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## A QUEEN UNCROWNED

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THE STORY IN THE LONE INN.

### CHAPTER XVII.

That lady gave him a glance of supreme contempt, and obeyed.

"For nearly two hours, the party remained shut up in the room, and then Mr. De Vere came out and addressed Octavia.

"Where is Captain Tempest?" he coolly asked.

"Gone to Green Creek for a coffin." "He may spare himself the trouble. My carriage will be here, presently, with one. I intend to bury her myself."

"Just as you like. It makes no difference to me."

"You can tell Captain Tempest that she shall be buried in the family vault, as if she were really my daughter, and it will prevent the talk and scandal that must necessarily ensue if she were taken to Green Creek Cemetery. It is a better arrangement for all parties."

"You can do what you like with her. A dead body is of no great importance to any one."

Mr. De Vere turned away with a look of disgust; but he paused suddenly, as the sound of carriage wheels met his ear.

The next moment, the boisterous voice of Frank was heard, shouting for admittance; and he and William, the coachman, presently appeared, bearing between them that most dismal of all objects—a coffin.

Disbrowe's marble face grew a shade whiter as it fell on the ghastly object. The lid was taken off, and the doctor and Mr. De Vere reverently raised the slight, girlish form and placed it in its last resting place. And then all gathered around to take

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this. Shall we not be friends before you go? I am an old man, Alfred, and I love you for my sister's sake."

It is an appeal there was no resisting. Disbrowe stretched out his hand, and caught that of his uncle's in a friendly clasp.

"Good-by, my dear uncle. Let the presence of the dead consecrate our new friendship. Augusta, my cousin, farewell. Frank—doctor—good-by."

He waved his hand, and sprang on Saladin.

"Then you will go? Oh, Alfred, if you would but stay with us a few days longer."

"I cannot, farewell."

He was gone. Down the maple avenue he rode, and disappeared among the trees. As he reached the gate, he paused to look back—his last look, he thought it. How little did he think with what different feelings he would gaze on it in days to come!

Who can tell what to-morrow may bring forth?

He rode on. Fontelle disappeared, was left behind, and with it was left Jacquetta in her lonely grave.

### CHAPTER XVIII.

One week later, and the bark Sea Gull left New York harbor, bound for "England's Isle." The passengers stood watching the fast receding shores of "Uncle Sam," and standing off among them was the tall, gallant form of Captain Alfred Disbrowe, gazing thoughtfully sadly, on the land he was leaving.

Down the river, on to the wide ocean, swept the stately ship, and slowly and gradually the shores began to recede.

"Adieu to the new land!" he said, waving his hand; "farewell to bright America."

"A long farewell," sighed a familiar voice behind him, and turning suddenly round, he stood face to face with Jacinto!

There was a pause, during which Disbrowe's eyes were fixed steadily on his face. The boy's dark eyes fell and the blood mounted to his brow.

"You here!" said Disbrowe, slowly; "this is a most unexpected pleasure."

"I did not know you were on board," said Jacinto, timidly. "I thought you were going to remain in New York."

"And I expected you would have returned with your friend, Captain Tempest," said Disbrowe, coldly.

"He is no friend of mine," said the boy, quickly. "I never knew him until I met him accidentally in Liverpool, and finding he was to sail the next day, took passage in his ship. That is all."

"Have you not seen him since you left Fontelle?" said Disbrowe, suspiciously.

"No," said the boy, earnestly, "not once."

"You have heard what has happened since?"

Jacinto lifted his large black eyes, and Disbrowe saw they were full of tears.

"Yes, and indeed I was very—very sorry."

"I have no doubt of it." His tone of proud, bitter endurance went to the heart of Jacinto, and the tears fell fast from his eyes.

"Oh, Captain Disbrowe, I am sorry for you. Indeed—indeed I am sorry for you."

(To be continued.)

