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MILTON.
Milton, Dec. 1. 31-1y

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The large dining-room of the Hotel—one of the most commodious rooms in the city—will still be open for Dinner Parties, Concerts, and other Social Entertainments; and his sample rooms, for Commercial Travelers, are by far the best in the city.
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D. ROBERTSON, M.D., C.M.,
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Residence—NASSAGAWEYA, C.W.
Nassagaweya, May 23, 1864. 3-22y

S. F. RAMSEY, M. D.,
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May 31, 1864. v4n1 1y.

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Feb. 17th, 1864. 38-tf

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Poetry.

ON MARY, DECEASED.

When I think o'er her prattling infant years,
As yesterday her natal hour doth seem.
Since first she entered this sad vale of tears,
All's like the shadow of a passing dream.

Ta'en in her matron prime, by sudden death,
Where first she breathed she found a lowly grave;
Her 'next of kin,' who mingle with the earth,
Lie buried far beyond Ontario's wave.

Sweet was her nature, while she dwelt below,
And all who knew her—knew her but to love:
Cold, cold, she lies beneath the drifting snow,
But—dare we doubt? her spirit dwells above.

To every duty true, that 'longs to earth,
As daughter, sister, wife, in all endeared,
Her memory in our hearts, will aye have birth,
Fitting mementos, by her worth upreared.

Meekly she trusted in her Savior's grace,
No 'shocking summons' called her soul from clay,
Consumption dread dwarfed down her pallid face,
But could not steal the heaven-born hope away.

Ah! Mary, while we shed a tear for thee,
We do not mourn as those whom hope has fled.
Though we no more thy cheering smile may see,
Eternal smiles now circle round thy head.

And may that dear one, whom thou'st left behind,
Sole living relict of thy beauteous form,
Grow up like thee, as pure in heart and mind,
Safe from earth's frown, and sheltered from its storm.

Oh! when to her, fleet time shall be no more,
When earth no more her grief, her joy, can bring,
Oh! may she meet thee on that shining shore,
Whereof in early days thou lov'dst to sing.

Since witnesses unseen surround us here,
We feel thy essence to be round us still,
And may that feeling give us aid to steer,
Our course through life in concord to His will.

When death's dark valley opens on our view,
May we, like Mary, fear not to go in,
When through its shades, may Jesus' love renew,
Our souls in bliss, all purged and free from sin.

W. G. S.

THE CHASE;

OR,

THE SMUGGLER'S EXCHANGE.

It was a bright pleasant morning, and we were running with the wind free, bound up the English Channel—the watch on deck being employed in washing decks, while the watches below were in the act of turning out, seven bells having struck—when a man in the head sung out:

'Cutter ho!' conveying to us the information that one of John Bull's numerous revenue craft was in sight.

'Where away, Sandy?' demanded the mate, while Captain Greaves, who was on the quarter-deck, chimed in with, 'I see her. It's that muckle de'il, Davis, and his braw little Agile. D'ye na see her under the lan, yon'er—a bit westerly o' Hasting's Harbor?'

'Yes, I have her now. But he may board us an' welcome to-day; he won't find much to reward him for his labor.' And the mate gave vent to a low chuckle, which the skipper echoed.

The Agile and her commander were old acquaintances of ours. Three times during that season the latter had boarded us when light, and obliged us to exhibit our papers, and three times had he chased us into French jurisdiction, when laden to the bends with cargoes which would have proved valuable prizes if captured.

On the present occasion, the cutter's motion speedily betrayed her commander's design to subject us to a fourth examination; when Captain Greaves ordered the helmsman to luff up to the French coast, and piping to breakfast, went below, leaving the cutter to follow at her leisure, and apparently resolved to lead her commander a dance ere he submitted to the search.

Breakfast over, we repaired on deck to note the progress of our pursuer, who was evidently gaining upon us fast, and at the same time beating to windward—a fact for which our captain was evidently prepared—and firmly resolved to take advantage at the proper moment, our destination being Antwerp, for which the wind was fair. The Agile continued to close with us, gaining the weather-gauge till three bells in the forenoon watch, when she occupied a position on our weather-quarter, and having us within range, hove a round shot across our fore-foot, showing the 'Meteor Flag' at the same instant. We responded by showing a fac-simile of his ensign at our peak, when the old man remarked:

'There's buntin' for buntin', Maister Davis, an' if that does na' suit, we'll set the hale batch to tak' your pick fra. Ease off the sheets, Andrew—we'll e'een show him the Witch's heels. I trow she has a clean pair the day, and can han'le them wi' ilka cruiser o' them a'.'

