

Children's Department.

The Honest Fisherman.

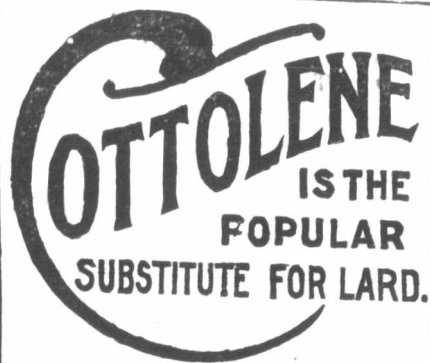
Mark Hudson was born and bred by the sea. You could see that in his eyes. They had a keen and steady gaze, as if accustomed to keep hold on distant objects, despite the tossing of the craft—a sort of far-off look, as well, that came from living by that broad expanse of waves, where often there was nothing for his sight to rest on nearer than the line where sky and ocean met.

It was stormy weather when he came into the world. They could hardly hear the infant wail for the roaring of the wind without.

Mark's mother shuddered as he laid upon her breast. It seemed to her as if it meant that her boy would have a stormy life; for they were ignorant fisher-folks down there upon the coast. But by-and-by she sank to sleep, and when she woke, the moon was shining clear and calm above the raging sea. Somehow the words came to her, "Peace, be still;" and as the babe rocked gently up and down with every breath, she thought of Jesus in the boat, and how the tempest ceased at His command.

She knew the story though she could not read a word. A godly man the sea had washed ashore one fearful night, had told it to her. These fisher-folk had saved his life, and ministered to him of their simple substance; and in return he preached to them the Word of Life. It seemed as if God sent him to them, so he said.

Mark's mother thought about the story ever after, when the nights were rough or when the men were out at sea; and it gave her peace of mind to think that her little Mark might have the Master in the boat throughout his voyage on the "sea of life."



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his father's boat. So he grew to man's estate and took a wife; and little ones were born to him to play about his parents' knees in their old age.

Then came a time when the old man stayed on the shore and let the boat go out with Mark aboard and his two biggest boys to help him haul the net; and last of all, he only sat outside the cabin door to watch them start. Then the summons came for him, and soon his faithful wife, too, lay beside him in the churchyard of the little village up the cliff; and Mark was left an orphan.

He was nearing fifty then, and father of ten boys and girls. But he felt himself an orphan, none the less; for love beats very strong in simple hearts.

"They've done their work," he said, as he came back along the path down to the shore again with the other men who had helped to bear the coffin up the cliff; "and now they've gone to 'Our Father in Heaven'—where we'll all go some day, bless His Holy name."

But Mark looked older from that day, and a grave expression settled on his face. "It seems to make mun think o' mun's own end," he used to say; and Mark became a preacher in his way.

You might often see him sitting on the shingle, mending nets and talking to the younger men about the mystery of life and death. "It's all according how mun lives," he used to say. "There's One that died for us and bade us follow Him; and we be fisher-men like His disciples were. He called to them to leave their nets; but all we've got to do is to trust in Him and earn our living honestly."

And Mark had never done a dirty action in his life, nor mixed up in the smuggling that went on along the coast. "The law forbids it," Mark would say; "and what the law forbids, is sin."



Mr. Joseph Hemmerich

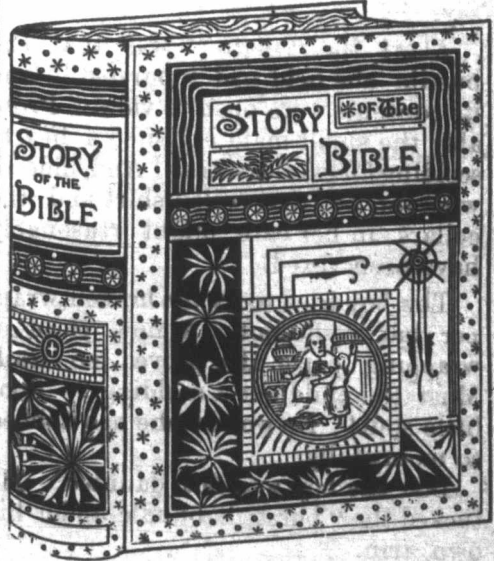
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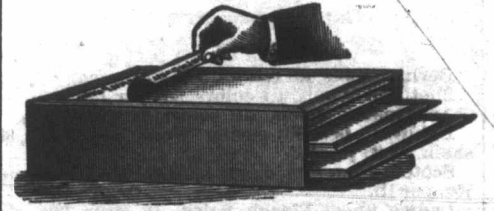
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