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The sunken rock that baffles care;
The adder's foul and fatal sting;
The panther's sudden, deadly spring;
The robber's grasp and rifling hand;
The cloak'd assassin's ruthless brand.
These fearful things collect in one,
And yet you'll find them all outdone—
Not by a flood's wide sweeping tide,
Or fields where death and carnage ride;
Not by the earthquake's whelming crash,
But by the sland'rer's pest like breath,
That smites your name with worse than death
That, charged with poison straight from hell,
Besets all things, than plagues more fell;
That often dims young Genius' eyes,
That severs Friendship's fondest ties;
And often, too, has darkly spread
A cloud around fair Virtue's head.
Go, then, and search the world all round,
And naught so deadly can be found,
As that vile, creeping, hateful thing,
Whose heart is false—her tongue a sting.

THE BABES IN THE BASKET;

—OR,—

DAPH AND HER CHARGE.

CHAPTER I.

THE MOONLIGHT VISITOR.

The evening air stole gently into a quiet room in a southern island, more than sixty years ago.

There were no casements in the wide windows; the heavy shutters were thrown back, and the moonlight poured, in long, unbroken streams, across the polished, un-carpeted floor.

Within the large, pleasant room, two love[illegible] children were sleeping in their little crib, like birds in a nest.

Suddenly there was a cautious tread in the hall, and then [illegible] figure stood silently in the moon[illegible] with candle, or taper, [illegible] woman, whose black hair [illegible] ban formed a striking contrast to the fair children in their loose, white night-dresses.

Who was that strange intruder, and what was her secret errand, in that quiet room?

It was Daph—black Daph; and when you have heard more about her, you can better judge whether she came as a friend, or an enemy, to the sleeping children of her master. Although invisible to the human eye, we shall find, before the story is finished, that the guardian angels of the little ones were surely there.

The large mirror, bright in the moonlight, seemed to have an irresistible attraction for the negro; and the sight of her black face, fully reflected there, made her show her white teeth in a grin of decided approval. The pleased expression, however, disappeared almost instantly, as she said, impatiently, 'Foolish darky, spendin' dese precious time looking at your own black face!'

At this whispered exclamation, the children stirred uneasily. 'If I mus, I mus!' said Daph, resolutely, as she drew from her pocket a box containing two pills. With the pills in her hand she approached the bed-side of the little girl, who was now half sitting up, and looking at Daph with the bewildered expression of one suddenly aroused from sleep.

Daph put aside the mosquito bar, and said, coaxingly, 'Take dis, Miss Lou, quick as you can, and don't go for waking Massa Charley, asleep da aside of you.'

Daph had slipped the pill into a juicy bit of pine-apple, which she seemed to have had ready for the purpose, and the child instantly swallowed it. With one trustful, pleasant glance from her large, blue eyes, the fair-haired girl sank back on her pillow, and was soon in the sweet sleep of innocence.

As soon as Daph saw the small, slender hands lie open and relaxed, she stole round to the side of the little boy. She raised his head gently on her arm and placed in his mouth a bit of the same juicy fruit she had given his sister, containing another of those hidden pills, which she had seemed so anxious to administer. The child did not wake; but the sweet morsel was pleasant to his taste, and no doubt mingled in his baby-dreams of the joys of the pleasant world in which he had passed but a short time.

Daph now set to work busily to fill a huge basket, which she brought from some place of deposit near at hand. The drawers of the bureau, and the contents of the elegant dressing-case she thoroughly over-hauled, making such selections as seemed to please her fancy, and being withal somewhat dainty in her choice. Children's clothing, of the finest and best, forming the lowest layer in the basket then followed a sprinkling of rings and necklaces, interspersed with the choice furniture of the rich dressing-case. Over all was placed a large light shawl, with its many soft folds, and then Daph viewed the success of her packing with much satisfaction.

Quietly and stealthily she approached the bed, where the little girl was sleeping so soundly that she did not wake, even when Daph lifted her in her strong arms, and laid her gently in the great basket—the choicest treasure of all. In another moment the plump rosy boy was lying with his fairy-like sister, in that strange resting-place. Daph looked at them as they lay side by side, and a tear rolled over her dark cheeks, and, as it fell, sparkled in the moonlight.

