Mystery Of the Caribbean

BY JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

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The sound was not repeated, and we had nothing to guide us. We found ourselves in a passage communicating with a saloon, small but gorgeously furnished. There was gold and silver plate on the table; curtains of velvet and hangings of silk decorated the walls and doorways; and a carved ebony chest in a corner, with the lid thrown back, showed withing a mass of splendid jewelry and other valuables. A sword, its hilt sparkling with precious stones, lay on the floor. The place was like a room in Aladdin's palace. But no sign either of life or death was visible.

We passed through this cabin with only a glance at its contents. There would be time enough for such things later. We entered another passage, and presently came to a square aperture in the floor, opening down into the lower region of the ship. A vertical iron ladder offered a means of descent. 'We may as well take a look below

there, colonel," said I, quietly, "Will you remain here, or-" "Go on, sir!" he answered, through

his teeth.

Down we went. An atmosphere as of ages dead and decayed crept into our nostrils. Arrived at the bottom, there was not space to stand up-right. I trod on something that caused me to start back. I turned the light of the lantern up and down the floor. They lay in rows, four deep; there may have been two hundred of them in that noisome crypt, forty feet long by twenty wide. They were chained one to another, neck and leg. Their black skin clung to their bones like wrinkled leather. But their sufferings must have been over ages and left." Death had released them ages ago. from their slavery centuries before the anywhere within the sweep of the

rest in peace, whoever she was!"

in his circumstances very composedly. the dusky heaps of mortality that lay and agitation, you understand: upon it seemed no more than shadows that he saved his mother's honor by beupon it seemed no more than shadows where the fallen rathines hung from the bulwarks, and the colonel was about to clamber over when I stopped

"Col. Enderby," I said, "now I come to think of it, there is no necessity for your returning to the shore with me. I am sure you must feel that the dignity of her majesty's service demands that you should remain in charge of this vassel until the authorities at Kingston can be informed of what has occurred. You are leaving the ship in opposition to your sense of duty, merely out of courtesy to me. But I won't allow it! I will go ashore with the baby, and do you stay here till tomor-row. I don't at all mind going alone, and it will be a comfort to me to think that you are out here enjoying the discharge of an obligation which is not the less dear to you because you happen to be on the retired list. Good

night!" But the colonel had me on the arm

with a grasp of iron. "If it will give you any satisfaction to know that I have been and am the chimney to within about four feet frightened pretty near out of my of the top. A vacuum is produced by senses," said he, "you are welcome to the information. I would no more dare stay here all night alone than...... Oh, come on! Have you Yankees no consideration for a chap when he's

down? "My dear colonel," returned I, "I was just as much scared as you were: all I wished was to come to an understanding. I don't believe that either the British lion or the American eagle will be a bit the worse for our spending the night at your pen; so let us shake hands and say no more about it." Since that night the colonel has been less overwhelming and more companionable.

I was up early the next morning, but when I stepped out on the porch I found my host already there. He was staring seaward with a blank expression, which remained on his face when he turned to answer my greeting. "Look yonder!" said he, pointing to

Jove! bag and scrip. Not a chip of her

I looked, and neither on the reef nor



There Lay a Woman of Remarkable Beauty.

mancipation first dawned in the mind of man.

"I doubt whether that sound could have come from here, colonel; we could from then till now. hardly have heard it so plainly on the upper deck," I began; but I was interrupted by a repetition of the same plaintive whimper, evidently from above us. The colonel uttered an exclamation, and had scrambled up the ladder before I could turn round. I followed, and found that he had groped his way back to the saloon in the dark. "It must be here, you know," mut-tered he, apologetically. "I was sure of it from the first."

I was tempted to compliment him on his activity, but I forbore. I looked round the little saloon. There must be some state-rooms hereabouts. I pushed my hand against one of the silken hangings, and felt a vacancy beyond. I drew the fabric aside, and stepped into a small chamber some twelve feet long by six wide. The colonel was at my

A bed, or bunk, was built against the side of the vessel opposite us. It was covered with drapery of fine cam-bric, with a satin coverlid. Propped upon the pillows lay a woman between twenty and thirty years of age, ap-parently, and of remarkable beauty. Her dark hair fell down over her shoulders. Her eyes were closed; but as we entered, they quivered, and slowly opened. Their glance, dark and penetrating, rested on us for an instant. and then they closed once more. A faint sigh stirred the lace upon her bosom, and she lay still.

