RACHEL'S TROTH

—OR—

THE LOST MAN.

CHAPTER VI.

AFTER THE STORM.

Strange to say the confession of Mrs. Halstead, breathed out with such contrition and agony, was like a great letting in of light to Rachel. Now she understood how her lover, in spite of her humble and affectionate message, had kept from her side. He would have been with her, but her letter had been withheld. He might be lost to her for ever in this fearful storm, but he had not deliberately cast her from him. Rachel took the two trembling and ice-cold hands of the mother within her own, and soothingly pressed her lips to the pale brow. It was a slight action, done without forethought—the simple impulse of the moment—but it spoke her forgiveness and her feelings better than words. The flying spray from the churning waves was leaping over the protection wall and smiting the mother unheeded, while the wind even there threatened to whisk her up and hurl her into the water of the harbor. Rachel gently drew the arm of the anguished woman within her own, and led her closer into the wall out of reach of wind and waves.

"Do not think of the past, dear Mrs. Halstead," she quietly answered, "let it be buried and forgotten. Let us think of the present and the future."

"I dare not! I dare not!" fearfully and shiveringly responded the mother. "The present is but my hatred of you come back upon my own head—and the future—what is there in store for me? I dare not think of it."

"Hours not now!" fiercely and despairingly retorted the mother, "though, poor souls, they are deep enough in their own dear grief troubles without thinking of mine. Grief is always selfish. Do you hear that thundering and crashing of the sea among those caves and cliffs along there? Harry may be among all that—his fair face being beaten and mangled on those jagged stones and the life being smashed out of him, when all around him was the most promising and alluring. That is my doing, my senseless hatred of you has done it."

"Not hatred—it could not be hatred," said Rachel in mild correction.

"It was; but there was a reason even in its folly. You have wondered at it, no doubt, and tried to guess what you had done to offend me, Rachel, and hated you before I saw you. It was a transmitted hatred. I hated your mother, and when she died I gave it to you. My husband loved her once; indeed, they were nearly engaged, but something came between them, and he married me instead. But she was his first love, and you know a man never gets that out of his head. My husband never did. He spoke of her often—her tenderness, her sweet disposition, and her devotion—till I learned to hate her very name. Every time he spoke of her, or even thought of her—as I knew he often did—I took it as a slight and insult to me. I was faithful, devoted, and loving as wife could be, and he was good and kind, but his heart of hearts was never mine. I felt it—saw it—knew it, and the grief of my heart slowly distilled into intense hatred of her."

"But not of me," said Rachel, gently and pityingly.

"Yes, of you—the one hatred grew out of the other," steadily returned the mother. "When she was taken they told me you resembled her, and you know you bear her name. I felt from that moment that I should hate you when we met; but then I did not dream of Harry seeing you and being as deeply wrapped up in you as his father had once been with her. When I did see you and hear your voice it seemed to me that I was face to face with my old rival. When Harry's infatuation was revealed, I knew that my heart had not deceived me—that you were my rival."

"Could it be a misfortune for him to have two devoted to his welfare instead of one?" softly interposed Rachel, still clasping the mother's hand in her own.

"Hate has no reason, child," promptly answered Mrs. Halstead; "every thing is distorted, and revenge seems a virtue. But it has all gone from me now. God has pulled me up in my wickedness. If Harry be spared to me he shall be yours also. After all it is his happiness we both seek. Pray with me for his safety."

"I do, mother, with every breath I draw," fervently answered Rachel, with a loving embrace.

"And you forgive me?" exclaimed Mrs. Halstead, in tearful surprise.

"I understand you now," said Rachel simply. "It was natural—womanly; almost right—that you should hate me, for what blow strikes deeper than a slight to a woman's love? There is nothing for me to forgive."

