were the home of that most terrible of all kings—Death.

Many were the dreadful tales we used to hear of boys and girls—ah! and men and women, too—who had been selzed by some of the fearful animals that dwelt in the dense thickets of reeds and had been seen no more. Many were the death dances (a of our village) for those who had left us in the morning in all the bloom of youth and strength and who had never come back again. Patient those who loved them would wait, inking perhaps they had traveled he great forests near us in search of wild honey (which was a ecious delicacy with us simple folks) d had been overtaken by the night Ah! many nights would come, but the bonny young hunter would not come and then we knew that the wild beasts we feared so much had devoured his body and that he had gone to the home

from the thickets of rushes, we played about the trees that skirted the forest near us. Sometimes we had heard of fierce lions prowling about the village by night, but by day they seldom came near our huts, for our men were brave and cunning, their spears were sharp and the pits they dug were deep. Some unwary or overdaring beasts had been entrapped by our braves, and perhaps the savage animals find things, but however that may be, they rarely came too near our thus we used to play without fear near the great trees, chase the bright eyed squirrels and the many birds-golden purple, blue and many other colors - these last are very beautiful in our country-from bough to

Ah me! My first great sorrow in life was under those same tall trees. It happened thus: A number of us merry children were playing on the borders of the forest: my only brother, an affectionate little fellow (we 'say. have the same feelings as you white folks, you know) of about six years old was with me. Ah! how I loved him, my brother! The customs of our tribe made my father cruel and crushed out much of the natural tenderness of my mother : but my brother was too young to have learned any. thing but what nature taught, and he was very dear to me and I to him.

We were playing at some native game—something very like what your little child has described to me—one hides and the other seeks him. Uwatha (that was my brother's name) had to hide himself and left my side turned round to see if we were watchlook-it will remain in my mind until I leave this world-and disappeared. After a time we heard the shrill,

childish cry, which was a sign that the hider was hidden, and we all scampered off laughing and shouting to seek him. It was customary with us to imitate the cries of birds and animals, and then the child in concealment would reply from the distance in the We were so clever at these same cry. We were so clever at these sounds that it would be impossible for many people to detect the true sound the bushes in our path one of the lads tion in which to seek the hider. The answer came quickly and clapping our hands with glee, we raced at full speed towards a clump of short, thick trees some little distance off. As we got nearer a sound was heard that made towards a clump of short, thick trees some little distance off. As we got nearer a sound was heard that made each one of us stop and tremble with fear. A second roar and a frightful was found cursely an exception of the grass. fear. A second roar and a frightful growl was heard, and then a crunch.

ing as of bones! We all stood stock still, and then with many shricks my companions left they knew that the mighty king of beasts was there! And I? I was paralyzed with fear, but I could not run away and leave my little brother Uwatha to his fate. Love gave me courage and I hurried towards the trees: before, however, I reached them

less mass, was my brother Uwatha. I knew him by a piece of colored cloth I had tied round his neck to please him In the morning. I gave one shriek of agony and fell senseless on the grass, that cry may have frightened the lion in the morning. I gave one shriek of agony and fell senseless on the grass, that cry may have frightened the lion in the morning. I gave one shriek of agony and fell senseless on the grass, whad it is also here they would offer for me. Beauty is a great gift, but not always a blessing. When the appointed hour for the mingled with and it is many villatious-looking men stopped near me and with brutal words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the was a subject of the lay at my feet—fore me, and thirty had be in the was a log behavior and there he lay at my feet—fore me, and thirty had be in the was a log behavior and there he lay at my feet—fore me, and thirty had be in the was a log behavior and the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the was a log behavior and the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on their catalogues as to what of the words made notes on the great gift, but not always a blessing.

away, for when I recovered my senses was alone and uninjured.

CHAPTER II.

Years passed by ; since my brother's My first recollections are of a small death nothing had greatly varied in our lonely village. Many had died among us from the wild animals and snakes around us, but many more had been born into our community.

This was our life from year to year

and had been that of our fathers a long time back — how long I know not, for we had no written histories and had to rely upon the traditions of our people. Lately many rumors had found their way through the great forest that sur rounded us of wars between other tribes, and also that the cruel stave dealers were in other parts collecting great numbers of slaves and driving them off far away to be sold. We heard of these things, but they did not trouble us much, for we were but a small tribe in an out-of the way place, and hitherto no one had counted it

worth while to seek us out. I was then about seventeen and con You can see now sidered comely. that, although much darker than white people, I am not black nor are my features at all of the Negro type. There are, I am told, hundreds of distinct races in Africa, and my own tribe, I think, is the nearest approach

to the white people.

