

circumscribed community. Some venturous fishermen have reported a small vessel, standing off and on the last day or two, in the outer bay. From their description I make no doubt but that this is your own 'Sea Foam,' which having eluded the guardship's pursuit has now returned to wait your bidding. I would suggest that by using the large boat which I saw on the outer strand, you could transport yourself, companion, and treasure—for I can well believe that the present throne of your compatriot is nothing else than this joyous reward of your efforts—to the waiting vessel. What think you?"

"Nothing could suit our plans better," cried the Chevalier enthusiastically. "Away we will go to the southern settlements, where homeward bound craft of a kind fitted for ocean voyaging may be come upon. Truly, ye two colonials put me to shame with your thoughtfulness. But everything must not be so onesided. Mistress Mary, we shall by hook or by crook, see thee safe back with your goodly sire, before we move a hand's pace on our own journey. And you, Farquharson, why not accompany me when I depart? Great happenings and fitting rewards will fall to those near our person within short space."

"When your banner is ready to be raised in Merry England, I will be there," replied the naval lieutenant; "but," glancing covertly at the maiden, "meanwhile, I am will-