

A FEMALE NAVIGATOR.

There is a time when woman are known simply as the helpmate of man, and when their duties are confined to those of a domestic nature, but now and then instances are brought before the public when woman has usurped the place of man and by herself earned knowledge and natural tact, takes a position wherein man has become the dependent creature. There have been a good many female heroes, whose names have become famous in the chronicles of the sea, for deeds of daring which they have accomplished in the hour of trouble.

The latest heroine who has come before the public is Mrs. Clifford, of Stockton, Maine, who has just brought to port the brig Abbi Clifford, after enduring the vicissitudes of weather, health and climate. The Abbi Clifford, is a brig owned by Clifford, Smith and others, that left Pernambuco on the 27th of March, bound for New York, with a cargo of sugar. While at Pernambuco the yellow fever was at its height, and the crew were all taken sick, and the steward, T. T. Fay, of Stockton, Maine, died. The rest of the crew recovered, and after getting a clean bill of health, they started homeward bound. Before they had been many days out to sea the pestilence broke out afresh, and the first victim seized was a seaman of the name of Gustave Johnson, who eventually succumbed, and was buried on the 1st of April. The captain, a native of Stockton, Me., of the name of Clifford, was then taken sick and died on the 5th of April, and on the 9th of the same month, the first officer, Allan Smith, of Steep Falls, Me., also fell a victim to the same disease. It was at this time that the energy of woman was brought to light, for Mrs. Clifford, who had also been confined to her bed by yellow fever, on the death of her husband came out on deck and undertook to navigate the ship. Mrs. Clifford is a woman of small stature, dark hair, pleasing face lit up with a pair of sparkling eyes, radiating with intelligence and fire. When the time came that she was called upon to preserve the lives of those on board she was found equal to the task and nobly did her duty. On the voyage home Mrs. Clifford was assisted by Mr. Hitchborn, of Stockton, Me., the second mate, an intelligent boy, who quickly learnt from her the rudiments of navigation and proved of invaluable assistance during the voyage home. They crossed the line on the 6th of April and met with favorable weather up to Cape Hatteras, where they fell in with heavy weather. Here the seamanship of the second mate was brought into requisition, and, encouraged by the presence of his late captain's wife, who was always on deck, they passed through the storm with only some trifling damages.

The Abbi Clifford arrived off Staten Island on Sunday evening, and is still on Quarantine owing to the yellow fever. As soon as the vessel comes up to a dock Mrs. Clifford will return to her friends at Stockton, Me., carrying with her the heartfelt gratitude of the seamen of the Abbi Clifford, who owe their lives to her energy and presence of mind.

DOVES AS MESSENGERS.

When Noah sent a dove forth from the Ark and it returned with an olive-branch, it was the welcome bearer of glad tidings, and the olive-branch seems to have been regarded, ever since, as the emblem of peace.

Doves of late years have become more important as the bearers of tidings of war. Does this indicate that the human race is degenerating? We see this most peaceful little bird converted into an instrumentality of death and destruction.

The favorite carrier-pigeons at present are the Belgians. The London "Telegraph," in an account of a prize show, says:

"The utility of homing or messenger pigeons was established during the last war; and now the Belgian birds, that used not to cost more than four or five francs, are scarcely to be purchased for six times the sum. The fact is that all the Prussian fortresses have been duly supplied with pigeons of this serviceable kind; and France and Germany together have bought up nearly all the winged couriers of the air in Belgium."

A SON KILLED BY HIS FATHER.

A man in Alabama, while in a rage at his son, a lad thirteen years old, struck him a violent blow. The boy fell to the ground. "Get up, you rascal," cried the father, "and I'll give you some more." But the boy did not get up. He never got up again. He was dead.

The child's offence for which his father struck him was the failure to hold a large hound for a few minutes, that had been given him in charge. It seems that the hound, being two powerful for the child to hold, broke away from him, and hence the father's rage.

