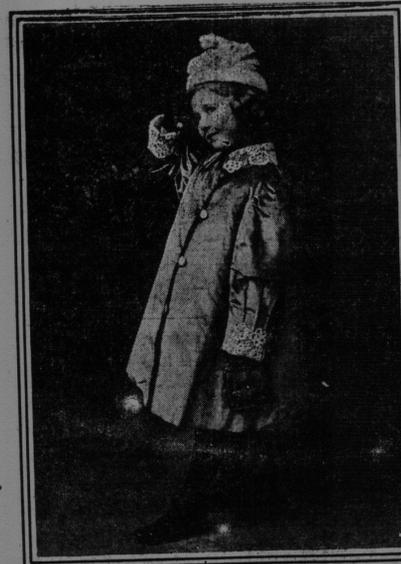


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The Captain of the Kansas

By LOUIS TRACY. (Illustrated according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year nineteen hundred and seven, by McLeod & Allen, at the Department of Agriculture.)

This story was unquestionably true. Tollemache, who had fought an offshoot tribe of these same Indians; Christobal, who vouched for the Argentine accent, and Elsie, who seemed to have read such rare books of travel as dealt with that little known part of the world, bore out the reasonableness of his statements. The only individual on board who regarded him with suspicion was Joey, and even Joey was satisfied when Suarez had washed himself. It was daylight again, a dawn of dense mist, without wind or hail, ere any member of the ship's company thought of sleep. Then Elsie went to her cabin and dreamed of a river of molten gold, down which she was compelled to sail in a cork-shell boat, while fantastic monsters of copper beeches to frame the picture. There was no pillar of smoke on the hills to bear silent testimony to the presence of the Indians; but the canoe lying alongside told her that the previous night's events were no part of her dreams, and a man whom she did not recognize—a man with closely cropped gray hair and a deeply lined, weather-tanned face, from which a pair of sunken, flashing eyes looked kindly at her—said in Spanish: "Good morning, senorita. I hope I did not startle you when I came aboard. And I said things I should not have said in the presence of a lady. But believe me, senorita, I was drunk with delight."

CHAPTER X. "Missing at Lloyd's" Elsie had slept long and soundly; she found herself in a new world of sunshine and calm. When she looked over the side to examine the cruelly fashioned canoe, she was astonished by the limpid purity of the water. She could see white pebbles and vegetation at a vast depth. It seemed to be impossible that a few hours should have worked such a change, but Suarez assured her that the streams which tumbled down the precipitous gorges of the hills ran clear quickly after rain, owing to the sifting of the surface drainage by the phenomenal tree-growth. "Whenever timber can lodge on the hill sides," he told her, "fallen trunks lie in layers of fifteen or twenty feet. They rot there, and young saplings push their way through to the light and air, while creepers bind them in an impenetrable mass; in many places small trees and shrubs of dense foliage take root amidst the decaying stumps beneath, so that even the Indians cannot pass from one point to another, but are compelled to climb the rocky watercourses or follow the slopes of glaciers. When you see what appears to be a smooth green space above the low, brown-colored belt of copper beech, that is not a moss-covered stretch of open land, but the closely packed tops of young trees, where a new tract has been heard."

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"But we are almost as badly situated here." "Huh, not a bit of it. Lucky chap, Courtney, he couldn't lose a ship if he tried. She'd follow him 'cross country like that. Look at me; lost three, all brand new from the builders. One foundered, one burnt, one stuck on the Goodwin. I'm careful, steady as any man can be, but no owner would trust me with a ship now, unless she was a back number, an over-ruined. Even then my luck would follow me. I'd bring that sort of crazy old tub through the Northwest passage. So I'm first mate, an' first mate I'll remain till my ticket gives out."

"A good deal of this was Greek to Elsie. But she knew that Boyle was a man of good speech, unless deck hands required the stimulus of a tongue lashing. Such a string of connected sentences was a rare occurrence. It argued that the "Chief" was not unwilling to indulge in reminiscence. "Why do you consider Captain Courtney so fortunate?" she asked flushing at the guile which lay behind the question. "Huh," mumbled Boyle amazed that even a ship of a girl should need information on so obvious a fact. "Don't you call it luck to be given command of a ship like the Kansas at his age? An' to get five hundred pounds a gold chronometer because the skipper of the Florida was too full to hold on to the bridge? You mark my words, he'll be a sub-soned one of the fleet after he pulls the Kansas out of this mess."

"What happened to the Florida?" "Haven't you heard that yet?" Blame my soul, she was our crack ship. She broke her shaft in a gale, an' the skipper was washed overboard. You always tell lies about dealers, you know—A. C. Just waded in an' saved the whole outfit, passengers an' all."

"But he has had reverses, too. He was in the Royal Navy, I have been told, and he had to give it up because his people."

"More luck. The Royal Navy! Huh, all gold broad, an' buy your own vitals. There's no money in that game."

"Money is not everything in the world. A man's career may be more to him than the mere monetary aspect of it."

"If you ever meet my missus, you'll hear the other side of the question. Miss Maxwell, 'Sposin' Courtney was in the Navy, an' I'm a wife an' family to keep. Could he do it on his pay? Not he. As sure as he's here to marry a girl with a pile, and wind up a managing officer."

"Perhaps he is engaged to some such young lady already?" (To be continued.)