About this time Nargara sought me for his wife—love is sweet with us as with you — and my heart inclined towards him, for he was one who was worthy of a maiden's love. Tall, strong, brave and handsome-what more could one of my race require? So we exchanged blood drops, as was customary with my people, and were to be married—as you would call it—in about a year. This ceremony of "blood drops" is yery simple, but was considered so binding that no thought of ever bringing its solemn engagement ever entered the head of those who once underwent the sacred rite. Itiscarried out thus: a little puncture is made in the right wrist of both the young lovers, the slight wounds are pressed together and then both wrists for short time are bound tightly one to the other. By this means the blood of the young couple mingles, and they are from that time what you would call engaged." Thus did Nargara and I pledge our troth together. After this ceremony we were allowed to wander at liberty through the forest, or side-by side in the rough canoe of my lover float down the great river. would chide us when once the "blood drops" had mingled, and we were for a time very happy, for the language of love is sweet to "savage" as to white

The rumors about the slave dealers became stronger and stronger, and I noticed that the elders of our village met often together and looked grave. Soon the news passed from hut to hut that just beyond the great forest many tribes had been destroyed or carried off as slaves. Strange men, too, had been seen in the forest itself, and we were all cautioned not to go far from our homes. For a short time we heeded the warning of our wise men but as days passed on and no further alarm came to us, Nargara and I who liked not that all in the village should watch us in our love-making, strolled once more among the vast trees and lived for a time our happy lovers' life. Nargara would tell me many a beautiful legend of the history of our tribe, had to hide himself and left my side laughing merrily, saying words that would be on your tongue: "You will never find me, sissie, for I know a beautiful hiding place." He trotted when we had passed away from this beautiful hiding place." He trotted when we had passed away from this friend to thee." away and as he reached the trees just turned round to see if we were watching him. He gave me such a loving resting place on our way to the sun, and that there alone would our journey of life really end.

One day while talking of these and other things we had wandered much muttered almost to himself: farther than usual in the dense forest, when a sudden exclamation of my lover caused me to start in terror.

"Lie flat for your life," he whis-pered. "Slave Jealers!" and we both threw ourselves on the ground and crawled stealthily into the long grass. As we both lay in profound stillness I could hear the beating of our hearts; from the imitation. As we raced through the long grass and examined just the chance that we had not been seen and that we might presently gave a lion's roar, and we wailed for make our way back unnoticed. This my brother's reply so that we might be hope, however, soon fled, for we heard hope, however, soon fled, for we heard the guided by the control of the control o guided by the sound as to what direc a number of men rushing towards the spot where we were hidden. We could not understand their language, but they were evidently searching for

We found curselves surrounded by thirty or forty cruel-locking wretches. They laughed and jeered at us and presently began to speak to us. presently began to speak to us in the tongue of some neighboring tribe which we well understood. bound us as yet, but presently one rough, brutal fellow dragged me from trees; before, however, I reached them an immense beast came slowly out, lashing its tail fiercely against its sides, in anger perhaps at being disturbed.

I hardly noticed the huge brute, terrible as it was, for there was something it was carrying in its cruel mouth which fascinated and appalled me; for there, crouched into a bleeding, shape-

had just time to give him one last lovfast to a tree, while they proceeded to punish my poor lover for striking one of their countries. of their number.

This I afterwards found was considered a heinous crime by these slavers, which only blood could wash margara. Sufficient to say that he was murdered before my eyes and his mangled bedy left in the forest for the wild beasts to feed upon. As for the see the signor who had promise the wild beasts to feed upon. As for me, I was hurried off and soon formed part of a miserable gang of captives who were being taken to the great slave market.

CHAPTER III.

Of the horrors and degradation or our long journey I will say nothing. Great was my anguish and many my cries that death would take me away from the dreadful scenes I had to wit ness. Many died on the way of fatigue or thirst, but somewhat better care was taken of me, as, being well caravans, and the rest enabled me to live through trials that killed many of those unhappy people. I will, how-ever, pass over all this and tell you of

the day I was sold.

