

Boeby.

"Good-bye—God Bless You."
I like the Anglo-Saxon speech,
With its direct revelations—
It takes a hold and seems to reach
Way down into your feelings;
That some folks deem it rude, I know,
And therefore they abuse it;
But I have never found it so—
Before all else I choose it.
I don't object that men should air
The Gallic they have paid for—
With "au revoir," "adieu, ma chere"
For that's what French was made for.
But when a crony takes your hand
At parting to address you,
He drops all foreign lingo and
He says: "Good-bye—God bless you!"

This seems to me a sacred phrase
With reverence impassioned—
A thing come down from righteous days,
Quaintly but nobly fashioned;
It well became an honest face—
A voice that's round and cheerful;
It stays the sturdy in his place
And soothes the weak and fearful.
Into the porches of the ears
It steals with subtleunction
And in your heart of hearts appears
To work its gracious function;
And all day long with pleasing song
It lingers to care for you—
I'm sure no human heart goes wrong
That's told "Good-bye—God bless you!"

I love the words—perhaps because,
When I was leaving mother,
Standing at last in solemn pause
We looked at one another,
And I—I saw in mother's eyes
The love she could not tell me—
A love eternal as the skies,
Whatever fate befell me;
She put her arms about my neck
And soothed the pain of leaving,
And, though her heart was like to break,
She spoke no word of grieving;
She let no tear bedim her eye,
For fear that might distress me,
But, kissing me, she said good-bye
And asked our God to bless me.

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THE LOSS OF THE HECTOR; Or, The Transformation.

BY JAMES DE MILLE.

Concluded from last week.

There was a rushing, a gurgling of water in the hold—"Now, now!" shouted Pentonville, as a huge wave approached, and taking each lady he raised them with Herculean strength, and leaped far out into the bosom of the coming billow!

Borne onward on the crest of it he held tightly to Emma with one hand, and holding one of the oars in the other, the strong man struck boldly out to reach the shore with his precious treasures. But useless were his efforts. The waves, rolling on, bore him swiftly along. Now mounted on the summit of one, he could see the shore which he approached, and again sinking down into the hollows, all would be shut out from view, and the rushing waves behind would fall on them to overwhelm them in its depths. As each one rolled over them, he would prepare to rise again; and after the conflict he would cry to Emma, to see if she were alive. The last billow had dashed upon them, and now from the summit of another he saw the beach, upon which this wild wave would throw them. It was smooth and sandy.

"Emma, are you alive?"
"Yes, and strong yet," she replied, courageously; while the other answered as bravely as ever.

"Now, then, be strong!" cried Pentonville. Winding his arms around them both, he held them with a mighty grasp, and then in the next moment they were thrown far up on the shore. Pentonville clutched wildly at the root of a gnarled tree which grew there. The wave retiring drew them with fearful force, but the oars were fastened to him, and he held the tree. They were saved! Hurriedly he raised them, and they ran up the low bank, beyond the reach of the water; when with one impulse they fell on their knees, and lifted their voices in thankfulness to Heaven.

It was dawn, and the first faint light of morning came to them. As with one impulse, they looked toward the water to see if there were any vestiges of that ship which lately had borne herself so gallantly through the ocean waves.

"Good God!" cried Pentonville "they are all lost!"

Alas, they were lost! all in that proud ship—the strong and brave-hearted, the weak and cowardly, all had passed away! A few vestiges of the wreck appeared on the face of the deep, but that was all; and the wind, as they gazed, took to itself a solemn sound, as though it moaned a requiem.

"Peace be to them!" murmured Emma's aunt. "Peace be to the victims of the sea!"

Upon this island the government of the neighboring province of Nova Scotia had built sheds and huts for the succor of the shipwrecked sailor. Pentonville, as he looked around, saw one of these close by, and there he led the shivering forms of the ladies. The one which he found was built strongly to withstand furious hurricanes. It were articles of food and clothing, for men and women. A stove also was there. Pentonville gathered some wood, kindled

a fire, and then left them. After an hour he returned, and found Emma dressed in some rough clothing, while her own was drying.

"My aunt is sleeping," said she. "Oh, George, I owe you my life! You have saved me from a horrible death."

"Thank Heaven! thank Heaven!" murmured George. "But are you not weary and cold Emma?"

"O no; the room is warm. But are we to remain long on this desolate island?"

"I hope not. Many ships pass here continually."

"Is not the storm abating?"

