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A MATTER BEHIND THE CLOUD.

No matter how dark the night;
No matter how dark the clouds may be,
Up in the blue sky,
Hidden from watching eye,
Glitters a star for me.

Silvery bright and clear,
Out in the fields of fadeless blue,
Headless of cloud and rain,
Fearless of death and pain,
Golden stars in their silent sphere
Twinkle and burn for you.

Summer and winter the same;
No matter if storm-clouds surge and roll
Like waves on the frenzied sea;
In heaven's bright gallery
Twinkle and glow, with a quiescent flame,
These types of the soul!

No matter how dark thy life;
No matter how gloomy thy watch may be
Mid sorrow, and pain, and care,
Still watching thee everywhere—
Back of the curtain of earthy strife,
Twinkles a star for thee!

TWO LIVES.

It was a slow and languid thrilling of
his senses. So Vaughn Dare would have
worded his sensation had he suddenly
been called upon to do so, as, sitting on
the broad piazza of the Ocean House at
Newport, he found his attention riveted
upon a woman's face of such rare beauty
that his gaze was fascinated.

She sat quite near him, reclining in a
low chair, her hands holding some soft
fleece work, which however had made
no progress since he had first seen her.

The head, small and dainty poised on
the exquisite, sloping shoulders, was
covered with a luxuriant mass of dark
red hair, which the wind blew in immen-
surable little waves floating above the low
white brow. Her eyes when the long
lashes lifted themselves from the carmine
tinted cheek to betray their color, ap-
peared to hold in their brown depths the
same shade of red which was in her
hair landing a sort of smoldering light,
as though only needing some powerful
impulse to have it burst forth in a flame.

Her lips richly red and not too full,
parted over the strong gleaming teeth.
Every motion was replete with grace.

A little group of men surrounded her
whose presence she seemed to suffer rare
than court. She rarely laughed.
Now and again she smiled—a faint lan-
guid smile—when her features would
relapse into the old indifference.

"Too absorbed even to wish me good
morning, Mr. Dare?" interrupted a voice.
There was no outward visible sign of
the man's inward animosity, as Vaughn,
instinctively rising, courteously doffed his
hat to Mrs. Thorne—a young and pretty
widow of but twenty-four.

"How glad I am to see you," she con-
tinued, holding out a white, plump little
hand. "When did you arrive? I thought
you still abroad."

"Lives there a man with soul so
dead?" he answered, laughingly. "You
see, it was that sort of thing tugging at
my heart-string, that brought me back
a penitent to my fatherland. I reached
New York some time last week. Really
it was too hot to keep any account of
time, except as measured by the ther-
mometer. As soon as possible, I came
down here for a breath of fresh air.
Reached here late last night, and already
with a low bow "met my reward."

"Ah, I see you have not forgotten
your habit of making pretty speeches!
Fortunately, long ago I learned to esti-
mate them at their proper value. But
tell me did you find anything in the gal-
leries abroad lovelier than Laura Stern's
face? Have you met her?"

"I certainly have met with no
greater miracle than the fact of one
woman according to another her
due meed of praise. Dare I respond?
or is it merely a trap for the unwary?
She is pretty—rather. You see I am
timid, I do not know her. Will you
present me?"

"With pleasure, Laura," having
taken his arm led him over to where the
girl sat, "this is my old friend Mr. Dare
Mr. Dare—Miss Sterne."

The red brown eyes lifted themselves
for a moment to his face, the carmine
burned an instant to a deeper stain on
the beautiful cheek.

With a musical laugh, Mrs. Thorne
glided away; the other man one by one
followed suit, and the new intruder held
undisturbed possession of the prize.

The morning was a precursor to the
days that followed. It grew to be a
recognized thing that Vaughn Dare had
stepped into the foremost place, and
that when he approached, others must
fall back.

There were many who had made des-
perate struggles to gain that which
seemed to fall to him by a sort of un-
conscious right. He had drifted to
Newport without purpose or intent, the
found himself held there as a vessel to
its moorings; and he knew his anchorage
lay in Laura Sterne's smile.

How it lit up the lovely face! Was it
only his fancy that it always waited his
coming to first dawn in the wonderful
eyes, and then to grow and deepen until
the red lips caught it.

"Vaughn Dare is a flirt," said Dame
Gossip.

"It is diamond out diamond," said
Dame On Dit.

"There is a dance awaiting in Gotham,
asserted Dame Rumor.

But spite of the three ancient and
worthy (?) dames, the lovers wended
their way content.

Were they lovers? had they paused to
put the question to themselves? Some-
times they would spend hours almost

without words, when Vaughn throwing
himself on the sand at Miss Sterne's
feet, would let his eyes rest dreamily on
the perfect face, on which neither sun
nor wind seemed ever to rest but with
loving impress.

"Have you a picture of yourself?" he
asked her, one day.

"No," she answered. "I have never
had a photograph taken. Strange is it
not?" I have always hated the idea of
having a cardboard representation of
myself in the possession of one's five
hundred friends. If one's picture could
be held by one—the one for whom you
have had it drawn or painted, one whom
you knew would value it as a counterfeit
of the real—it may be different."

Did she expect that he would answer
"I want it! I would be that one!"

"Silence fell for a moment between
them; then Vaughn sprang to his feet,
and offering her his arm, they walked
silently back to the house.

That night, as they had finished a
waltz together, he whispered in her
ear:

"I am tired of all these people. I
want to be alone. May we not go up
for a while into your parlor?"

"Certainly," she replied, her mood
always falling in with his, and led the
way, he following.

It was a pretty little room to which
she had brought the stamp of her own
individuality. The music from below
reached them but faintly; the salt air
from the ocean stirred the draperies
from the window.