While these two trembling women were thus seeing deeper into each other's hearts and thus being drawn closer in affection, the sudden disappearance of most of the crowd towards the north side of the harbour recalled them to their surroundings and interests other than their own. The boom of distress signals and the glare of blue lights about a mile out from the cliffs had attracted the attention of the watchful coastguard. A large vessel, whose outline could hardly be discerned at times upon the white sea, was nearing shore with awful rapidity, sailless and apparently rudderless, so helplessly she drift before the storm. With a hearty cheer every one was helping to trundle along the rocket apparatus, in hope that before drifting ashore some of the anchors would hold. Even in a body it was a desperate fight to get along that exposed and jagged shore, but long before the willing helpers were abreast of the vessel she was sent whirling in on the rocks, straight into the deep narrow fissure known as Dickmont's Den; and there, almost under the people's eyes, one or two grinding smashes on the cruel teeth of the rocks sent the noble vessel drifting like matchwood among the clefts and caves. A few wild cries, sympathisingly echoed by those on shore, were all that indicated the presence of a crew, and in a moment the sea had swallowed all, and nothing heard but the roar of the breakers and the thundering of sea and wind into the deep cave below.

When part of crowd got back to the harbour the early dawn was already creeping upon the horizon. One or two sails could be faintly descried far out at sea, but there were those of large vessels which had safely outridden the gale, and not the familiar brown specks so dear to the fishers' wives and so anxiously looked for. The wind had fallen; the murky clouds were all but gone, and when the sun rose it shone forth brightly and smilingly on the troubled sea, as if in mockery of the desolation it followed. The waves, as far as the eye could reach, were curling up to a terrific height, and then falling over in great sheets of drift and spray, every line of which in the gay sunshine became a miniature rainbow, the fairy-like beauty of which was unheeded by the anxious watchers on shore. Along the cliffs the sea still thundered and boiled, and from one of the clefts three bodies, cold and bruised, had been borne gently and reverently. They were foreigners, with rings in their ears, and sallow, sun-tanned faces, but the one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin was there with that crowd, and mothers wept as softly and tenderly over the strangers as their own would do away in the far-off sunny climes when the rings and love tokens found with them should be sent back with the dread news.

The Burned "Glenfinlas."

ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 22.—The ill-fated steamer *Glenfinlas*, which was burned accidentally on the Welland Canal on Friday evening last, had an insurance on her hull of $16,000. Captain Zealand had also received a quantity of freight from a railway company, on which he advanced $525 freight charges. Fortunately the amount was insured. What amount of insurance there was on the freight, if any, the captain does not know. The cargo of the *Glenfinlas* consisted of 21,000 bushels of corn, 700 hides, 10 barrels of whiskey, five barrels of syrup, and other miscellaneous freight. There was also on board a chaise and trunk consigned to J. Henderson, St. Catharines. The day before the fire the captain took on 50 tons of coal, which, like all the rest of the cargo, was consumed in the big blaze. A human skull has been found among the cargo, which is supposed to belong to remains which have once been buried as particle of clay are still adhering to the jaw. It is supposed to have been contained in one of a number of miscellaneous boxes shipped from Chicago for Montreal.

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Lightning's Freaks at Shelburne.

SHELBURNE, Aug. 22.—Robert Little, of Mono, while unloading grain in the barn of James Buchanan, near Primrose, was instantly killed this morning during the prevalence of a sharp thunder storm. Buchanan, who was with him, escaped uninjured. Although the load of grain got on fire it was extinguished. The lightning also struck the yard of the school house here while a large number of children were at play, but fortunately did no harm.

The French in Tonquin.

HONG KONG, Aug. 22.—On the 15th instant an attack was made by the French on Phoubai, in the direction of Sontay, a strong post seven miles from Hanoi. The French were 2,000 strong and the enemy 15,000. Terrible floods are causing loss of life in the vicinity of Hanoi.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A despatch from Hong Kong to-day says that Haidundong, Tonquin, has been taken by the French, with 150 cannon and $50,000 of Annamite cash. The Annamites fled.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The Chinese Government has made reparation for the murder of the French missionaries in Yon Nan, and promised to punish the murderers.

SUICIDE OF A DRUNKEN INDIAN.—About one o'clock on Tuesday morning an unknown Indian was seen loitering in a drunken fashion about King's hotel, corner York and Front streets, Toronto. Presently a sharp looking individual approached him and walked off with him arm-in-arm toward the Union station. Here the individual referred to was observed by two switchmen relieving the drunken red skin of his watch. They accused him of the theft, and the Indian realizing that the watch had been taken from him became frantic in his drunken delirium, ran across the embankment, and with a yell darted into the bay and was drowned. The thief, who gave his name as Joseph Croke, and said he had lately came from the States, was taken in custody by the police, and has been committed for trial.

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