"Yes, quickly. By mid-day it will be warm and pleasant. But now, Emma, do as your aunt did, retire; we will go to look for ships."

Pentonville left, and going to an eminence he gathered some wood and kindled a great fire. Then he took a long pole, which he saw near the hut, and hoisted his handkerchief as a flag. The hours passed away, and the storm ceased. The sun came out and all was pleasant. Pentonville had sat beneath the shelter of a rock, and overcome with fatigue he yielded to it and fell asleep. All were in quiet slumber. The fire, replenished carefully by Pentonville, burned brightly, and his flag waved on high as before. Mid-day came. The ladies arose, and found their garments dried. Emma sat musingly by the door, looking out and wondering where her lover was.

"Where is Pentonville?" said her aunt.

"I suppose he is watching for ships."

"The noble youth! the brave youth!"

We owe our lives to him, Emma." Tears stood in her eyes while she spoke, and in Emma's also a drop sparkled.

"He has lost all his property; he is ruined, Emma."

"Ruined! How?"

"The captain said he was a merchant, and that the cargo was all that he owned in the world."

"And he is ruined. Ah, how I pity him!" And the gentle girl heaved a sigh of sympathy.

Suddenly there sounded a loud report, the report of a cannon, which reverberated all around. They started and ran to the door, and, turning the corner of the hut, looked out towards the sea.

"A ship! a steamboat!" they cried. "We are saved! O joy!"

The sound awakened Pentonville from his slumbers. Starting up, he saw the steamer now coming towards the shore. He ran quickly to the hut.

"Get ready, get ready; we are saved, and a boat is lowered. We will be taken on board at once."

"We are all ready," said Emma, smilingly; "We have no preparation to make."

Pentonville walked down to the shore with the ladies, and arrived there as the boat landed.

"When were you thrown ashore here, sir?" said the captain, who had come in the boat.

"Last night?"

"Last night? Whew! What ship, pray?"

"The Hector, of Boston."

And are you all who were saved?"

"All; we alone out of all on board have been preserved. Strange fate!"

By this time they had entered the boat, which soon arrived at the steamboat. It was one of the mail ships which touch at Halifax. She was on her way from that port to Boston, and seeing the fire and the flag, had stopped to take off those who might be ashore.

That evening Emma and Pentonville stood on the deck as before. What things had happened since last they stood there together! What sufferings in soul! What pangs of bitter sorrow!

They had met death in his most terrible shape, yet had not quailed. They had been witnesses of each other's fortitude.

"We will be in Boston by sunrise to-morrow morning, Emma. You will then be at home."

"And you will be alone and penniless?"

"O no, I have friends in Boston who can assist me."

"You know of one, if all others fail. But wait till we arrive there."

"Emma, you cannot forget me."

She started. "George—George Pentonville! Oh, can it be?" and Emma suddenly overcame her aversion to noblemen; for she ran toward him, and scarce knowing what she did or where she was, took his hand in hers and cried for joy.

"What, why, how, how is this?" stammered Mr. Randolph.

"Mr. Pentonville, I beg your pardon. How do you do?" "But how can you be two persons at the same time?"

"I am not two persons," said he, smilingly, taking her hand. "I am, if you please, Lord George Eglinstone, or Mr. Pentonville. You knew me by the latter name. May I hope, sir?" said he, addressing Mr. Randolph, "that you will know me by a nearer name than either."

"And were all lost?"

"Every one. The property of Mr. Pentonville was also lost. But about

him I have something more to say about him and your daughter."

"About him and my daughter? What? Has anything been going on between them?"

"Yes, during the voyage."

"During the voyage? Sister you should not have permitted it. You should have done your duty better."

"Was not that my duty?"

"No; for I have another destination for Emma; and how can I fulfil my wishes if I find that she is already fond of this Mr. Pennington?"

"His name is Pennington; and you, with your desire for a rich connection, will not find his equal anywhere, let me tell you. I honor Emma's love for him."

"What? And do you suppose I will permit my daughter to give herself away to an adventurer?"

"When he wooed her he was her equal in wealth. How did he know that he would loose it? If he were poor, he would be too noble to give you an opportunity of saying that he was capable of meanness."

"Sister, you are enthusiastic. I think I should like to see this gentleman who has won the hearts of both of you so easily," said the brother, scornfully.

"If he were rich, would you object?"