The sheets were eased off, and the boom guyed out, when we set our broad square sail, under which our fleet little craft fairly leaped from sea to sea, while our ringing cheer bore our defiance to the cutter, who easing off her sheets without delay, was soon dashing along in our wake at a speed which almost equalled our own; our vessel being flying light, having the advantage of the cutter when before the wind—the latter being a streak or two deeper than ballast-trim. By dropping a small sail across our cut-water, we were enabled to maintain a uniform distance from our pursuer, who, lured on by our seeming incapacity to increase our distance, adopted every measure calculated to increase his speed, while we rendered his efforts to gain on us abortive by close attention to our drag—that is, our towing sail.

In this manner the forenoon passed, when the breeze became fitful, dying away gradually as the day declined, until sunset, when it came only in fitful breaths, which chafed our broad sheets of canvass, without affecting any material change in our position, which owing to the strong ebb tide, had remained unaltered during the afternoon, at which time the cliffs of Dover bore west-north-west by compass, and Calais harbor south by east, about equally distant. As the sun went down, the flood-tide made, and we could distinguish the bustle of preparation on board our pursuer, which heralded his intended visit to the boats. Captain Greaves had not failed to note these indications of the revenue shark's intention, on which he seemed to ponder deeply for several minutes, when beckoning the mate to approach, he said:

'Andrew, yon fellow's minded to hae anither look at our bonnie wee Witch. D'ye ken, I'm mair than half persuaded to gie him a chance to try his fortune in her for a week or sae.'

'How so, captain?'

'A fair exchange is na' robbery ye ken, an' if he comes to make a capture, as is his seeming intent, I see nothing to prevent us fra taking possession o' the Agile for a cruise. Saul o' me, man, we might land a cargo frae her in the very face o' a' England an' nane speer where it came from.

'A brilliant idea, by the mass captain! If he only delays his visit an hour, and the night is half as dark as usual, nothing can prevent us. 'Twould be a glorious joke! The fleet Agile, the boast of the revenue, and the terror of all free traders, transformed into a smuggler! Ha, ha, ha! Ho, ho, ho! O, it would be a rich treat for the members of our fraternity, and an awful blow to the pride of the whole revenue service.'

'Ay, 'twould be that, an' mair, Andrew. 'Twad pit a wheen mair yellow boys in our pouches, than we'll mak i' the Witch wi' that de'il, Davis, on our track. Saul o' me, Andrew, it's a trick worth trying, and try it I will, trusting to fortune to gain possession o' our ain bonnie boat, when we have sullied the fastest vessel an' proudest officers in the English revenue. Let the boats be got ready, an' the men pack a wheen claes, I trow we'll find enough aboard the Agile to stay our stomachs while we stop. And mind, Andrew, let me know as soon as her boats are manned.' And the skipper repaired to the cabin to make preparations for his own departure.

Calling the crew around him, the mate briefly communicated to them the old man's project, in which they joined with evident glee, hastening to obey the former's directions with alacrity. He then ordered me to lash the wheel and aid them. And seating himself on the taff-rail, directed his undivided attention towards the cutter.

The two vessels were fully a mile apart, and, the fast-descending shades of night were speedily enveloping them, when the mate forsook his post, and from the head of the companion ladder reported the approach of the boats.

'An' our ain, Andrew — are they ready?' demanded the old man, showing his weather-beaten visage in the companion-way.

'All ready to lower, sir,' responded the mate, making a signal to the men, who were on the qui vive awaiting orders, when boats fell from the davits with a splash, were unhooked, hauled alongside and manned, in as short time as ever the same feat was performed by a crack boat's crew in the English navy.

'How many boats has she down, Andrew?' demanded Captain Greaves, as he took his seat in the stern sheets of one boat, the mate leaping lightly into the other.

