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Old Hagar's

By Mrs. M. J. Holmes...

Ere Maggie had time to answer there was a step upon the floor, and Arthur Carrollton stood at her side. He had waited for her long, and growing at last impatient, had stolen to the open door, and when the dying woman asked for him he had

dying woman asked for him he had trampled down his pride, and entered the humble room. Winding his arm round Margaret, who trembled violently, he said, "Hagar, I am here. Have you aught to say to me?"

Quickly the glazed eyes turned toward him, and the clammy hand was timidly extended. He took it unhesitatingly, while the pale lips murmured faintly: "Maggle, too." Then holding both between her own, old Hagar said solemnly: "Young man, as you hope for heaven, deal kindly with my child," and Arthur Carrollton answered aloud: "As a

kindly with my child," and Arthur Carrollton answered aloud: "As I hope for heaven, I will," while Margaret fell upon her knees and wept. Raising herself in bed, Hagar laid her hands upon the head of the kneeling girl, breathing over her a whispered blessing; then the hands pressed heavily, the fingers clung with a loving grasp, as it were, to the bands of shining hair—the thin lips ceased to move—the head fell back upon the pillow, motionless and still, and Arthur Carrollton, leading Margaret away, told to her gently that Hagar was dead.

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Carefully, tenderly, as if she had been a wounded dove, did the whole household demean themselves toward Margaret, seeing that everything needful was done, but mentioning never in her presence the name of the dead. And Margaret's position was a trying one, for though Hagar had been her grandmother, she had never regarded her as such, and she could not now affect a grief she did not feel. Still, from her earliest childhood she had loved the strange old woman, and she mourned for her now as friend mourneth for friend, when there is no tie of blood between them.

Her promise, too, was kept, and with her own hands she smoothed the snow-white hair, tied on the muslin cap, folded the stiffened arms, and then, unmindful who was looking on, kissed twice the placid face, which seemed to smile on her in death.

By the side of Hester Hamilton they made another grave, and with Arthur Carrollton and Rose standing at either side, Margaret looked on while the weary and worn was laid to rest; then slowly she retraced her steps, walking now with Madam Conway for Arthur Carrollton and Rose had lingered at the grave, talking together of a plan which had presented itself to the minds of both as they stood by the humble stone which told where Margaret's mother slept. To Margaret, however, they said not a word, nor yet to Madam Conway, though they both united in urging the two ladies to accompany Theo to Worcester for a few days.

"Mrs. Wærner will help me keep house," Mr. Carrollton said, advancing the while so many good reasons why Margaret at least should go, that she finally consented and went down to Worcester, together with Madam Conway, George Douglas, Theo and Henry, the latter of whom

down to Worcester, together with Madam Conway, George Douglas, Theo and Henry, the latter of whom seemed quite as forlorn as did she herself, for Rose was left behind, and without her he was nothing.

Madam Conway had been very gracious to him; his family were good, and when, as they passed the Charlson depot, thoughts of the leghorn

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bonnet and blue umbrella intruded themselves upon her, she half wished that Henry had broken his leg in Theo's behalf, and so saved her from bearing the name of Douglas.

The week went by, passing rapidly as all weeks will, and Margaret was again at home. Rose was there still, and just as the sun was setting, she took her sister's hand and led her out into the open air toward the resting-place of the dead, where a change had been wrought, and Margaret, leaning over the iron gate, comprehended at once the feeling which had prompted Mr. Carrollton and Rose to desire her absence for a time. The humble stone was gone, and in its place there stood a handsome monument, tess imposing and less elegant than that of Mrs. Miller, it is true, but still chaste and elegant, bearing upon it simply the names of "Hester Hamilton" and her mother, "Hagar Warren," with the years of their death. The little grave, too, where for many years Maggie herself had been supposed to sleep, was not beneath the pine tree now; that mound was levelled down, and another had been made, just where the grass was growing rank and green beneath the shadows of the taller stone, and there side by side they lay at last together, the mother and her infant child.

"It was kind in you to do this,"

"It was kind in you to do this," "It was kird in you to do this," Margaret said, and then, with her arm round Rose's waist, she spoke of the coming time when the sun of another hemisphere would be shining down upon her, saying she should think often of that hour, that spot, and that sixty was accounted. should think often of that hour, that spot, and that sister, who answered: "Every year when the spring rains fall, I shall come to see that the grave has been well kept, for you know that she was my mother, too," and she pointed to the name of "Hester," deep cut in the polished marble.

'Not yours, Rose, but mine," said Maggie. 'My mother she was, and as such I will cherish her memory;"

Maggie. "My mother she was, and as such I will cherish her memory;" then, with her arm still around her sister's waist, she walked slowly back to the house.

A little later, and while Arthur Carrollton, with Maggie at his side, was talking to her of something which made the blushes burn on her still pale cheeks, Madam Conway herself walked out to witness the improvements, lingering longest at the little grave, and saying to herself, "It was very thoughtful in Arthur, very, to do what I should have done myself are this, had I not been afraid of Maggie's feelings."