"I cannot say that I would. But you know that, as a careful parent, I must see that my daughter is made comfortable, and that she does not throw herself away; and as a man, I do not wish to see my property going into the hands of a needy adventurer."

"Brother, you are cruel. Why will you speak so?"

"I will tell you the true reason, sister. It is not because I despise Mr. Pentonville, but the fact is that I have intended Emma for another. Long years ago when in England, I formed a friendship with Lord Henry Eglinstone. His son is the man whom I intend for Emma. I expect he is already in town. Did you not hear of him in the steamer?"

"No; and I would not care to hear of him. What lordling can equal the chivalrous, the noble Pentonville?"

"Well, you may talk on thus, but you must see that it is hard for me, as a wise parent, to break up so good a match; Emma herself, when she grows older, will see the folly of this. Suppose I were to consent. Why, in five years, yes, in two, she would bitterly lament my conduct—and justly she might."

"I tell you, brother, she will never consent to be the wife of any but Pentonville."

"Wait until she sees Eglinstone. If he is half as handsome as his father, she cannot resist him."

"He may be here to-morrow."

The morrow came; Emma and her aunt sat in the parlor, and Mr. Randolph was there too. Emma's face was gloomy, and her heart was sad; for since her arrival she had not seen Pentonville. Her father had told her all his intentions; and she hated the name of Eglinstone.

"Ha, there he is now," said her father, starting from his chair as a carriage rolled up to the door. "There he is."

Emma's eyes sank to the floor. "I cannot look at him," said she to her aunt.

"Eglinstone," said the servant, announcing him.

The noble entered. He was a tall man, with dark hair clustering about his head; his eyes were black, his nose Grecian, and altogether his appearance was most striking. And there was an air of frankness and open-heartedness about him which won the heart at once.

Lord George Eglinstone, welcome. Good Heaven, how like your father. Were he not dead, I should take you for him." And Mr. Randolph shook his hand warmly.

But his sister had started from her chair with an exclamation of wonder as soon as he had entered the room. She spoke not a word but seemed spellbound.

As to my Lord Eglinstone, he shook warmly the hand of Mr. Randolph, and did not say anything, but looked towards Emma, who sat by the table with her head leaning on her hand, looking down.

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bless you," he cried. "Noble youth. You have saved her life; she is yours."

Ah, how soon Emma's smiles returned.

"But how were you a merchant?"

"I was not; the cargo belonged to some Liverpool house. The captain thought I was their partner. I came out in a ship because I wanted to enjoy myself, and found you, Emma. I took the name of my mother's family and won you as a simple merchant—plain Mr. Pentonville. May I hope, dearest Emma, that Lord Eglinstone will be as welcome to you?"

An Interesting Romance from the South.

NEW YORK, June 30.—A despatch to the *Press* from New Orleans says: "The latest information respecting the recent troubles in the Bay islands is brought by the "City of Dallas" from Belize. Three vessels arrived at Belize from Ruatan crowded with foreigners, who reported the islands to be in a state of extreme disquietude. Of thirty men and women who immigrated to Spanish Honduras from Belize fifteen were declared conspirators and disturbers of public peace. On June 7. General Lopez, Governor of Ruatan, issued an order to arrest them at all hazards wherever found. The explanation of this action reveals a pretty little British plot: to grasp a position in the Caribbean, menacing not only the independence of the Central American republics but also the position of the United States in regard to them. At a dinner to Dogmore in Ruatan, reference was made to the possible seizure of the Bay Islands by Great Britain. This reference was favorably received by the English colonists. Senor Lopez naturally considered this manifestation seditious. This accounted for the capture of Captain Dogmore of the "Rosalind." He arrived in Belize from Ruatan on June 10, and reports that while sleeping on the islands he awoke and found himself surrounded by an armed guard. They threatened to shoot him if a gun was fired from the "Rosalind." He was then conducted to the vessel, the "Honduran" gunboat firing a royal salute of twenty-one guns, and the "Rosalind" returning the compliment. All the British inhabitants of the islands fled to the mainland, having been charged with conspiracy against the government of President Bogian. It is said that private information received at Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, from a secret agent in London warned the government that Captain Dogmore was acting under orders from the British admiralty to extend the British seizure of territory on the coast to these fertile islands. In the event of the completion of the Nicaragua canal Ruatan will occupy an important strategic naval position, and would also give England a needed coaling station. The move was to be made under cover of a local communion, to be stirred up by the English emigrants sent from Belize for the purpose."

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