that the young Queen was only playing Queen, for she carried her high and novel honors with a grace which Catherine II or Marie Theresa might have envied.

"On your knees, beautiful page," said she, addressing the youth who had announced her; "do you not see that I have dropped my glove? Approach, my Ministers, and do not smile, for the question to be discussed is a grave one I love my subjects, and—do you hear?—I desire above all things that my subjects love me in return; we must, then, decide as to whether I shall wear a blue or a white rosette to gain their homage. How is this? It seems that my Prime Minister permits himself to puff the smoke of tobacco into the nostrils of his sovereign in lieu of incense." And thus, with a thousand innocent sallies, with a thousand little coquetries, did she cause the old sailors to laugh so heartily and long that the fire of their pipes died out, and they forgot to light them.

But one who seemed to enjoy the sport more than the rest was Pierre Hello, a native of Breton, an old seadog with more scars than wrinkles, who upon that very morning had received a medal of honor—a tardy acknowledgement of his long service—and who, for that reason, had been admitted as a guest to the Captain's table for the day.

Marie Rose, as the little lady was called, listened, breathlessly, to the wonderful stories related by the old man-of-war's-man, and had complimented and caressed him until the heart of the old sailor palpitated with as much emotion at the praise of this young beauty as at the moment when he received his medal. He alone waited upon her, and, indeed, upon him devolved the entire care of the child, owing to the fact of her aunt's being a sufferer from gout and unable to leave her comfortable chair, where she spent most of her time reading the life of her favorite saint, Augustine, only looking up, from time to time, to cry, "This way, Minette! this way, Marie Rose!" as she saw her cat or her niece chasing a sunbeam.

But Marie Rose, with that daring and perfect freedom possessed by most young girls of her age, one moment would climb up the cordage, balancing herself on the ropes, while brave Pierre watched from below, ready to catch her in his arms should she be blown down the deck, or to jump overboard should she fall into the sea. Then, tiring of that, she would amuse the unemployed officers or men with a song or dance, until attentive Pierre seemed suddenly to have found intelligence enough to comprehend the verse and appreciate the grace of the little elf. The day following that of her mock coronation, Marie Rose seemed sad and dispirited, and her old friend Pierre was at a loss to know what trouble affected his favorite. She, observing his questioning looks, took him into her confidence, and told him her sadness was caused by a prediction made to her by an old negress, said to be a witch, who lived in the forest near her home, and to whom Marie Rose had been in the habit of secretly bringing food. The words of the prophecy being so strange, the child fully remembered them. They were as follows: "Good little missy, me saw in the night a great bird mount up—up—very high in the air, with a rose in its beak. You are that rose; you will be very unhappy; you will be a queen; then comes great tempest, and you perish." "And yesterday," said she, "I was Queen, and now I am expecting the tempest which is to carry me away."

"Never fear, mademoiselle," replied Pierre; "If anything happens to the Heron, you have only to seize hold of my belt—like this, see!—and, with the help of God and my patron saint, you will be towed ashore as gently as a sloop by a three-master!"

Marie Rose somewhat reassured by the words of honest Pierre, rewarded him by singing a song, the words of which embodied the prophecy of the old negress. But hers was an age when melancholy thoughts impress the mind but lightly, and the following day she was dancing as gayly as ever, utterly unmindful of the negress and her weird prophecy. Days and weeks passed without wearing away the high spirits of the child, but, alas! not without wearing her little shoes.

The last skip of a farandole carried away the fragment of thread which held them together; and, the wardrobe of the ladies being very scant (they having delayed purchasing until their arrival in Paris), poor Marie Rose was forced to spend her time seated by the side of her aunt hiding her little bare feet in the folds of her dress, able only to move her head—the loss of her shoes holding her captive, like the Princess in the story, awaiting the coming of a cavalier to deliver her.

The cavalier came in the person of Pierre Hello.

"Allow such pretty feet to go bare!" said he, indignantly. "One must be without heart."

But if, as the poet says, indignation makes poetry, it does not follow that indignation makes shoes.

Pierre reflected and scratched his head, turning his quid from cheek to cheek. The quid is to the mind of the sailor as the hands are to a clock; when the mind is working the quid is turning.

And Pierre had undertaken to think out a problem difficult even to a mathematician,—to make something out of nothing,—a problem that God alone has determined.

"A piece of leather! My pipe and my medal for a piece of leather! cried Pierre—like Richard for a horse.

He searched all over the ship, and peered into every crevice where even a mouse might have been concealed, when suddenly he gave a cry of joy—a cry such as might have come from a Harpagon when he found his treasure, or Rousseau on discovering a new plant. But it was neither flower or treasure that Pierre had discovered; it was something of more value in his eyes. It was a boot—the boot of a soldier who had been killed during a gale. And this boot had been tossed aside, no one knows how, while its mate was lying at the bottom of the sea, or perhaps in the stomach of a shark, thinking, like the rat of La Fontaine, that the things of earth concerned it not.

