

Poetry

EMIGRANT.

She clasped her hands on my arms. She laid her cheek on my shoulder: The tide of her tears fell warm...

Literature.

A MOTHER'S VENGEANCE.

A proud, stern man was Geoffrey Peyton, and rich withal, in wealth and honors. He had won distinction at the bar and on the bench...

Not very early in life he married one whom he had long loved with an ardent devotion, often character of men like him, and of which weaker natures are incapable...

Then came a blow which fell none the lighter on the proud man's head because he gave no sign of yielding. Death crossed his threshold and took from him first his wife and then his child.

Years sped, and Geoffrey Peyton had become an old man. At his death, his large fortune would descend by law to a distant relative, a young man whose name kept him free from all costly enjoyments...

Three years before the occurrences of which we are now to speak, a young named George Haynes had sought and obtained employment of Mr. Peyton as his secretary.

George made so good use of his opportunities, that by the end of three years he had prepared for admission to the bar. He had learned other things beside law in the meantime.

"I am unaccused, sir, of having abused your trust, or ill-requited your kindness," replied the youth, with a touch of the other's spirit in his manner.

"You can do her a greater favor at less cost," returned the other, dryly.

pose to endow her, she shall come to you a beggar like yourself." "You do me rank injustice," answered George...

"Then for her sake desist from a scheme which, if successful, must reduce her to beggary. If you possess a title of the unselfishness you profess, you will heed this warning and go your way."

The morning papers announced the loss of a great steamer, bound for San Francisco. Nearly all on board had perished; and among the names of the lost was that of George Haynes.

"Pray be seated, and explain the reason of your visit to-day," said Mr. Peyton pointing to a chair.

"You had a son once?" she said. "Taking the proffered seat, she remained for a time silent, gazing intently on the face before her."

"I too, had a son," she continued—"but only one, as yours was." In a sudden affray, he had the misfortune, in a moment of passion, to slay his antagonist.

"That day," she resumed, "I took an oath to make you feel, if possible, all I then felt. Let me see your child—"

"Listen. I stole away your child, and left you to mourn him as dead. I took him to a distance, and reared him as my own. I bore no malice towards him."

"You had none when I sought to appeal to it," she answered. "That your son is not alive, and that your conscience may accuse you of his death is the reason I am here."

"A serpent's head and some strange characters, in India ink, on the left arm below the elbow," was the answer.

"Good news! good news!" cried Gertrude, bursting into the room. "The evening paper corrects the report of this morning. George Haynes is among the saved, and has already reached New York."

But her words were heeded not. The old man by his clear unconscious, he was placed upon his bed; and on returning to himself, and being informed of George's safety, "Send for him!" he whispered eagerly—"let there be no delay."

"Has he called for his will, and when it was brought, kept it in his hand. 'Has he come yet?' was the question he repeated, as often as he had strength.

"When at last the young man came, and was conducted to his late employer's bedside, the latter, with eager trembling hands, turned back the sleeve of George's coat so as to expose the left arm.

"My Ernest—my son!" he exclaimed, raising himself with sudden strength he clasped the young man to his breast.

"Bear witness, all," he said; "this is my son. These marks, pointing to certain devices tattooed on George's arm, prove it, as does the testimony of the woman who stole him away and reared him as her own, and whom I saw and conversed with last night. It now only remains to cancel this will. Taking his will, and tearing it in fragments."

Geoffrey Peyton would fain have lived for his son's sake, but it was not to be. The recent shock proved too much for his strength; and not many days after he sank to rest in his son's arms.

Her story would be incomplete if we failed to mention that Ernest Peyton and Gertrude Gray, in due time, were happily married. What became of the distant relative, we don't know, and don't suppose anybody cares.

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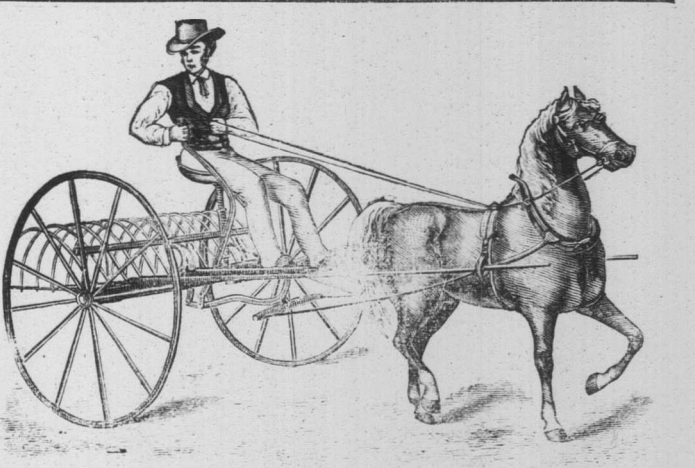
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