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THE INCARNATION

Sermon Preached by the Rev. J. W. Keirstead, Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, on Sunday Evening Dec. 22nd

THE INCARNATION, John 1: 14. For many years previous to the birth of Jesus there was among the Jews the earth a widespread feeling of the need of a greater moral force in human society than had previously existed. This feeling of need became stronger and stronger as one after another of the old world's religious systems was weighed in the balance of human experience and found wanting. Instinctively men felt that at the heart of this universe there was a great and good God, and that, being great and good, He would sooner or later reveal Himself to the earth. In the meantime, however, before He would come to their rescue before utter ruin should overtake them, He does not deceive His children with false hopes, whether heathen or Christian. The sincere heart may be searching the soul cannot find out God; then in short time God will make His way to that soul even though Bethlehem, a longer passage and a Calvary intervene. This is just what this text tells us. When men, because of their natural limitations, and because of their sinfulness, cannot by their own efforts apprehend God as revealed in nature and history, the invisible becomes visible, and the Divine, becoming flesh, and the word became flesh and dwelt among us."

GOD AND MAN REVEALED IN JESUS. We have learned to prize most highly the wisdom which comes to us from the rocks beneath our feet; from the stars above our heads; from the words of the prophets; or the heart songs of the generations that have faded into the dew of the morning; or the musings of Plato and kindred spirits. We have learned to prize all good books, the precious words of our sages, and to boast of a richer inheritance. The great source and fountain of all knowledge is the incarnate Word. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He speaks to us not only in words, but in god-like deeds.

And so the word hath breath and With human hands the creed of creeds, In loveliness of perfect deeds, More strong than all poetic thought.

Which he may read, who binds the shaft, Or builds the house, or digs the grave. And these wild eyes that watch the wave In roaring round the coral reef."

On the one hand Jesus lived in the closest fellowship with the father; and so, He loved holiness and hated sin. In His soul, and life, and teaching: He passed God's judgment upon the sinfulness of human kind. How vast and deep and wide the abyss between us and the Father, nor can we know who has never enjoyed this fellowship. Feeling with God, He could never forget the burden of it from His heart. God never forgets, never ceases to feel its weight and burden. The love of our sins more deeply than the loving wife feels the sin of her husband; more keenly than the mother feels the life of her child, because He loves us more, and what God feels Jesus felt. Then on the other hand, Jesus lived in the deepest sympathy with man. He knew their inmost thoughts. He knew them as they were and as they ought to be, and His pure generous heart made their needs His own. The more deeply they had gone into sin, the more deeply their needs touched His heart; and the more He trembled under the burden of souls which at the same time was His purpose and His will to save. His love and absolute fidelity to His Father's will and purpose kept Him, and forbade Him to lay it down until He should lay it up on the Cross.

ATONEMENT OF JESUS. ATONEMENT OF GOD. Men, who know little about Jesus, and less about God, often sneer at the atonement. They suggest that it would be an ungodlike thing for the Father to give the innocent to atone for the sins of the guilty; but all this only shows that they have failed to apprehend the significance of the atonement of Jesus. Jesus is Saviour because God is a Saviour, and it was God's own saviourhood that found expression in the life and death of Jesus. Christians have not always apprehended this great truth as clearly as they ought. They have tried to understand the doctrine of the atonement and atonement separately, when they can only be understood as supplementary parts of the same truth. The life and death of Christ expressed not what God appointed Christ to feel, but what God felt; and not what God felt newly, or temporarily, but what He has felt eternally and what He feels today. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," said Jesus to His disciples, as He reclined in the midst of them after the last supper; and He might have said the same as He hung upon the cross; for there it was that He would the truest and deepest and highest revelation of God's love and saviourhood.

GOD A SIN-BEARER. In Jesus, God is revealed as a sin-bearer in a three-fold sense. First, He is a sin-bearer in the sense that He endures the presence of this thing which His righteous soul abominates, but cannot destroy without destroying the sinner whom He loves. Second, God is a sin-bearer by virtue of His sympathetic relation to men. He loves men and an apostle His beloved; and, therefore, it is a burden upon His heart. This means that a man can commit sin without laying upon God this double burden. Then, again, God is a sin-bearer by way of endeavor. A great God of infinite love cannot endure sin passively. He must empty Himself as He did in Christ and plunge into the thick of the battle. In this conflict He is compelled to face the evil He hates, and to feel its cruel triumph which He labors for those who despair and reject Him, until His hour of triumph cometh.

GOD DID NOT RETIRE WITH DEATH OF JESUS. We must not make the grave mistake which think that with the death of Jesus God retired from active participation in humanity's struggle with sin. To entertain such a thought is to rob ourselves of the highest motive for self-denying effort. When two modern nations go to war the chief ground of attack and to surrender the highest motive for self-denying effort. When two modern nations go to war the chief ground of attack and to surrender the highest motive for self-denying effort. When two modern nations go to war the chief ground of attack and to surrender the highest motive for self-denying effort.

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AT THE MANGER. When first, her Christmas watch to keep, Came down the silent Angel, Sleep, With snowy sandals shod, Beholding what her mother's hands Had wrought, with softer swaddling bands, She awaited the Son of God.

Then, skilled in mysteries of Night, With tender visions of delight, She watched his resting-place, Till, wakened by a warmer glow, Than heaven itself had yet to show, He saw his mother's face. —John B. Tabb, in the December Atlantic.

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