But Pierre Hello decided otherwise. With the assistance of a knife, in lieu of an awl, he cut and shaped, in the course of an hour, that which we should be glad to call a pair of shoes, but candor forbids.

What he did make was not exactly shoe or slipper, buskin or moccasin; it was something entirely new in the art of shoemaking, something original and without a name; nevertheless, a thing perfectly secure and fully reliable as a protection for the feet. When they were finished, brave Pierre hastened with the offering to his little mistress; and, amid much laughter and great coaxing, persuaded her to put them on; then, placing her on the floor, he stood with his arms akimbo, and admiringly exclaimed, "Voila!"

An hour later she was dancing away with a weight on each foot, to the vigorous applause of her admirers, having gained a double victory, for there was in this dance a combination of art and strength; it was Taglioni and Madame Saqui in one body.

At last, after a long voyage, the good ship arrived at its destination, and the time came for them to disembark.

The leave-taking of the little Creole and the old sailor was really touching.

"I will never forget you, and I will keep your shoes as a *souvenir*, as a relic," said Marie Rose, trying to console Pierre, who passed the back of his rough hand across his eyes, which looked suspiciously moist.

"Oh, no!" responded he, sadly shaking his head; "you are going to Paris, where you will soon forget your old friend and your little shoes."

"I will never forget," she repeated, as she was led away by her aunt, but continued looking back as long as Pierre was in sight. But Pierre Hello never knew whether she kept her word or not, as he was killed in an action not many months later.

But what of Marie Rose?

In the midst of our story comes the great French Revolution; a flood of war and carnage which we will not dwell upon, but, closing our eyes, pass on to the time of the Empire, and proceeded at once to the home of the noble but unfortunate Josephine, a widow in the eyes of the law, caused by a legal separation from Napoleon, but still an Empress, and still adored by the French people, who had not approved of the divorce.

Sitting in an apartment of the palace

her arm resting carelessly on her piano, she was listening with a smile to a group of young ladies-of-honor who were soliciting permission to give some charades in costume at the chateau. "With pleasure, my children," said the kind Josephine. "I will even see to it that the costumes are furnished. Thanks to the generosity of the Emperor, my own wardrobe is all-sufficient; see what a merchant has just sent me!" and carelessly she spurned with her foot a magnificently-embroidered robe which lay upon the floor.

The garment was so beautiful that the youngest of the ladies, enthusiastically clapping her hands, cried out, "Heavens! but your Majesty must be very happy?"

"Happy!" murmured Josephine, with a sigh; "yes, very happy."

She seemed lost in thought for a moment; then, throwing off the memories which oppressed her, she arose, saying, "Follow me, ladies, and select your costumes." Followed by the thoughtless throng, she entered the room, where her wardrobe was kept. The eyes of the young ladies opened as wide as did those of the wood-chopper's sons when he entered the cave of Ali Baba, at the wonders of lace and finery exposed to their gaze; everything that art could furnish and money procure was there.

"Take your choice, my children," said the generous Empress; amuse yourselves in selecting from all the beautiful dresses which dazzle you so. You are free to take anything you find, with one exception, and that is too sacred for any one to touch. But," she continued, seeing the curiosity depicted in their faces, "I may show you this wonderful treasure."

You may imagine how the minds of those young girls were affected. What new wonder were they to behold? Could it be possible that anything more precious than what they had already beheld could exist? Smiling at the wonder she had herself created in their minds, she slowly drew from the corner of her jewel-case, not a present of Napoleon, not the gift of a geni, but the handiwork of Pierre Hello—the little shoes of Marie Rose—for you have guessed ere now that the Empress Josephine and the little barefooted dancer are one and the same person.

When the sword of Bonaparte began to hew Europe, Josephine Marie Rose Tascher de la Pagerie was chosen as a happy Queen.

But there came tempests and storms, enemies fell upon and crushed France and amid all this the prophecy of the old negress was fulfilled.

The bird had dropped its rose, and the Creole of the Three Islands, twice crowned Queen, perished amid the tempest.—*Home Journal.*

Industrial.

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Lard	11 75	@

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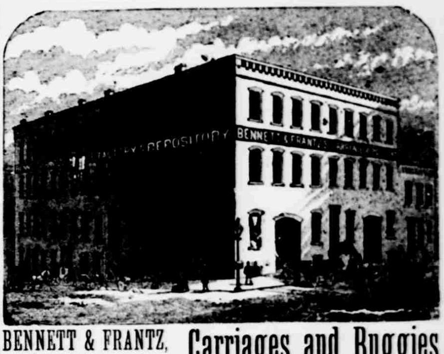

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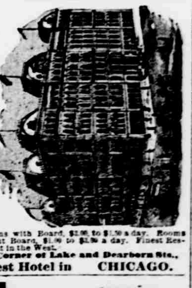

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