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Poetical.

MADE IN THE SAND.

When I walked on the ocean strand, A pebbly shell was in my hand. I stooped and took it up, and found My name, the year, the day.

Choice Sketch.

THE BLIND ORGANIST OF TRINITY.

A Tale for the 14th of February.

BY ELLEN LOUISA CHANDLER.

Love took up the harp of life and swept on all the chords with might.

He smiled upon a chord of sight, which trembled, passed in music out.

[Zephyrus.]

You ask me for a story about St. Valentine's Day.

Yes, I can tell you a tale of love and devotion.

Clyde Hepburn was already nearly thirty when he became the organist of Trinity Church.

He was a little girl at that time, and it is many years since I have seen him, but now, when I close my eyes, I can see his tall figure, his high, white brow, and his slight eyes wide open.

His eyes were as blue as the sky, and his hair was as black as the raven's wing.

He was a handsome boy, and his eyes were as bright as the stars.

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every night, after prayers are over, and I will teach you music.

Soon you can sing in the church, and then you can leave of working, and study all the time.

Your voice is wonderful, you will win fame and fortune both, some day.

I don't think the child had ever felt the need of these words.

There was a world of pathos in her voice, as she murmured, "Perhaps, perhaps, some one would love me."

These few words gave utterance to all the need of her woman's heart.

She missed nothing but love, sitting in the lonely attic of her boarding-house.

She had no mother, no father who could take pride in her sweet, young face.

Her only brother to sing to sleep with her matchless voice.

They were all gone, better days, in their lonely graves.

Many of the struggling, toiling, living, no matter, she had found a friend.

Her progress was wonderful.

Soon the duty of the belows was released from the boy of leading the organist through the streets.

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Her face was very pale and her hand trembled, but at last she unfolded it. It was addressed to her, and both the words and the music were by Clyde Hepburn.

She read the lines: "The heart that beats for thee, my dear, is true, and yet she saw it in every word she who had never before suspected it, not even in his look of tears as he heard her sing."

She had thought him, in her sweet humility, so very far above her, so much older and wiser than she, and she had never treated him as a young man, but now she felt that she was his equal.

She was blind, but she loved him ten thousand times more than she could have done if she had seen him. His love was the crowning glory of her life; in that hour she was prouder than a princess.

Then she remembered that it was the evening of Valentine's day. Her other Valentine's presents, the love offerings of other hearts lay unheeded, but this one—oh, in giving it to her on this night of all others, had not her beloved mistaken it for a token of his affection for his pupil?

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