On discovering that his son was actually dead, the father's horror and agony were terrible. He took the corpse in his arms, sat down on a log, and pressing the dead body of his boy to his bosom, he sobbed and moaned, accused himself of being the murderer of his child, and would not be comforted. He was finally led home—still pressing the little corpse to his bosom—by some of his neighbors, and his wife, though of course terribly stricken herself, devoted herself to the task of assuaging his grief and mitigating his remorse.

What the ultimate result was, the account of the catastrophe does not state; but the lesson as it stands, is a

terrible one, and teaches every parent to beware how he strikes a child in wrath.

IS THERE TO BE ANOTHER CONFLICT.

The German government has been rather rudely stirred up by the announcement that France has an army of no less than eight hundred and seventy-one thousand men, all ready for service. Investigation, it seems, has shown that this startling statement is actually true. It is also shown that the French are now more madly determined on revenge than ever, and are ready to make any sacrifice of money and blood for that purpose. The Germans, of course, will do all in their power to meet the coming onset as trenchantly as they met that of 1870. They are strengthening their victorious army in every department; and when the contest comes, if France shall be equal to a great war, we shall probably have one of the most gigantic, brilliant and destructive military struggles ever seen on earth.

Sheep in Prince Edward's Island are reported as dying by hundreds on account of the backwardness of the season.

On Sunday last the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in the Cathedral Church, when Mr. Cecil Penington Wilson, of the Theological College, was ordained Deacon, and the Rev. Frederic George Hall, S. P. G. Missionary at St. George's Bay, and formerly of St. Augustines College, Canterbury, was advanced to the Priesthood.

The candidates were presented and the sermon preached by the Rev. T. M. Wood, Rural Dean; and the Bishop was assisted in the laying on of hands by the Rural Dean, the Assistant Minister of the Cathedral the Rev. G. M. Johnson, the Rev. J. F. Phelps, Precentor, who also carried the Pastoral Staff, and the Rev. W. Pilot, Vice-Principal of the Theological College.

We understand that the Rev. C. P. Wilson will proceed to Bermuda by the next Mail Steamer via Halifax.—Times.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

SUMMER.

'Tis Summer! how serene the sky,  
The lark is in the air full high;  
And warblers sing on tree and ground,  
While the woods their echo do resound.

'Tis Summer! nature's in full bloom,  
The grass is green around the tomb,  
And lilies white, and roses red  
Adorn the graves of lov'd ones dead.

The corn waves in the balmy air,  
And "Harvest Time" will soon be here,  
When reapers gay, with hearts as light,  
Will cut it with their sickles bright.

Let praise resound from those on earth,  
To Him who gave the seasons birth,  
Who with many good things hath us fed,  
And gives us still our "Daily Bread."

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June 18.

ACCIDENTLY DROWNED.—At Trespassey, on the 9th instant, Mr. Michael Keough, aged 32 years, a native of Brigus, Conception Bay.—May he rest in peace.

SHIP NEWS.

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In the Moravian for Liverpool—His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Hill, and servant, Capt. Shea, Rt. Revd. Dr. Carfagnini, Revd. F. Walsh, Hon. C. F. Bennett, Hon. James Cliff, Mrs. Robinson, five children and servant, Dr. and Mrs. Shea, and Miss Shea, Dr. and Mrs. Monnet, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Mitchell, four children and servant, Mrs. Finlay and son, Miss Sprague, Mrs. Balie, Mrs. Auchmachie, Miss Green, and Messrs. Munn, Travers, J. Murray, W. Firth, Ayre (2), John Steer, James & Master Baird, John Adams, John Frazer, Stephen March, J. H. Martin, Cairns, J. Southcott, Pippy, Ed. Power, Michael Power, Simpson, Angel, S. Wills, Hippisley, David Buzz, James Pike. Steerage—H. Rogers and wife, and Master Ainsworth.

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