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A Story of the Sea.

The good ship "Americus," engaged in the East India merchant service, was on her homeward passage. Her crew was jubilant at the prospect of soon reaching home; but probably no one aboard the ship was in better spirits than the skipper's pretty daughter, Mable Stanford, who had accompanied her father on this voyage.

Suddenly, like a thunder bolt from a clear sky, a dark cloud of wrongs and suffering, which had been hanging over the ship, broke upon them in all its terrible power, sending broken hearts and death into their midst, chilling the hopes of the crew and driving the captain and his daughter nearly distracted with grief.

Mable Stanford was the general favorite of that ship's company. None could help liking and admiring her pleasant ways, and she, all unconscious of the fearful web she was so innocently weaving, did her best to make the voyage pleasant.

Among Miss Stanford's ardent admirers, and one whom she seemed especially to favor, was the second mate, young Frank Heywood, who loved her with all his heart. It was whispered among the crew that they would make a fine match, but the skipper did not look upon the would-be union in that light; it was generally known that he would prefer the first mate, Warren Gregg, who was also a suitor for his daughter's hand.

Warren Gregg, the first mate, was a man not far from thirty, who had followed the sea from his boyhood, and was considered a first-class seaman. He was a little below medium height, with a stout, thick frame, and frank, open features, which greatly belied his true disposition. This was his second trip as mate on the "Americus," and though he had succeeded in winning the good will of the captain, he was generally disliked by the crew for his haughty and overbearing ways. That he loved Miss Stanford with all the ardor of which his nature was capable, there was no doubt; and it is perhaps needless to say that he looked upon the attention the manly, handsome Heywood paid her with anything but pleasure. In fact, he was mad with jealousy, and the opportunity only was wanting for his pent-up passion to break forth into a torrent of hatred and vengeance. However, he had so managed to govern his actions, that no one dreamed of the fierce mental conflict which was racking his brain.

Affairs were at this state—Miss Mable openly receiving the attentions of Heywood, while her father and brother, the supercargo, were silently working to bring about a different result, and Gregg still trying to win her from his rival, his passion growing fiercer as his case grew more hopeless, till plans for revengeful triumph went flitting through his brain, ready to be tried in case fair means should fail—when an incident occurred which tended to bring about an estrangement between the captain and his daughter's lover.

It had been the aim of the unscrupulous Gregg from the first to bring about a quarrel between the captain, or his son Lewis, and Heywood. Thus he was continually embittering the minds of both against the young mate, until at last his object was accomplished.

Heywood and young Stanford had an open quarrel, brought about by the machinations of the first mate, who had caused the hot-headed supercargo to accuse the other of stealing a ring he had mysteriously lost, which of course quickly aroused the temper of the latter, when a hot discussion followed that would have no doubt ended in blows if some of the crew had not interfered.

The sympathies of the captain in this quarrel were with his son, and those of Mable with her lover, whom she did not consider at all to blame.

It was not far from the middle of the night following the quarrel between Heywood and Stanford, and save the gentle moaning of the wind through the rigging, and the ripling of the water, as the ship ploughed on her course, all was as silent as death, when the helmsman, peering out with straining eyes into the impenetrable gloom of the black expanse beyond, was suddenly aroused from the drowsiness that stealing over him by hearing a cry for help, and then a splash in the water from off the lee bow. He quickly turned to ask the supercargo, who but a moment before had been standing by his side, the cause of the noise, when he saw that the young man was gone. Then the truth instantly flashed into his mind and he shouted in a startling, exciting tone—

"Man overboard!"

It seemed but an instant from the giving of the alarm before the captain and crew were on deck, and the lights being quickly brought, rushed to the place whence the helmsman heard the cry. When to their surprise they saw the second mate, a wild and haggard look upon his face holding in his hand a heavy, murderous-looking club.

"What means this?" thundered the skipper, as thoughts of foul play flashed upon his brain.

Amazed and startled, Heywood was silent

"Who is lost!" cried the captain, in the next instant. But before any one had time to answer him his own eyes told him. "My God! 'tis Lewis! and that red-handed villain has murdered him! Quick, men! hoist all the lights and man the boats! Let everything be done that can be, as quickly as possible. He may be living, and if you save him this shall be a good night's job for you. Work, work, for your lives!"

The orders of the grief-stricken captain were readily obeyed. But, though lights were hoisted, and boats sent out in every direction nothing could be found of the lost one. So at last it was given up as a hopeless case; the men returned to the ship, when Frank Heywood was seized for the murder of Lewis Stanford.

No more sleep visited that ship that night. The sorrowing father paced the deck till daylight, and in the cabin below, his daughter was sobbing for the death of her only brother and for him accused of that terrible deed.

In the morning Heywood was arraigned before the crew on charge of wilful murder. Nothing seemed lacking to substantiate his guilt. His quarrel with young Stanford, and the circumstances under which he had been found after the alarm, together with his appearance at the time, seemed sufficient to prove his guilt.