Without, the atmosphere was weary,
oppressive, as though a storm were
brooding. It seemed to weigh on
Vaughn Dare's spirit.

He leaned out to look into the night
to try if possible to shake it off. A faint
scream roused him.

Miss Sterne had crossed the room
to her escritoir; a breath of wind
had blown the lace shawl she had thrown
about her shoulders and fastened to her
hair, directly across the flame of the
lamp. It had instantly taken fire.

As instantly, Dare comprehended the
danger. A table stood at his side, cov-
ered with some pretty dainty cloth. He
dragged it off and threw it about her.

Scarcely had sixty seconds passed and
the peril was over! She was unscorched,
unharmed, but he still held her as he had
caught her—close-wrapped in his arms
—close-pressed to his heart.

One of his hands was severely burn-
ed. He did not even know it, until she
caught and pressed it to her lips.

"For me!" she whispered, Vaughn,
Vaughn! I love you—I love you! The
life you have saved is yours."

At her words he slowly opened his
arms and released her from his hold, an
ashen pallor creeping on his face.

She looked up at him in dim bewil-
dered wonderment.

"What is it?" she questioned.

"Only that you have opened heaven
to me, and I must turn away from its
gates. Mad, blind fool that I have been
not to see whether we are drifting. Laura
I love you—aye, as you love me—and I
am bound in honor to another woman."

"You mean that you have been en-
gaged to—be married all this time and
I—Oh, what have I done?" covering her
face with her hands and sinking back in
her chair.

"Nothing," he replied, "but what the
loveliest, purest of women might have
done. Knowing no evil you thought
none."

"Leave me!" she cried springing to
her feet. "Go to the woman who has
the right to claim you. I make to heav-
en but one prayer—that I may never
see your face again!"

But when he had obeyed her, she
crouched down on the floor in her strug-
gles to keep back the moans—aye and
kissed the spot where his feet had rest-
ed.

Calm, silent, impassive all her life, he
had opened the pent-up flood-gates of
her soul, for this—for this.

We have made a mistake. Forgive
me that my eyes have just opened to it,
and that I ask you to release me from
my bonds. I thought that I loved you
but women do not always know their
own hearts. I send you back your ring
and your letters. Send me back my broken
pledge, and your forgiveness."

This was the letter from his affianced
Vaughn Dare found waiting him in his
room on his return to the city. This
which fate had sent him in the moment
of his need—this which raised the
weight from his chest, and load from
his brain—which made him a free man
—free to woo and win the only woman,
he knew, that he had ever truly loved.

It would be a little difficult, perhaps
to gain her forgiveness—to win anew
her trust; but with such an end, and the
knowledge that she loved him, he could
not fail.

Why was it then that on the boat, re-
turning, sleep forsook him? In the mor-
ning he would find her sitting, perhaps
where he had first seen her. He would
fancy the look of incredulity on the
beautiful face as he approached, only to
see it soften and die out under the elo-
quent passion of his words.

Ah, how he loved her! Now in the
new sense of his freedom, he dared avow
to his own soul how well.

But spite of all the night wore heav-
ily away. Toward morning he sought

his berth, but only to toss restlessly
about, until the steamer touched her
pier.

It was still early when he reached the
hotel. A sudden chill seized him as he
entered the office. The few standing
around wore a sad, pitying look, he
could not understand.

"You have heard the terrible news,
Mr. Dare?" the clerk questioned.

"I have heard nothing," he abruptly
answered.

"What you do not know? Miss Sterne
was drowned yesterday while bathing.
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CLEAR FACTS.

Speaking of Havana, says a New York
correspondent, I may add a few facts
concerning the cigar trade. New York
purchases the most costly cigars in the
world, and these, of course, come from
Havana. Nearly 100 brands are known
here, each of which has its admirers.

These cigars are of high cost in their
own market, but the price is enormous-
ly increased by the duty which is eight-
y per cent. Among the most noted is
the Intimidad, which has been quoted
by the importers at the trifling sum of
\$400 per 1,000. They have retailed at
sixty cents apiece, but perhaps are now
a little cheaper. The Henry Clay is
another popular brand of almost the
same value. They are imported in boxes
each containing fifty, and a large num-
ber of these boxes are packed in one
case. There are other fine cigars of more
moderate prices, and if the reader wishes
to observe a little closer economy,
there is the Principal, which is only \$200
per 1,000, while the Flora de Fumar is
only one-half that price. They retail
at twenty cents and are in steady de-
mand, being, indeed, the most common
cigar found at the leading hotels. One
tobaccoist says that it is impossible to
equal an Havana cigar by any other
manufacture. The attempt has been
tried at Key West in the most careful
manner, but has failed. They imported
the finest tobacco from the valley of the
Abajo (of which the best Havana cigars
are made), but the Key West article
proved inferior. Key West is so near
Havana that (had the effort been suc-
cessful) the duty would have been saved
by making up the Havana leaf. Key
West cigars are common in our market,
but they never equal the imported arti-
cle.

Hospital Beats.

"There are a good many of the class
called 'hospital dead beats,'" said the
Superintendent of the New York hospi-
tal. "They make it a business, especi-
ally in winter, to go from one hospital
to another with pretended ailments, con-
tent to lie in bed and be waited upon
as long as we are willing to keep them.
The women generally claim to be afflic-
ted with hysteria. They will sometimes
lie rigid as a corpse and pretend to be
unable to move. I have known such a
case to be cured by one bucket of ice
cold water suddenly dashed upon the
patient. The 'hospital beats' are gener-
ally familiar with Bellevue, where,
from long experience, they have learned
to dispose of such cases summarily, so
that the old 'rounders' get tired of at-
tempting their impostions.

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