

a more intimate note was struck when, after hearing that he had come to Eng-land as a foremast hand on "The Lodestar," she asked him if he knew her little brother, who was cabin boy on Captain Pengarvan's ship. "What, Billy?" exclaimed Diaz. "Of course I do; the young monkey. But I never heard his other name. He is just Billy to everyone on board. Have you seen him lately?"

transpired that Master Billy Craze had been home for a week, but that he had gone back to the ship en the containment to live on board that he had gone back to the ship when the captain went to live on board to superintend the taking in of cargo. He was not expected to visit his rela-tions again till "The Lodestar's" re-turn from the ensuing voyage. The ice thus broken, Antonio Diaz

and Marigold Craze met without con straint, and frequently, during the few remaining days of his sojourn at the Tower. Apart from his desperate poli-tical ventures, Antonio was a simple-hearted, chivalrous soul, and he found himself singularly attracted by 'his forlorn daughter of the shc - , whose mournful secret he had surprised. Though he was a democrat to the fin-ger-tips he was a man of culture and education, and wondering more than a little at his growing infatuation for the humble girl, he kept himself severely in check. Then, suddenly, he discovered that Marigold Craze was as cultured as any lady of high degree.

The reason was not far to seek. Marigold owed her gentle speech and refined air to Miss Carlyon, who, but a year or two older than herself, had

made a pet of her, and taught her all she knew. The fisherman's daughter was better informed, and a good deal more polished, than most of the hockey-playing hoydens who hall from "high schools." Diaz did not learn this from the girl herself, who was much too shy to attempt to show off her accomplishments, but from Hilda on the morning of Lance's return to the Tower. "You

Marigold?" admire asked Hilda, regarding her guest critically after she had answered many ques-tions about her protegee.

"She is the most exquisite creature "She is the most exquisite creature I have ever seen," was the enthusiastic reply. "A wood violet, a nymph of the sea-foam, a faun of the forest." "I hope you haven't been telling her so, Senor," said Hilda, gravely. "So

far as I am aware she is heart-whole, and I should not like to think that the placid stream of her life had been disturbed."

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Diaz shuddered at the half-playful words uttered in all ignorance. "I am too preoccupied for that sort of thing, Miss Carlyon," he answered, with a hint of reproach in his voice. "And, believe me I would rather mend hearts believe me, I would rather mend hearts than break them. I shall be able to converse with her on a different foot-ing when I see her next."

But Antonio Diaz and Marigold Craze were not destined to meet again till many tides had ebbed and flowed on the beach below the Tower. For the discussion was interrupted by the ad-vent of Captain Lance Pengarvan, and then things began to happen quickly. (To be continued.)