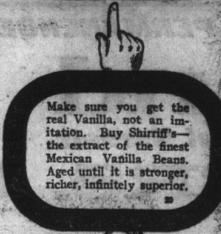
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### The Social Value of "Neutral" English

Comment has been aroused by Mr. A. Parry Gunn's statement to Glasgow Rotarians recently that a local accent is a barrier against the best jobs. Mr. Gunn said: "Only 'neutral' English will enable anyone to keep the best jobs in the British Empire, and it opens up to him the whole world where English is spoken."

The following statements were made by leading educationists:— Mr. R. E. T. Ridout (principal of the London Chamber of Commerce):

Were people with dialects continually trying to talk the "neutral" speech of England the effect would be artificial. They would be talking a stilted tongue without history or tradition, and the whole effect would be pedantic. Are there no successful Scotsmen, Welshmen, and Irishmen in England?

Kitchen and Drawing-Room. Mr. Walter Ripman (chief inspector to the University of London and a writer on phonetics):

More and more people in Great Britain are becoming bilingual—proof that the hold of dialects is weakening. The speech used by servants to their mistresses is different from that in the kitchen. Children talk a more standard type of English at school. Women have a better appreciation of the social value of good speech, gained in prehistoric times while the men hunted and they spent hours talking among themselves.

Dr. J. E. Borland (musical adviser to the London County Council): A United States schoolmaster in London recently told me that he could not understand the talk of the London children in the streets, but at an elementary school he heard boys singing and found it easy to distinguish the words.

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### When the Rat Was Popular

No other animal is so badly off for human friends as the rat, and yet there are apparently places in which he is, or has been, tolerated and even valued. Rats, says Mr. John L. Conzidine in *Adventures*, were never molested in the mines of Virginia City and Gold Hill, Nevada. The lower levels of those deeps were alive with the long-tailed rodents.

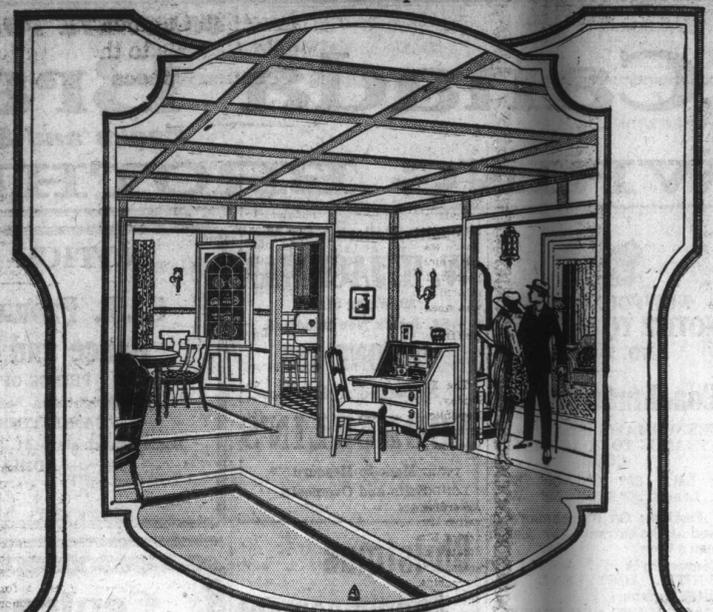
Their immunity from harm made them tame and even saucy. They fared sumptuously on the fragments left from the miner's lunches,—for the miners lived well,—and even in that respect the creatures were of service; they acted as scavengers in removing the scraps of meat and of other food that otherwise would have caused bad odors.

Because of the great heat—the temperature often rose to one hundred and forty degrees in the lower levels—the decay of the smallest scrap would have been unpleasant. But perhaps the most important reason for tolerating of rats was that when a great cave-in of rock was about to occur they gave the miners the first warning. The animals become uneasy and scampered about at unwonted times and in unusual places. The rats always were the first to discover that the earth was settling. The miners reasoned that the waste rock and timbers, in settling, pinched them in their usual haunts and so forced them to go forth in quest of new quarters in order to avoid being crushed.

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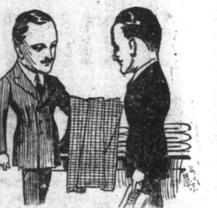
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