Then turning to the new monument, she admired its chaste beauty, but hardly knew whether she was pleased to have it there or not.

"It's very handsome," she said, leaving the yard; and walking backward to observe the effect. "And it adds much to the looks of the place. There is no question about that. It is perfectly proper, too, or Mr. Carrollton would never have put it here, for he knows what is right, of course," and the still doubtful lady turned away, saying as she did so, "On the whole, I think I am glad that Hester has a handsome monument, and I know I am glad that Mrs. Miller's is a little the taller of the two!"

CHAPTER XXVI.

Years hence, if the cable coil, rest-ing far down in the mermaids' home, shall prove a bond of perfect peace between the mother and her child, thousands will recall the bright sum-mer morning, when through the cavmer morning, when through the caverns of the mighty deep, the first electric message came, thrilling the nation's heart, quickening the nation's pulse, and with the music of the deep-toned bell, and noise of the cannon's roar, proclaiming to the listening multitude that the isle beyond the sea, and the lands which to the westward lie, were bound together, shore to shore, by a strange, mysterious tie. And two there are who, in their happy home, will oft look back upon that day, that eighteenth day of August, which gave to one of Britain's sons as fair and beautiful a bride as e'er went forth from the New England hills to dwell beneath a foreign sky.

They had not intended to be married so soon, for Margaret would wait a little longer; but an unexpected and urgent summons home made it necessary for Mr. Carrollton to go, and so by chance the bridal day was fixed for the eighteenth. None save the family were present, and Madam Conway's tears fell fast, as the words were spoken which made them one, for by those words she knew that she and Margart for must part. But not forever, for

and Madam Conway's tears fell fast, as the words were spoken which made them one, for by those words she knew that she and Margar the must part. But not forever, for when the next year's autuum leaves shall fall, the old house by the mill will again be without a mistress, while in a handsome country seat beyond the sea Madam Conway will demean herseif right proudly, as becometh the grandmother of Mrs. Arthur Carrollton. Theo, too, and Rose, will both be there, for their hushands have so promised, and when the Christmas fires are kindled on the hearth and the ancient pictures on the wall take a richer tinge from the ruddy light, there will be a happy group assembled within the Carrollton halls; and Margaret, the happiest of them all, will then almost forget that ever in the Hillsdele woods, sitting at Hagar's feet, she listened with a breaking heart to the story of her birth.

But not the thoughts of a joyous future could dissipate entirely the sadness of that bridal, for Margaret was well beloved, and the billow which would roll ere long between her and her childhood's home stretched many, many miles away. Still they tried to be cheerful, and Henry Warner's merry jokes had called forth more than one gay laugh, when the peal of bells and the roll of drums arrested their attention: while the servants, who had learned the cause of the rejoicing, struck up "God save the Queen," and from an adjoining field a rival choir sent back the stirring note of "Hail Columbia, Happy Land." Mrs. Jeffrey, too, was busy. In secret she had labored at the rent made by her foot in the flag of bygone days, and now, perspiring at avayory orce, she draggard it up the

cret she had labored at the rent made by her foot in the flag of bygone days, and now, perspiring at every pore, she dragged it up the tower stairs, planting it herself upon the housetop, where, side by side with the royal banner, it waved in the summer breeze. And this she did, not because she cared aught for the cable, in which she "didn't believe" and declared "would never work," but because she would celebrate Margaret's wedding day, and so made some amends for her interference when once before the stars ference when once before the stars and stripes had floated above the old stone house. And thus it was, amid smiles and

And thus it was, amid smiles and tears, amid bells and drums, and waving flags and merry song; amid noisy shout and booming guns, that double bridal day was kept; and when the sun went down it left a glory on the western clouds as if they, too, had donned their best attire in honor of the union.

It is moonlight on the land, glorious, beautiful moonlight. On Hagar's peaceful grave it falls, and glancing off from the polished stone, shines across the fields upon the old stone house, where all is cheerless now and still. No lifence and the light of the household has departed; it went with the hour when first to each other the lonesome servants said, "Margaret is gone."

with the hour when first to each other the lonesome servants said. "Margaret is gone."

Yes, she is gone, and all through the darkened rooms there is found no trace of her: but away to the eastward the moonlight falls upon the sea, where a noble vessel rides. With sails unfurled to the evening breeze, it speeds away—away from the loved hearts on the shore which after that bark and its precious freight have sent many a throb of love. Upon the deck of that gallant ship there stands a beautiful bride, looking across the water with straining eye, and smilling through her tears on him who wipes those tears away, and whispers in her ear, "I will be more to you, my wife, than they have ever been."

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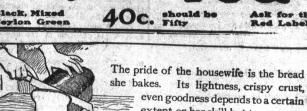
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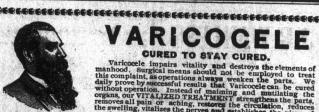
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