The negro had taken up a white cloth, and was in the act of throwing it over the basket, when a small book with golden clasps, suddenly caught her eye; rolling it quickly in a soft, rich veil she placed it between the children, and her task was done.

It was but the work of a moment to fasten on the cloth-covering with a stout string; then with one strong effort, Daph stooped, took the basket on her head, and went forth from the door with as stately a step as if she wore a crown.

CHAPTER II.

THE "MARTHA JANE"

There was the bustle of departure on board an American schooner, which some hope of gain had brought to the southern island, named in our last chapter. The fresh and favourable breeze hurried the preparations of the sailors, as they moved about full of glad thoughts of return to their distant home.

The boat, which had been sent ashore for some needful supplies, was fast approaching the vessel, and in it, among the rough tars, was Daph, her precious basket at her side, and her bright eyes passing from face to face with an eager, wistful glance, that seemed trying to read the secrets of each heart.

'Here! go-a-head, woman! I'll hand up your chickens,' said one of the sailors, as they reached the anchored schooner.

'I keeps my chickens to myself,' said Daph, as she placed the basket on her head, and went up the side of the vessel as steadily and securely as the oldest tar of all.

As soon as she set her foot on deck, the sailors thronged around her, offering to take her chickens from her at her own price, and passing their rough jokes on her stout figure and shining black face. One young sailor, bolder than the rest, laid his hand on the basket, and well-nigh tore away its cover. The joke might have proved a dangerous one for him. A blow from Dey[illegible] arm sent [illegible] reeling [illegible] an oak, [illegible] brandishing it around her head, the [illegible]ening with destruction any one who should dare to touch her property, and declaring that with the captain, and with him alone, would she treat for her chickens, about which so much had been said.

'Cap'in,' she said, as a tall, firmly-knit man drew near the disturbance, 'Cap'in, it's you, sah, I wants to speak wid, and just you by yourself, away from these fellows, who don't know how to treat a 'spectable darkie, who belongs to the greatest gentleman in the island. Let me see you in your little cubby there, and if you have an heart in you, we'll make a bargain.'

There was something so earnest in the woman's manner, that Captain Jones at once consented to her odd request, smiling at himself as he did so.

A kind of temporary cabin had been put up on deck for the protection of the captain from the southern sun. It was but a rude frame-work covered with sail-cloth; and yet, when the canvas door was closed, it formed a pleasant and cool place of retirement for an afternoon nap, or for the transaction of private business.

To that spot Daph followed the captain, her basket on her head, and her firm step and consequential air seeming to say to the sailors—'You see, your captain knows better than you do how to treat such a person as I am.'

When they were once within the enclosure, Daph's manner changed. She put down her precious basket and, looking the captain directly in the eye, she said solemnly, 'Cap'in, would you see a man struggle for his life in deep water, outside da, and nebber lift your hand to save him? Would you see a house on fire, and sweet baby-children burning in it, and just look on to see de awsome blaze, and nebber stir to save de dear babies? Cap'in, I'se brought you a good work to do. Dey say de great Lord blesses dem dat cares for little children. Promise you won't tell de dreadsome secret I'se going to tell you! Promise! time is short!'

The kind-hearted captain was impressed by the earnest manner of the woman, and not a little curious to hear the secret that seemed to fill her with such strong feelings. 'I promise,' said he, simply; 'go on!'

'De darkies in dis island,' said Daph slowly, 'de darkies are crazy for de blood of der masters. Poor wicked darkies! Dey means to have enough of it to-night! By to-morrow morning, de white faces on dis coast will ebery one be white wid de death-whiteness! Old folks and little children—dey means to kill dem all! Dey told Daph deir secret, as if dey thought she was all black—inside and out. De Lord forgib Daph dat she did not strike den down, where dey stood showing deir teeth, at the thought of living in master's house and he cold in de grave! Dear massa and missus are up in de country, and Daph couldn't get word to dem, but something in here said, 'You can save the sweet babies, Daph!' so I made as if I war ready to kill dose I loves de best, and set to work a-contriving how a poor, foolish darky could save dose sweet lambs. Your men was always glad to take Daph's chickens, and so de way seemed open. I'se put my darlings in de basket, and here dey are for you to take care ob for de Lord, and He'll rackon wid you for it. It ain't likely dey'll have any friends to stand by 'em, and thank yo for 'cept one poor darky, named Daph!' In a twinkling Daph had torn off the cover of the basket, and here lay the sleeping children, calm and still as if on their mother's bosom.

