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THE Pillar of Light

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CHAPTER XI.

MRS. VANSITTART'S FEAR

The tribulations which clustered, in bee-like swarm, in and around the Gulf Rock Lighthouse during those weary hours, were many and various. Damp clothing, insufficiency of food, interior temperatures ranging from the chill draughts of the entrance passage and stairways to the partial suffocation of rooms with windows closed owing to the incursions of the rising tide—the depressing aggregate of physical misery was seriously augmented by an increasing list of signs of almost total absence of any medical comforts, and a growing knowledge, on the part of those not too despondent to think, that their ultimate relief might be deferred for days rather than hours.

No mere man can understand, and a woman of ordinary experience can but dimly imagine, the difficulty and despondency of the task undertaken by Constance and Endi.

To cook and supply for eighty-one persons with utensils intended for the use of three, to give each separate individual an article befitting his portion, so skilfully distributed that none should have cause to grumble at his or her neighbor's bitter fortune—here were culinary problems at once complex and exhaustive.

By adopting fantastic devices, bringing into service empty jam-pots and sardine-tins, they found it was possible to feed twenty at a time.

This meant the preparation of four distinct meals, each requiring an hour's work. Long before the last batch, which included themselves, was lamenting the absurd discrepancy between appetite and antioite in the shape of anything to eat, the first was ravenous again.

The women complained the least in the occupants of the two bedrooms; the girls encountered a passive fortitude which was admirable. It was an extraordinary scene which met their eyes when they entered either of these stuffy apartments. Many of the rescued ladies had not given a thought to changing the demi-toilette of evening wear on board ship for more serviceable clothing when the hurricane overtook the vessel. They all, it's true, possessed cloaks or wraps of some sort, but these garments were still sodden with salt water and therefore unbearable, even if the oppressive warmth in each room rendered such a thing possible. Their elegant costumes of muslin, cotton, silk or satin, were utterly ruined. Lucky were the few whose blouses or bodices had not been lost in tatters.

Some of the worst sufferers in this respect were now the best provided. Blankets and towels had been ruthlessly torn up and roughly stitched into articles of clothing. Mrs. Vansittart, for instance, had suggested this via media, upon an exquisite Paris gown and a long, snug-jacket arrangement of yellow muslin, the component parts of which she persuaded two other women to sew together on the model provided by her own elegant figure.

A few quick-witted ones who followed her example exhausted the available stock, and pillow-cases and rug-cases had undergone metamorphosis in the same way, had not Constance come to the rescue by impounding them, declaring that they must be reserved for the use of those sufferers who needed warmth and rest.

The men passed their time in smoking, singing, carming and speculating on the chance of the weather clearing. Ultimately, when the banging of the waves again made the column feel unsafe, a small section began to plan petty attempts to pierce the provisions. It is the queer mixture of philosopher and beast in this savage human being that makes it possible for the same man in one mood, to risk his life quite voluntarily to save others, and in another, to organize selfish theft.

After an ingenuous seaman had been detected in the attempt to pick the store-room lock, and when a tray of cold ham was deliberately upset whilst a toothall scrummage took place for the pieces, Mr. Emmett stopped these ebullitions by arming the watch with assorted weapons from the workshop and issuing stern orders as to their use in case of need.

Here, again, the warning elements which form the human clay were admirably displayed. On duty, under the bonds of discipline, the coarse grained foreman hand who had gobbed up a surpise lump of fatiguing during the first successful scuffle would brain the daring rascal who tried to better his condition by a similar trick a second time. Discipline sometimes, converts a skulker into a hero.

When the state of the tide permitted, storm-shutters were opened and a free draught of air allowed to enter through the door. Then all hands eyed the sea with anxiety. The wind was strong and piercing, and the reef maintained its ceaseless roaring. Wherever a window opened towards the land there was a small crowd waiting to peer through it. At last the sense of orderliness gradually permeating the inmates of the lighthouse actually resulted in the formation of queues, with stated intervals for moving on. There was a momentary relief in looking at the land. The cliffs, the solitary white houses, the little hamlets half hidden in cozy nooks seemed to be so absurdly near. It was ridiculous to imagine that help could long be deferred. The seaward passing of a steamer, carrying flowers from the Scilly Isles to Penzance for Covent Garden, caused a flutter, but

the sight of a Penzance fishing-smack scudding under jib and close-reef foresail between the rock and Guthebras Point created intense excitement. Noah, gazing across the flood for the return of the dove with the olive branch, could not be more pleased than these castaways in the vast waste ark when the brown-hulled boat came within their view.

The window in the confessional opened fair towards the Land's End, and the grimy occupant of this compartment could look till at the messenger of life. A rich New Yorker in a suit offered a hundred dollars to any man who gave up his place in the row after he himself, by the operation of the time-limit, was remorsely sent a way from the narrow loop-hole, and pounds sterling have a curiously depreciated value under such circumstances.

The men of the watch were always questioned for news by the unemployed majority. They related the comings and goings of the Falcon, carried sympathetic inquiries from story to story—prognostications passing to and from being forbidden owing to the narrowness of the stairs—and seized every trifling pretext on their own part to reach the topmost height and feast their eyes on the extensive panorama visible from the storm-girt galleries. Had they watched the coastline less and the reef more their observations would have had value.

