

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1920

AUTUMN TRAGEDIES

Held Mr. Baldwin's Apple
To Mrs. Bartlett Pear!
"You're growing very plump, madam,
And you're very fair."

"And there is Mrs. Clington Pears,
Upon her head, she really looks
Quite good enough to eat."

"And all the Mikado Crabbages
Have blushed so rosy red
That very soon the farmer's wife
To please him will be led."

"Just now the fisherman
Was getting his anchor down
That they really are beginning
To get purple in the face."

"Our happy life is over,
For Mrs. Green Gage Plum
Has who knows what her sorrow
At last come time has come."

"You," said Mr. Bartlett Pear,
"Our day is almost over,
And soon we shall be smothering
In syrup by the score."

And before the month was ended,
The fruits that looked so fair
Had vanished from among the leaves
And the trees were stripped bare.

They were all of them in pickle,
Or in some dreadful scrape.
"I'm older," sighed the apple;
"I'm younger," groaned the pear."

They were all in jars and bottles
Until they were jarred up
And in their milder form, Mrs. Quince
Was turned to marmalade.

Marooned in
Hannah's Dishpan

By Ernest Goss.

PHIL WOODBURY stood on the shore, looking seawards. A tide off to the eastward looked like it would suggest something known as Hannah's Dishpan. For a moment an hour Phil had been eying the reef, which from time to time whitened a trifle as the swells from the sea broke about it.

"I don't believe there is anything to afraid of out there," he muttered, presently moving down the shore a few rods to where a dory was drawn up on the sand. "I'd just love to row out there, though. I know there is inside the Dishpan. I know there is any amount of crabs and maybe lobsters in there. Now is the time to go for them, I guess I'll row out a little way and see if it's any rougher than it looks."

That was Phil's big falling-headlessness of the warnings of those older than himself. More than once had it been told him, in the past, but somehow it never had taught him the lesson that it was well to abide by the kindly advice of those who had his welfare at heart.

Down the shore down to the water's edge Phil launched it, and stepping aboard, picked up the oars. He was but fifteen years of age, three years younger than his brother Jim, and had been half a dozen times in the basin, and within half an hour the dory was nearing the ledge. Out there he found the water considerably rougher than near shore, and for a time he circled the Dishpan, thinking the question as to entering the forbidding cleft in the rocks, through which the advancing tide was pouring.

Now Hannah's Dishpan was rather like a small rock formation, high walls of solid rock separated by a narrow cleft containing two acres or more. On the east was a passage into the basin about ten feet in width, and on the west was a similar cleft in the rocks through which the water was dashed at half tide when the basin was beginning to get full.

As a matter of fact the entering of the basin was attended with little trouble, and shortly Phil found his dory in a water which was scarcely a foot deep, and had a thirty foot in diameter. Driving the dory up on the rock-covered rocks, Phil soon found time to explore the basin, and after a number of numerous smaller pools of water left by the low tide, and returning to the dory he secured a bucket and proceeded to wash the rock crevices which attempted to sift out of his boat. Many of them did manage to evade him, but there were those which were not quick enough, and ere long, Phil turned back to the spot where he had entered the dory and waded off for more.

For an hour or more Phil hunted out the crabs, returning to the dory from time to time to empty his bucket. At length the tide was broken fast, but no interest was held by the failure to note that the water had reached the stern of the dory and was gradually lifting. At the same time came the sound of voices, then a hundred yards distant, searching after the elusive crabs, and noted no danger.

Phil started back toward the spot where he had hunted up his dory. Fifty paces distant, he stood rooted in his tracks, his eyes fairly popping from his head.

"Why, it's him!" he cried. "He was indeed the case. Within the basin there was not a sign of the dory. Then it was for the first time he saw how rapidly the tide was rising, but before he could turn to the right, between the clefts in the rocks, filling the basin and discharging on the opposite side.

In a panic, Phil climbed up the jagged wall of the basin, for his companion, his heart still—possibly still, as his eye caught sight of the drifting dory, then an eighth of a mile away, whither tide and wind were carrying it.

Meanwhile Phil's brother Jim had returned home unexpectedly, and hearing Phil, proceeded to search for him. Learning that he had not returned to the house, he went to the beach, dead worried. Going down to the shore, he found the dory missing and seeing no sign of it on the water anywhere.

"He has gone out to Hannah's Dishpan, that's where he's gone!" he exclaimed, looking seaward. "It was only yesterday that he was teasing me to go out to him, but he has been for a short distance down along the shore, a dory belonging to a neighbor, and hastening to him Jim tossed the anchor, a rope-line from the boat, and, as he dove into the water, pushed off, intent upon rowing out to the Dishpan. The water was much rougher than when Phil started away, and the cold, sharp wind made slow progress.

Halfway, Jim, looking up at his shoulder to get his bearings, saw his brother nimbly upon the highest point of the ledges, and before then the sea breaking all about him, when

the tide was surging the full; an hour would see the ledge completely submerged.

Jim had pulled at the anchor, but had never pulled hard. How he was to rescue his brother, he knew not. Common sense told him how futile would any attempt to touch those, so far apart, be. But he hoped that, still, he pulled on and on, hoping that the way would open.

In the stern of the dory was a wooden ring, and Jim had fastened a substantial length of line, probably this log was intended to be used as a buoy to mark the spot of anchorage. His eyes fell upon the anchor.

"I'll have to pull it in," he thought, pulling up the buoy two hundred feet or more.

"Do what I tell you to do, Phil, and you'll be safe in a few minutes."

Dropping anchor, Jim now allowed the dory to drift before the wind the length of the road-line coming to stop about a hundred feet east of the entrance to the dishpan cleft. These longitudinal combers were breaking completely over the rock, drenching Phil to the skin.

It was in the stern of the dory, Jim now seated on the log, and seeking to it that the road-line was fastened securely, he dropped it overboard, and paying out the rope, he allowed it to drift toward the rock, which, he hoped, would hold. It was quite apparent that the rope was not long enough to reach the dunes, but Jim was prepared for that emergency.

Making the rope fast again, ring in the stern, he fastened the bow to the nose of the dory, and pulling in on the anchor,

he allowed the boat to drift nearer. Unfortunately, however, the wind had driven the log off to the left, and when it was carried out of reach of the anchor, it was cut loose and

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