'Dey do berave, de sweet dears!' said Daph, as she bent tenderly over them. Great tears fell from the eyes of honest Captain Jones. He tried to speak, but the voice that had been heard above the tumult of many a storm was now choked and husky.

In an instant he regained his self-command, and said, 'You have found the right man, Daph! No harm shall come to them so long as my name is Jeremiah Jones! The 'Martha Jane' can skim the water like a wild duck, and will be off towards a better country before ten minutes are over!'

The words were hardly out of Captain Jones mouth before he left his tent-like cabin, and in a moment he was heard giving orders for instant departure.

The energy that had borne Daph through her hour of trial, seemed to desert her now that her object was attained, and she sank down beside the little ones, sobbing like a child. She felt herself a poor, helpless, ignorant creature, going she knew not whither, and having assumed a charge she knew not how to fulfil.

'De great Lord, dat missus loves, can take care of us!' thought the humble negro; 'He can give poor Daph sense to mind de babies!'

In her ignorance, she knew not how to pray, but she leaned in simple faith upon the only source of strength, and found consolation.

In half an hour after the arrival of Daph on board the 'Martha Jane,' the trim little vessel was speeding on her homeward course.

Captain Jones walked the deck in deep meditation, while from their various positions his crew watched him with curious glances. The sailors well knew that Daph was still on board, but no one had dared to question the captain's orders for putting instantly out to sea.

Jeremiah Jones was a thorough republican when at home in good old Massachusetts, but when once on board of all the Russias. His crew were accustomed to submission, and murmuring was never heard among them. They had indeed no cause for discontent, for Captain Jones was just, kind-hearted and high-principled and he wisely ruled his little realm.

The good captain had acted upon a sudden impulse, but now came a time for sober reflection.

'If the darkey had not told the truth,' so reasoned he, 'what has Jeremiah Jones been doing? He had kidnapped a valuable servant and carried off two children, belonging to a man who has the power and wealth to make Jeremiah suffer for his madness. The thing has been done publicly, and these fellows of mine may think it for their interest to deliver me up as soon as I set foot in old Boston!'

These meditations did not seem to increase the peace of mind of the worthy New Englander. He walked the deck impatiently for a few minutes, and then drew near the objects of his anxious thought.

He put aside the canvas curtain, and for a moment in the clear moonlight, watching the sleepers. Daph had thrown her arms protectingly round the basket, and curled about it as if conscious of her charge, even in the deep slumber into which she had fallen. That long, earnest look set the perturbed mind of the captain at rest, and again the unwonted tears filled his large grey eyes.

A state of indecision could not last long in such a mind as that of Captain Jones, and his usually prompt authoritative manner suddenly returned to him. He seized a trumpet, and gave a shout of 'all hands on deck,' which soon brought his eager crew about him.

In a few words he told Daph's fearful story and then, throwing aside the awning, he exposed to view the sleeping forms of the negro and the little ones, as he said:—

'I have pledged myself to be a friend to those whom God has sent me to take care of, my men, but if there is one among you who doubts that faithful creature's story, or who is afraid to lend a helping hand to save those sweet throats from the murdering knives of those black rascals on shore, let him stand out here and speak for himself. Let him take a boat and put out for the island while it is yet in sight. We don't want him here. He shall have his wages and bounty too, for the master he serves is likely to give him little comfort in the long run. Speak out, men, will you stand by me, or will you go ashore?'

Every voice joined in the hearty cheer with which the captain's words were received. Rough hands were stretched out towards him, and he responded to their warm grasp with a hearty shake, as one by one the men came up to give him this token of their determinction to help him in the good deed he had begun.

The cheer that was so welcome to the ear of Captain Jones had quite a different effect upon poor Daph. She sprang to her feet in wild alarm, and, placing herself in front of her darlings stood ready to do battle in their behalf.

The men drew back, and Captain Jones hastened to explain to Daph the hearty expression of good-will towards her, which had risen spontaneously from the crew of the 'Martha Jane.'