'Three, sir, and apparently full manned. He's bent on a capture, and can't have left many behind.'

'All the better. We'll hae the less to stand guard over. Ye spiked the guns and wet the powder, I trow?'

'Neither, sir—you gave me no orders to that effect.'

'Hoot, man, I'm surprised at ye—but away, and let on the water. It would be a bad policy to furnish him saltpetre to our ain injury.'

The execution of this order occupied the mate but a few minutes when he returned, and resuming his place in the boat, gave the order to shove off. Not a word above a whisper was exchanged by any, while with muffled oars we pulled away from our gallant little craft, taking care to move in a direction which would screen us from the view of those we wished to avoid, and at the same time place us beyond the focus of their gaze, when they discovered our absence from the intended prize. Scarce five minutes elapsed ere the measured stroke of their oars fell upon our ears, when we ceased rowing at a signal from the mate, remaining perfectly still until the sound began to grow fainter, when we resumed operations, and with long and measured strokes bore down upon our prey. A pull of ten minutes sufficed to lay us alongside the cutter, which we boarded and gained full possession of, before the small remnant of her crew had half recovered from their surprise—the result of our sudden advent in their midst. Our first act was to seize and bind them, to prevent any betrayal of our presence by signal, which they might easily have effected if suffered to go at large—and having placed them under guard below, we hoisted our boats up, and by the aid of the cutter's sweeps, got her head to the southward, when we exerted all our strength to work her in towards the French coast, where we might hope to catch a light breeze favorable to our escape with our prize.

Sweet Andrew, I trow this is an easy work, said Captain Greaves, relinquishing his grasp on the starboard sweep, and mopping his streaming brow with his bandanna. 'Whistle for a breeze mon. I wad I had the weather-clerk by the lug, we'd have wind enough, I warrant, to serve our purpose.'

'There's a cat's paw, now, rejoined the mate, elevating his hand. And she feels it aloft already. Jump to the wheel, one of you. I'm much mistaken if we don't have a stiff breeze before an hour.—Hark!'

The exclamation was elicited by the faint sound of oars, which grew momentarily more distinct, and was evidently approaching us in a direct line.

'The breeze is close aboard, Andrew, and wi' it the Phillistines. I trow it's a race between them. In wi' the sweeps, mon, and trim the barkie's canvas. Dinna ye see how cannily she begins to glide awa'. Heck, mon, we'll gie that long-nosed shark the slip yet, or my name's na Jack Greaves.' And the gratified smuggler, losing sight of his dignity, executed a double shuffle on the main deck, exciting the merriment of all hands.

We had been less than an hour in possession, when the sound of oars heralded the return of a portion of the cutter's crew; nor had that period fully elapsed when the boat could be distinguished, while the increasing breeze was rapidly rendering her advance more slow, as it increased our speed. A few minutes sufficed to place us on equal terms, when they evidently discovered the retreat of the Agile, and unable to account therefore, ceased rowing, while the coxswain's ringing hail—'Agile a-h-o-y!' only added to our merriment, eliciting no reply.—Again and again did he attempt to awaken us to a sense of their presence, when finding his vocal efforts vain, he had recourse to powder, sending after us a volley of small arms which sufficed to warn his superior that something unusual was transpiring.

'Haul aft the sheet, Andrew! We maun haul up to windward o' our ain bonnie boat, while they're picking up their stragglers, which they seem in na great hurry to begin.'

The sheets were hauled aft and the cutter's head laid up channel, on a course which would carry her almost a mile to the windward of the Witch, the wind being from the north-northwest, enabling us to choose our own course, still holding the wind free, while it cuts us off, the former would be obliged to haul on a taut bowline when her lack of ballast would undoubtedly insure her defeat. Our change of course soon brought us within view of the boat a second time, when her crew supposing they had at length attracted the attention of the ship-keepers, bent to their oars with a will, and as we passed them within thirty yards, they raised a clamorous shout, demanding—'Where the deuce we were going with the Agile?'

'On a smuggling cruise my bantams! This shady craft carries the flag of a contraband; just now! shouted the mate, in reply, while the skipper chimed in with, Ay, lads, and just be sae kind as to bear Jack Greaves respects to Maister Davis, and tell him, I'll meet him my time i' the next new moon, an' gie him back his barkie, in return for my ain bonnie Witch, which I'd be owre sorry to part wi' for gude.'