There were about one hundred men women and children to be put up for sale. They were arranged in lots, according to the judgment of the overeer, and great was the agony of some as they found themselves thus arrauged, for in some instances husband and wife were in separate lots, and the chances were they would be parted Terrible was the distress among many of the slaves as they looked anxiously about them, hoping against hope that one master would forever.

buy them and those dear to them. Others were, on the other hand, quite apathetic as to what became of they had been torn from all they loved in this world and seemed perfectly callous as to what other fate

might befall them.

As for me, I was alone, and as I had no such terrible trouble now upon me as some of those around me, I could the easier try to comfort some of the poor women about me, so I went from one to the other and did what I could to soothe them. Words are but weak, but yet often have great power, and many of the women in sorrow became somewhat comforted. I had compassion, too, upon the poor little children and made them sit round me while I told them wonderful stories-such as you would call fairy tales. This for the time quite brightened up the little ones, for in childhood sorrows are but as showers which pass by and are for gotten. The overseer not only permitted me to do this, but gave me words of rough praise, for cheerful laves fetched better prices than those

who were downcast and sad. The sale had not yet begun, so we could do pretty much as we liked so long as we kept to our allotted division. and as after a while one of the tiny children got fired and fretful I took her in my arms and soon hushed he When this feat was happily to sleep. accomplished I happened to raise my eyes and found a grand signor of noble appearance watching me curiously. As our eyes met he walked up to the barrier that separated us slaves from the rest of the people in the mar-

and his gentleness of manner won my confidence at once, and I told him briefly the story of my life. The deaths of my brother and lover seemed to touch him deeply, but he merely these quiet German people, so far, have

"Jesus and Mary, have pity on

in Jesus and Mary, have pity on these poor people!

I knew not then what these strange words might mean, for I was but a poor heathen girl. Presently he added:

"For the love of Thee, my God, I will save this gentle maiden from these cruei thieves," and turning to me said: "What is Thy name?"

"They called me Arista in my own land," I replied.

"Wouldst thou like me to buy thee, Arista?" he said.

"Signor," I answered, "I am a lonely, helpless maiden; thou hast a noble face and thy voice hast made melody in my soul, for thou hast spoken kindly. Buy me, signor, and I will be a faithful servant to thee and give my life to save thee from evil. Take me away from the feartul men who are now crowding into the market and the Great Spirit will reward thee."

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"I spoke almost passionately in my eagerness, for there were many brutal-looking slave dealers sauntering to-

The signor smiled almost sadly at wards me. my concluding words, but merely Know- | said :

"Arista, I will buy thee."

He then left me. The market bell now began to ring

and then the intending buyers crowded ing kiss, when the miscreants dragged round the auctioneer and one after an off and with savage cries bound me to get up on a kind of small raised platform, and as I stood there a buzz of approval went round the ring-I say it not in vanity-I was tall and

comely.
I looked timidly round, for the sight to keep his promise, for truth was written in every feature of his noble face. Presently I noticed him on the outskirts of the crowd; he merely gave me a slight, encouraging smile, but that was sufficient, and I stood unmoved from that time forward amidst

all the excitement around me.

Many were the bids made for me and loud were the curses and oaths as one man after the other bld higher and higher. The signore had offered nothing, as if he scorned to contest with these brutal men. At last one great savage fellow said with a fierce imprecation that he meant to higher price than most of the others of our troop, so when I showed signs of weakness I was thrust into one of the name. A murmur of applause went round the ring and then there was a dead silence. made and the auctioneer called out,

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a frightful curse slunk away.

Thus I became the slave of Signor Sagastan, who took me to what I now know was a convent of holy Catholic nuns. At the time I was ignorant of almost all things and only knew I was sn the energe of wondrously kind and gentle ladies, quaintly and curiously

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" Above all things, we are mission-The last bid seemed aries; the salvation of sculs alone occupies us, and political opinions apart from that are of little concern to Oar only ambition is the glory of God by the prepagation and support of the Catholic faith. All is in the hands of God; we do not know the end of this murderous war, but whether the Boers or the English lose in the end, the Catholic religion will gain much by the struggle; the English know us, and the Boers have also learned to know

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clad. They instructed me with boundless patience in the holy Catholic faith, and the happiness of heaven seemed to fill my soul. One thing alone troubled me: the signor who had saved me from a life of ignomy and wretchedness came not to see me, and my grateful heart longed to thank him, and—and I felt sometimes sad lest perhaps I should never see him more. But the most blessed day when I was received into the holy Catholic Church, behold an exceedingly great joy was given me, for standing by the font as given me, for standing by the font as given my head was my beloved benefactor.

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