Quite early in the day, the purser handed to the occupants of each room a full list of passengers and crew, with the survivors grouped separately. In only three instances were husband and wife both saved. The awful scene in the saloon accounted for this seeming discrepancy. Dazed men and senseless women were wrangled from each other's clasp either by the overwhelming seas or during the final wild fight for life at the head of the companion stairway. A wreck, a fire in the theatre, pays little heed to the marriage tie.

The third and last meal of the day was eaten in silence and gloom. All the spare lamps were diverted to the kitchen, because Brand, during a further detailed survey of the stores, made in company with Mr. Emmett and the purser, discovered that there was an alarming deficit of fresh water in the cistern.

In the hurry of the earlier hours a serious miscalculation had been made in transmuting cubic feet into gallons. It became an instant necessity to use every heating appliance at command and start the distillation of a drinkable fluid.

The Gulf Rock Light did not possess a proper apparatus. The only method could be adopted was to improvise a coil from canvas sewn into a tube. The exterior was varnished and wrapped in wet cloths to assist the condensation of the steam. Hence, every kettle and pot being requisitioned for this paramount need, cocoons could be supplied to the women alone, whilst the taste of the water, even thus disguised, was nauseating. No more potatoes could be boiled. Raw, they were almost uneatable. And potatoes happened to be the food most plentiful.

The genuine fresh water, reduced to a minimum in the cistern, was only a little better in condition unless it was filtered, and Brand decided that it ought to be retained for the exclusive use of those seriously ill. Patients were multiplying so rapidly that the hospital was crowded; and all fresh cases, as they occurred, perfectly remained where they were.

Neither Constance nor Endi felt the time hang heavily on their hands. They were too busy, though the new ordinance regarding the tool supply transferred their attention from active cooking to the replenishing of cannulas which must be kept full of saltwater at boiling-point.

Pyne was an invaluable assistant.

In the adjustment of refractory cans in tubes over hot spouts, in the manipulation of the condensing plant so that it might act efficiently in the trimming of lamps, and the stocking of the solitary coal fire, he insisted on taking to himself the lion's share of the work.

He always had a pleasant quip or funny story to brighten their talk.

"You can conquer trouble with a grin," he said. "Worry doesn't cut ice."

Endi, of course chaffed him about his American accent, which she protested, she would acquire after a week's practice.

"It is quaint to our ears," she went on, "never before grasped the reason why Mark Twain makes me sick." All he does is to act as a phonograph." Every American is a born humorist."

"There's something in that," admitted Pyne. "We do try to distract the mind with a joke or two. Have you ever heard how an English professor planned the Yankee drawl?"

"No," they cried.

"He said it represented the effort of an uneducated man to make a speech."

Every time his vocabulary gave out he lifted his voice to show he wasn't half through with his ideas."

"Oh," said Constance, "that is neither kind nor true, surely."

"Well," agreed Pyne, slowly, "this is the view a friend of mine took of the remark. So he asked the professor if he had a nice agreeable sort of diction, all ready for use, of the way Englishmen chipped their syllables. The other fellow allowed that he hadn't pondered on it. 'I guess,' said my friend, 'it represents the effort of an educated ass to talk English.'"

Though the laugh was against them they were forced to snigger approval.

"I think," said Constance, "that our chief national failing is pomposity, and your story hits it off exactly. In one of our small Cornish towns we have a stout little Mayor who made money in cheese and bacon. He went to see the Paris Exhibition, and an Exeter man, meeting him unexpectedly at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, saluted him with delight. 'Hello, Mr. Mayor!' he began. 'Hush,' said the mayor, glancing around mysteriously. 'I'm 'ere incog.'"

None who heard these light-hearted young people yelling with merriment would imagine that they had just dined off a piece of hard-baked bread made without yeast and washed down with water tasting of tar and turpentine.

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BY-LAW No. 582

For Establishment of Public Library

A By-Law to provide for the establishment of a Public Library in the Town of Durham.

WHEREAS the present Library Board, and certain electors have petitioned the Council of the said Town of Durham praying for the establishment of a Public Library under the Public Libraries Act,

BE IT THEREFORE enacted by the said Municipal Council that

1. In case the assent of the electors is given to this By-Law, a Public Library is established in this Municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Act.

2. The votes of the electors shall be taken on this By-Law on the 2nd day of January, 1911, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the un-demented places:

In the North Ward, or Polling Sub-division Number 1, at the office of George Lamb, Deputy Returning Officer, Clifton Elvidge.

In the East Ward, or Polling Sub-division Number 2, at the Town Hall, Durham, Deputy Returning Officer, W.H. Bean.

In the West Ward, or Polling Sub-division Number 3, at Carson's office, Deputy Returning Officer John Smith.

3. On the 31st day of December, 1910, at the office of the Town Clerk, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the Mayor shall appoint, in writing, signed by him, two persons, to attend at the final summing up of the votes, by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons desirous of opposing the passing of this By-Law.

4. The Clerk shall attend at the Clerk's Office in the Town of Durham, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 3rd day of January, 1911, to sum up the number of votes given respectively for or against the By-Law.

5. The Mayor

6. The Clerk

7. Passed the day of January, 1911.

NOTICE BY CLERK.

The above is a true copy of a proposed By-Law, which will be taken into consideration by the Council of the Town of Durham, after one month from the 31st day of December, 1910, being the date of the first publication thereof and the polls for taking the votes of the electors will be held on the 3rd day and places named in the By-Law.

W. B. VOLLET, Clerk.

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Since its organization, the Hospital has treated in its cots and beds 16,657 children; 12,370 of these were unable to pay and 441 from the charity fund.

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