

POETRY.

MY OLD RAG DOLL.

Last night I searched the garret for a long forgotten book, And as I pried and peered about, down in a dusty nook...

Oh! dear forgotten childhood's joy! Oh! precious, long-lost treasure! I cannot tell why such a pain was mingled with the pleasure...

Dear relic of my childhood—of that happy, happy time When life meant play and sunshine and every joy was mine...

The old, familiar, dirty face, with features done in ink, And the little faded ribbon tied with many a childish prink...

And though I am a woman, with a woman's work and care, And though I look each morning for the silver in my hair...

SELECT STORY. BERYL BRENTANO. THE SAPPHIRE OF THE SOUTH. CHAPTER XXIII.

She smiled, and her eyes dropped; but there was strange emphasis in her words as she clasped her hands.

"God keep my lover now and forever, Mr. Dunbar, when you discover him, I have no fear that you will harm one hair in his dear head."

"If you know all you have cost me, you might understand why I will never forego my compensation. I bid my time; but I shall win. You asked me, as a special favor, to preserve and secure for you something which you held very valuable."

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"He tore away the paper wrapping, and held toward her the meerschaum pipe, then dropped it on the table as though it burned his fingers."

"At sight of it the sudden faintness made the girl reel, and she put her hand to her throat, as if to loosen a throttling touch."

"Her eyes filled, and in a whirling mist she seemed to see the beloved face of her father long dead, of the gay, beautiful young brother who had wrought her ruin."

"Weakness overpowered her, and sinking on her knees, she drew the pipe closer, laid it against her cheek, folded her arms over it on the table, and wept."

"What a host of mocking phantoms loomed through the portals of the Bygone—babbling of the glorious dawn when that was whitening into a radiant morning, when the day-star fell back below the horizon, and night devoured the new-born day."

"The sun had gone down behind the dense pine forest stretching beyond the prison, but the sky was a vast shifting flame of waiting red, and the greatest kindness, if I could tell you what this precious relic represents to me, oh, if you knew! you would pity me indeed."

and ask her to pray for me, that I may be patient. Now leave me, for I can bear no more. She put aside his hand and hid her face once more. He stooped, laid his lips on the shining hair, and walked away. At the door he paused. The long corridor was very dim and gloomy, and the deep tones of the tower were ringing slowly. Looking back into the cell, he saw that Beryl had risen, and against the sun-lit glow on the western window, she sat and figure outlined a silhouette of hopeless desolation.

CHAPTER XXIV. THE BLOSSOM OF LOVE. Each human soul is endowed with an inherent adaptability to its environment, with an innate energy which, properly directed, grapples successfully with all as-sailed ills; and time, the tireless recorder, flies always low at our side, hallowing the fibre of endurance, stealthily administering that supreme and infallible anesthetic whereby the torturing throes of human woe are surely stilled.

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