He stoutly protested his innocence, saying, in explanation of his conduct that he had harbored no ill feelings against Lewis, but had been ready to forgive and be forgiven. As to his being found with that murderous looking club in his hands, it was accidental. Feeling a little anxious about the weather, he had left his bunk to go upon deck, and was just in season to hear the cry that had caused the alarm. Hastening to the spot, he stumbled over something in his path. It was the club which he had in his hands when they discovered him a few moments later, with the wild look upon his face, caused by the fear that some horrible crime had been committed

Heywood's story was received with shouts of derision. The circumstantial evidence was too overwhelming against him for any one to have the least suspicion that his seemingly inconsistent story was anything but a false fabrication, gotten up for the occasion.

As soon as order could be restored, the captain stepped forward with a pair of manacles, and, placing them on the doomed man's wrists, said—

"Before God and man, Frank Heywood, I believe you guilty of murdering my son. Therefore I secure you in irons, and order that you be kept in close confinement until we reach port, when you shall be delivered over to the proper authorities to meet the punishment which you so richly deserve. Here," he added, turning to his crew, "some of you take Mr. Heywood below."

"Oh, father don't!" cried Mable, who had been a silent spectator of the terrible scene. "He did not do it! I know he did not!"

"Tut, tut, girl, no more of this!" said her father, sternly. "Men, do your duty!"

A couple of the sailors stepped up to obey their superior's orders, when with a low cry, Mable sprang forward between them and her lover, as if to shield him from their grasp. Without a word the captain, in spite of her tearful entreaties, rudely snatched his daughter away.

Heywood, chancing to look up, caught sight of the mate, Warren Gregg, standing but a short distance off, an exultant look of fiendish satisfaction gleaming in his unusually expressionless eyes. It was plainly a look of scornful triumph, and as the sailors placed their hands upon his shoulder, the young man fully realized the peril of his situation, and from what source it was due. But further thought or action was suddenly stayed by a loud cry from the sea, off the lee bow. The next instant there was plainly heard in a strangely familiar voice, the startling words, thrice repeated—

"All a lie! All a lie! All a lie!

Scarcely had the intonations of the strange words died away, and before the surprised and startled crew had time to recover from the shock of the unexpected and mysterious warning, when again the same voice, sounding so much like the dead, was heard, giving this time the surprising expression—

"'Twas Warren Gregg! 'Twas Warren Gregg! 'Twas Warren Gregg!"

To attempt to portray the astonishment and startled amazement of officers and crew, would be a failure. Their actions were beyond description. One and all stood in blank astonishment, staring unconsciously, perhaps, upon the first mate, who, like the guilty wretch he was, trembled from head to foot, a deathly pallor overspreading his features, until maddened to desperation by the terrible accusation, his pent-up guilt, which he could hold no longer, burst fort into a wild, frenzied cry—

"Who dares to accuse me?"

The quick eye of Heywood, if not other, saw the guilt Gregg so plainly showed, and prompted by self-interest, he exclaimed—

"I do!"

"Liar!" hissed the trembling wretch, and then with a horrible oath, he bounded upon him, murder plainly written upon his every look and action. But the sailors quickly interposed, when he turned upon them, and a fierce struggle ensued.

"Secure him!" cried the skipper, as soon as the crew had succeeded in overpowering him. "We will keep both in irons, and wait further developments."

But though everything was done that could be to ascertain the cause of those strange cries from the sea, the day passed without solving the mystery, and the superstitious sailors all believed that the dead had spoken. And their belief was strengthened when there was heard at different intervals the following night the same voice, only more sad and mournful, saying this time—

"Warren Gregg, a murderer! a murderer! a murderer!"

The next morning Gregg called the Captain below, to whom he made a full confession of his crime, saying he had killed Lewis, mistaking him for young Heywood; and then, upon his bended knees, the guilty wretch begged for mercy. The only reply he received was to wait until he reached port.

Gregg's confession, clearing Heywood of all guilt, he was freed at once; and partly to atone for the injustice he had done him, the captain gave him the berth of first officer.

One morning, a few days later, Gregg was missing, and as no trace of him could be found, it was supposed that he must have got upon the deck during the night, when unseen and unheard, he had thrown himself into the sea. That to escape punishment of man he had gone to receive the judgment of his Maker, with another crime upon his already blackened soul.

The voice from the sea was not heard after the murderer's confession, and soon the superstitious mariners ceased to speak of it, having solved the mystery to their satisfaction, by deciding that the dead had already spoken in vindication of the character of the innocent victim.

In the due course of time port was safely made.

A year later Frank Heywood and Mable Stanford were united in wedlock, amid the congratulations of all their friends. But the strangest and best part of it all was, that among the wedding guests was Lewis Stanford, the bride's brother, who, instead of having perished on that night, as was supposed, had, by the aid of a box which had been thrown overboard among some other things, managed to keep afloat till morning, when an outward-bound ship had picked him up; and after considerable difficulty, he had succeeded in getting home in season to attend his sister's wedding.

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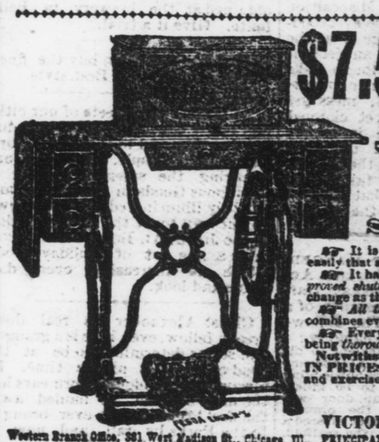

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