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dearer than it did in that darkening night; the slopy, soaked aspect of everything on the decks, and the streaming oilskins of the men, helping to make the sights, and the sounds, too, more miserable and doleful.

The saloon looked so snug, and was so warm and cozy, offering such a contrast to the black, seamy night outside, that I should have been quite content to have remained there all the evening.

I was a little surprised, but of course took it from him. There was no direction or any kind of writing upon it, so I rather hesitated to open it; but the boy guessing my reluctance by my manner, said: "It's all right, guv'nor; it's for you."

I turned the strange epistle over and over—for an eminent vocalist was now "appearing," and the boy could not get away—but could make nothing of it, and so, feeling certain that it was either a hoax or a blunder, I gave it back to him with the remark that it was not for me.

"Plenty of seats further on, gentlemen," said one of the attendants; and under his pilotage we found, not exactly plenty of seats, but a table at which so few were sitting, that by a little squeezing we managed to find places for ourselves.

In due course then appeared Phelim O'Rafferty, the pride of Hibernia; so did Mr. Nelson Collingwood; so did the unrivalled rendering of Dinidin's songs; so did Her Garabaldi Lamentine, in his celebrated feats of Legemardin, as performed before all the crowned heads of Europe; so did the "Great Hunkey Boy," Sam Smiler, with his new and original comic songs; and so, indeed did many others. I was chiefly interested in the undisguised enjoyment of my friend, and the hundreds who were like him; there was no mistake about their admiration, and at the close of almost every performance Giles turned to me and said: "I say, Mr. Merris, that's something like it! Isn't he a clipper?"

But through rain and wind, with crebbage and grog and tea, at last we reached our docks, just too late to enter for the night. There was help for this, and it did not very materially affect me, so I gathered my two or three packages about me, and, wrapping my plaid well about my shoulders, stood in the dim twilight waiting for the boat which had come off to us to return ashore. I had never felt more depressed, nor seen the river look much

and energy of the applause. I thought at the time that if I had ever to take up with the music-hall life of business, I should very much prefer and East-end to a West-end engagement.

"You must excuse me, Mr. Merris; I'm very sorry to leave you, but the skipper wants me at his lodgings to look over some papers. I don't know how long I shall be with him, but I shall get on board by a wherry. You had better go to the stairs at the time fixed, and you will find the boat there."

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I have a scar on my cheek, left there by an accident when I was a boy; so, convinced by this evidence, I read on.

"All you have to do on reaching the stairs is to say to the cabman whom you will find there, 'Horseyey.' The answer, 'time's up,' get in without more words; he will know where to drive—in fact it will be Ed. Yours,

"P. S.—Her name will be Caroline Jackson."

"The host gazed against the side of the ship, and I was sailor enough to have climbed her side by a rope, but—for which attention I thanked my friend Giles—there was a very commodious ladder, with steps and rails, let down, which I knew was used only on special occasions. I was on deck in a moment, and, seeing a light in the saloon, judged that my friend the mate, having returned on board earlier than he had expected, was waiting for me; there was without hesitation I opened the door and entered.

"The only person in the saloon looked up alarmed and surprised; but her astonishment—for it was a woman—was as nothing to mine. I fairly staggered; for beyond all doubt I found myself in a strange ship, in a totally strange saloon, and face to face with a lady who certainly had not formed one of the passenger complement of the Dinorbia.

"Then he is gone!" said the first man. Well, it doesn't matter, Benton," he continued, addressing his companion, "for I put nothing in it that could identify any one, and signed myself as we agreed. But this whole's stupidity, after my pointing you out to him, is enough to rile a saint."

"On quitting the house, I found that the night had grown far worse; before it had simply been disagreeable, it was now wild. The rain was falling still faster, and it was blowing a good deal harder than ever.

"You're full early," growled one of the men. "It's a wonder we was here—hold hard, Tom, or we shall run foul of this here barge—but it's a good job as you have come, for it's a nasty night."

I interpreted this language to mean that the man, knowing I was not now a passenger, did not consider it necessary to be respectful to me any longer; at any rate his tone was unpleasantly familiar. I did not recognize the voice; it was too dark, of course to distinguish the sailor's face, yet I thought I could have told the name of any man in the crew on hearing him speak.

"We have run down to her pretty soon," said I, making another effort to be conversational.

"It's not much of a night for idling," returned the spokesman of the two. "No, certainly not," I agreed. "I did not think, however, that she laid so far out in the stream."

"Well, you ain't likely to know much about it," he retorted; "and I can't see as it signifies. Stand by, Tom—here we are."

"No, of course I had brought no letters; but as she spoke I grew more astonished still, and half believed I was dreaming or in a delirium. She paused, and finding I did not answer her, evidently grew more alarmed, rising from her seat with the palpable intention of moving nearer to the door. I dared say I was a very rough-pulled fellow with my travelling-cap lolling down over my eyes, my sea-going coat dripping with wet, and weather-beaten face—such of it as was visible," which was not

much above my collar and below the peak of my cap; but as soon as I could find voice I said: "If I am wrong in my conjectures, I must ask you to forgive me, but, if I am right, very little apology will be needed. Are you not Miss Kate Jarden of Beechford, in Herefordshire?"

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