This polite speech was received by the boat's crew with a volley of oaths, while they relinquish their oars, and were speedily lost to view as we dashed away into the deep gloom. Captain Greaves, with the aid of a night-glass found in the binnacle, was enable to maintain a vigilant watch on the movements of our foes, whom he soon reported to be trimming the Witch's canvas in chase; but they soon relinquished the attempt, and evidently hove to, awaiting the return of their comrades, to whom our skipper had entrusted his message. Being assured of security from further molestation, Captain Greaves piped all hands to splice the main brace, when the watch was set, and the larboard watch—of which I was a humble member—suffered to seek repose in the hammocks of the revenue men.

At daylight next morning, we were up with the 'Schelt' and could descry, the Witch, nearly hull down to the southward, when easing our sheets, we ran in, and before the afternoon was half spent, came to anchor a few miles below Antwerp.

Our cargo was all ready, and a few hours sufficed for its reception, when we hove up, and at daylight next morning was beating up for Downs, which we entered as the tide turned and easing off our sheets on the larboard tack, ran down along the coast of Belgium, the Witch tacking in chase as soon as she discovered us, but being too distinct to cause us any apprehension. When off Burges we hauled our wind for the English coast, saluting the several cruisers as we passed, and making the cutter's signal to the station at the mouth of the Tombridge soon after the sun went down. It is needless to add, we ran in that night and discharged our cargo in safety; the only difficulty experienced, being in convincing our allies of the assumed character of the Agile.

Day was just breaking when we hove to in the offing next morning, and at sunrise we were gratified by a sight of our own little craft in mid channel, when we crowded canvas with a view to speak her—an event her commander protem seemed strongly inclined to hasten, by hauling on a wind and standing for us direct.

'Agile, a-h-o-y!' he shouted, as soon as he came within hail.

'A-h-o-y!' shouted Captain Creaves, in reply.

'Heave to, you rascally pirate, or I'll sink you!'

'Bleeze away, Maister Davis, but hear in min' ye'll be wastin' the Queen's pouther on her ain vessel.' And as he spoke, Captain Greaves signalized to the mate to haul aft the fore-sheet, when the nimble craft flew up in the wind, and became stationary on the weather-beam of the Witch.

'What do you mean by running away with the Queen's cutter Agile, sir?' demanded the lieutenant, as soon as we had become stationary.

'I beg your pardon, Maister Davis, a fair exchange is na' robbery.'

'The deuce! That remains to be tried. But what have you done with my men—murdered them I suppose?'

'Na, na, not quite sae bad as that. Just relieved them fra duty for a day or twa.'

'Well, it's your turn now, my fine fellow. You may make up your mind to visit the penal colonies for your effronitery.'

'Na, na, dinna be sae fast mon. Did ye tell any o' the cruisers that ye had lost a Queen's cutter?'

'Was I a fool?'

'I trow ye wad ha' been if ye had betrayed yer ain secret. But gie me back my barkie, and ye can hae yer ain again.'

'Insolence! Surrender, or I must carry the cutter by boarding!'

'An' ye were wise ye wad attempt nae sich thing. I make ye a fair offer. Tak up wi' (conducted by the wiser course) an' I wadna say how long the name o' Lieutenant Davis is like to appear on the roll of officers on active service in her Majesty's revenue.

The officers was dumbfounded by the unlied threat, which he was well aware was far from idle, and calling his second officer, maid held a brief consultation with him, when he resumed:

'I grant that you have the advantage, but remember your vessel, if carried in, would prove quite an argument in my favor.'

'Na doubt. But wad that argument be all powerful while yer ain bit barkie was in the hands o' a smuggler?'

'Hark'ee, sirrah! Use that taunt again and you'll have cause to rue it. I'm disposed to treat for possession of the Agile, but not to be taunted with my evil fortune!'

'Say na mair. I ha na wish to taunt an' still less to see you suffer for what ye couldna avoid. Just fill awa' for an hour or sae. Ye ken 'twill be only natural-like to see the Agile in chase o' the Witch, and will prove a feather in your cap rather at least except it; besides its only necessary to the safety o' your character, which it wad be like to suffer if boats were seen to pass between us.

