

174. The boats picked up as many as was possible without overloading them, and then made for the shore, which was only two miles off, hoping to land these and return for more, but the surf ran so high that landing was impossible, and after seeking till daylight for a safe landing place they were at last picked up by a schooner, which then made for the wreck, where thirty or forty were still clinging to the masts in a dreadful state of exhaustion.
175. When she saw how attentive the servants were to her husband and how well he seemed to know the place she began to wonder, but she was not in the dark long for just then her husband turned to her and told her that it all belonged to him and her, but when he told her this she blushed as if she was ashamed but almost immediately got deadly pale, but still for all this he used her kindly and acted to her as if he was her lover.
176. The barons met at Runnymede and held a conference at which place they drew up the Magna Charta which they asked the king to sign which John did not want to do but he knew if he refused the probabilities would be that the throne would be taken from him and so he signed it.
177. Just as she was thinking this he bids her come with him so she obeys, and he leads her to a great mansion, and as he goes to the door there are a number of servants come and bow before him, this puzzles her more and more because in the other mansions they had went into there were no servants bowed before him.
178. A messenger was sent to the castle with a letter which stated that if they did not at once release the prisoners they would fight for their release, in reply they received an answer stating that a priest should be sent to reconcile them with God as they intended to execute them that forenoon.
179. As the war has lasted so long, and the Spaniards have felt the burden of debt increasing so much that it is very doubtful if she will be able to subdue them.