By her side lay an infant, not more than a few weeks old. The little crea ture rested on its back; its plump little legs and arms were kicking and brandishing in air. Its eyes were tightly shut; but as we stared upon it, they opened, and it uttered a quavering cry -the cry of a baby just emerging from sleep and in want of its natural nour-

"Bless my soul!" faltered the honest colonel. "Bless my soul! A live baby,

in the midst of all this!" I put my finger on the mother's wrist. It was already cold, and there was no pulse. Her beautiful face changed even as we stood there; it became pinched and cadaverous. The figure seemed to sink into itself and wither up. It was as if she had been miraculously preserved during unknown years, until her infant should be saved. But the infant-he was real and substantial; he did not dwindle and vanish before our eyes. The colonel, however, seemed to fear that he would, for he caught him up in his arms and pressed him to his manly, but tender

"It makes me feel like a man again to get hold of it," quoth he, in a shaken voice, while two tears ran down the side of his warlike nose. "Here's a real piece of warm flesh and blood at last, after all this infernal hobgob-Do, for mercy's sake, let us get out of this, before we get turned into

mummies and hobgoblins ourselves!" I looked again at the mother. What a fate had been hers! Who was she? How came she hither? Had her eyes indeed beheld us before she died, or was that an illusion of our bewidered senses? What had her life been on this accursed vessel? Who was the father of this child which she had cherished till the end? Ah, well, it is the doom of man to ask questions, and to guess at the answers. What do we know?

"Yes, we had better go," said I. "The sooner that baby has some woman to look after him the better. His mother

horizon could I discern any trace of the mysterious vessel of the night before. Yet there had been no breath of wind

"She's gone," he repeated; "and Charles tells me that the men have been over there and say that there's nothing left of her, either under water or above it. Now, what do you make

"Colonel," I replied, after a pause, have you got that baby still?"

"Indeed, I have," cried the veteran. "He's just dropped asleep, after get-ting a good breakfast out of that young Sally of mine, you know, whoahom! Oh, yes-I've got him all

"Then we may take our own breakfast with a free mind," said I. "It is the way of ships to pass in the night, and, for my part, I think it was high time for her to be off, don't you?" "By Jove, my boy, that I do?" cried

the colonel, heartily; and, grasping my hand, he led me in to breakfast; coffee and rolls, and a couple of soft-boiled eggs aplece.

Just as we had finished, and were thinking of retiring to our rooms to lay aside our pajamas and start for the beach. Charles modestly entered, bearing in his arms a battered and watersoaked fragment of old black plankwith the half-effaced remains of some inscription on it.

"De men find it on de beach dis mo'nin', sah," he explained, "T'ink it come off de wreck, sah. Tink you might like to take a look at it, sah, Massa Cun'i, sah."

At the colonel's direction he placed the fragment on a chair, so that the light fell upon the writing. We set

ourselves to decipher it.
"Looks to me like 'Vainquere,' eh? What do you make it?" said the colonel, at length.

"I think it's 'La Valliere,' answered I. "She was one of Louis Quartorze'ser-court, you know."

"I fancy you've got it," assented he. "And now I think of it, "La Valliere" was the name of one of the ships of that scoundrel DuCasse's fleet!"

"Then that completes the chain of evidence. But don't you think," I added, "that, considering the circumstance, it will be just as well if we don't say anything publicly about this affair. I mean, better not enter into details, and that sort of thing. You see, we have no actual proof, even the baby proves nothing, except to ourselves; and folks are apt to be skepti-

"I fully agree with you," returned the colonel, earnestly. "The truth is. I was going to suggest a little-er-prudence, myself. We know what we know; and we don't want to be bothered with the questions and guesses of a lot of asses who know nothing. By the way, come in and have a look at him. He's a beauty, I tell you! And

I'll lay you the odds he's no French-man. Softly, now, or you'll wake him." We tip-toed in, and there he lay, pink and soft, breathing gently, in his little impromptu crib, with sable Sally grin-

ning beside him.
"He's an Englishman, every inch of him," exclaimed the colonel, beneath his breath. "And his mother is an English woman, did you notice her eyes? Dark gray, English eyes-Lancashire eyes: I ought to know, and there was a girl I might have married, if I hadn't been a fool, who looked just

like her.' "And who was the baby's father, do

you think?"
"An Englishman, of course," replied

will rest here one night more, and we the colonel, indignantly; "an English will return in the morning. May she colonial, at all events. Wasn't I telling you yesterday afternoon that those We mounted the deck, the colonel bearing the baby, who took the change carried off the women? Very well; now, my idea is, that this child-that It was a relief to breathe the free air his mother-that this child, I say, was again. The moon had risen higher, and born immediately after his mother was now shone quietly over the deck, and carried on board, owing to the fright

"But, colonel, that was two hundred years ago," I objected.

"Well, sir, and what if it was? There are miracles in the Bible, and I believe in the Bible! And could a miracle be performed in a better cause than this? I believe there was a miracle; and I believe in that woman, and in her baby and he shall be my baby, now, and whatever I possess shall be his, when I'm gone; that's my last will and testa-"Will you let me have the honor of

being his godfather?" I asked. To this proposal the colonel gave a cordial assent; and I am to send the little heir a silver mug next month. (The End.)

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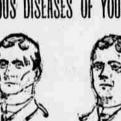
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