'Thank you for the suggestion, sir. I did not look for so much generosity in a smuggler—but I trust I shall live to convince you that my failings, whatever they may be, do not include ingratitude in their number.' And bowing low, the lieutenant leaped from the rail to the main deck, while a minute later, the yatch's bows fell off towards the French coast, and her sails being trimmed to the breeze, she bounded along at a dashing rate, closely followed by the cutter.

We stood in towards the land for nearly two hours, when being fairly within the jurisdiction of France, Captain Greaves signalled the yacht to come to, and hailing aft the cutter's forsheet, ordered the boats to be lowered, and every preparation made for instant departure.

Lieutenant Davis adopted the same measures on board the yacht, and leaving one boat's crew to retain possession until we gain da footing on her deck, embarked with the remainder of his men, and shoved off at the same instant we deserted the cutter, leaving her in possession of those in whose charge we had found her. As the boat drew near each other each commander issued the order, to unrow, when lieutenant Davis said:

'I cannot part with you, captain—smuggler though you are—without expressing the deep sense of the obligation you have laid me under. You have saved me my rank in the service, sir, a favor for which I am deeply grateful, while I can only regret that the wide difference in our vocations imposes such an insurmountable barrier to any return on my part. You are aware that all our future meetings on this element must be characterized by hostility; therefore I beg of you to avoid me. But should we meet in private life, sir, you will not and we forgetful.'

'Na doubt, na doubt, lieutenant. I kenned wha I was dealing wi', an' therefore had na' fears for the upshot. As you remark, we maun meet as foes on these waters, still that fact canna' lessen my respect for one of the true gentlemen, whose zeal and service England rewards sae slightly as to consign them to oblivion and the revenue. Should fortune forsake me, an' capture fa' to my lot, I trust you may be far fra the scene, for naething wad pain me sae mickle as to raise my hand against one I esteem sae highly. As for the obligation you may be pleased to mention, it's naething. The Agile served me weel while I retained her therefore we're square. Keep yere ain secret sir, an' ye need na fear that I'll betray it. 'Twad only add to my reputation in a way I wadna fancy. Gude een to ye, lieutenant, a pleasant passage back to England.'

'And to you, whithersoever bound, I shall not soon forget you sir, or the lesson you have taught me. Farewell.' And bowing low, Lieutenant Davis made a signal to his men to resume their oars, when the boats separated, Captain Greaves remarking his mate:

'A braw laddie, Andrew, a verra braw chell indeed, is Lieutenant Davis. Mair's the pity he's only a revenue shark.'

The mate nodded an affirmative but said nothing, while the old man gave himself up to a pleasant reverie, the nature of which he betrayed ere we reached the yacht, where the old man dismissed the keepers with a full bumper, and ordering the sails to be trimmed, went below to shape a course for Brest, which was our destination.

In conclusion I would add—all attempts to keep the secret of exchange proved vain. Not many months elapsed ere it became generally known—but not before Lieut. Davis—who doubtless apprehended some event—had applied for and obtained an appointment to a frigate on foreign service, while his former command—the Agile—was known by the sobriquet of 'The Smuggling Cutter,' so long as I remained on the coast.

A Hibernian Negro.

At a meeting held in Pittsburg on Friday evening last, a son of Erin, having indulged too freely in 'potteen,' was very naturally rendered incapable of using either his limbs or his senses to the extent originally intended by Dame Nature. Certain youths, bent on a frolic, and taking advantage of Paddy's state of innocence, blackened his face, neck and hands, and after nightfall brought the newly polished 'Ethiopian' to the police office, and gave him into custody as a darkey who had been picked up on the road, and was in danger of being frozen to death but for their extreme humanity. When the victim got sober he gave proof positive that a pleasant hoax had been played on them, and he was able with the aid of a purer liquor tan 'potteen' to convince them that he was an 'Irish Blackbird.' The victim was immediately set at liberty. The perpetrators of the hoax are not known to the police.

The collecting of petroleum is generally regarded as a modern discovery, made by Drake. But Herodotus, who lived