

fascinating story of "Uncle Tom." Its subject, slavery, was akin to all the world; for the monster had in turn defiled well nigh every nation, the most enlightened as well as the most abject. From the continent of Europe it crossed the Atlantic, and nestled its hideous form among the green islands of the West; and with the pioneers of America it came and fixed its terrible talons deep in the virgin soil of the new country. The old world hailed as a new-found bonanza the increasing market for her human traffic. England, Germany, France, and Spain poured their palpitating cargoes upon its ample shores.

" Loud and perpetual o'er the Atlantic waves,  
For guilty ages roll'd the tide of slaves ;  
A tide that knew no fall, no turn, no rest ;  
Constant as day and night from east to west,  
Still widening, deepening, swelling in its course  
With boundless ruin and resistless force."

From the beginning both England and America had their staunch advocates for the abolition of slave trading and slave holding. The undying names of Grenville Sharpe, Clarkson, Wilberforce, Elizabeth Keyrick, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, Jay, and Hamilton are among the first who dared to confront so established and lucrative an institution. For a time their efforts seemed almost futile. Ease, caste, and mammon ruled the sea and land. But as dropping water wears the hardest stone, so steady, determined efforts of pure, unselfish, Christian purpose will undermine the staunchest bulwarks of wrong. Between 1833 and 1843 England unfettered her millions of bondsmen, and vetoed the traffic. The while the same change was going on in the different countries of Europe, humanity was asserting its nobility and power everywhere but in America, where, as the boundaries of slavery narrowed, tighter and tighter grew

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