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BY WM. BANKSTER.

I've sought for bliss in a friendly glass,
And I thought for a while 'twas there;
But the mind is prone to be roving on
Still farther away from care.
So I found 'ere long, that the aid of song
Gave the glass a wonted charm,
And I clung for a while to this soothing wile,
Care's grizzly power to disarm.

So I quaff'd, and I sang, where'er a gang
Of the rushing dance paust:
Till I learned to quest on my rattlest
When I sought my cares to rest.
For it warmed my blood to a social flood,
And I felt like a generous king
Whose dynasty was from Hunger free,
And his pastime to pip and sing!

But time tired on, and I found anon,
That the lot had doubled his might:
This gave some alarm, so I dashed the charm
Resolving to conquer him quite.
Vain, foolish thought! for every draught
That I quaff'd was a spring to care,
And the deeper I drowned, the fiercer I wrestled
The gripe of his subtile snare.

Yet I clung to the scheme of my frenzied dream,
And I sought the tavern hall,
Where the revelling throng with drink and song,
Defy reflection's thrall.
"More drink, and more a song!" make the potion strong!
Insidious taste would say—
For there's no other might, can put care to flight,
Like the glass, and the merry lay!

Oh! the notion's vain of the maniac's brain,
Compared with mine were wine;
For the luring thing still flow'd from the spring
That first to my woes gave rise.
But a starbeam stole, o'er my darkened soul,
And an angel's hand, the while,
Snatch'd me away, from the frantic prey,
Like a brand from a burning pile.

Nov. 12th, 1876.

For the Signal.

MR. EDITOR,—Four years ago, I sent from Belleville the following congratulatory lines to my kind friend, A. Matheson, of the Stratford *Beacon*, to which per they received a cordial welcome. As I now inscribe them to the St. Andrew's Society of Goderich, in which I have many dear old friends, you will oblige both them and me, by giving them a corner in the *Signal*, before the 30th instant. You will perceive, that the allusion *to the one who is missing* means the Hon. T. D'Arcy McGee, whose fervid, glowing eloquence had so often before charmed and enraptured the St. Andrew's societies of Montreal and Ottawa, on many previous anniversaries. Get Col. Ross to read them to the loyal devotees of Scotia's immaculate Saint, and, if he were not a teetotaller, I'd ask him to offer a bumper to their ardent admirer, but expatriated friend.

HIBERNICUS.

Chicago, 9th Nov., 1876.

Saint Andrew's Day

—o—

Day of gladness! day of greeting!
Hands are clasp'd and hearts are beating;
Scots in every clime are meeting—
Meeting as they met of yore:
Through the snow-drift, o'er the heather,
See! they went their way together,
Spite of wind and spite of weather
Scots shall meet on every shore;
Be it so, O! evermore.

Meet, but not in battle gory,
As in days of ancient story,
Clan with clan for gain or glory,
Scotia's mountains rent asunder
By the warmen's clashing thunder,
As if hell had open'd under,
Waking kingdoms with its roar;
Be it so, O! never more!

But, should trump of battle pealing
Rouse the ancient Scottish feeling,
Who'd be foremost then in dealing
Death around them and before?
Let the *Eagle* spread her pinion
Over Yankee cherish'd Fenian,
Up! we'll fight for our Dominion,
As our fathers fought of yore—
Fight and save it evermore.

Fill a cup to overflowing,
To the nation, that is growing,
From the Atlantic to the flowing
Wave of the Pacific shore:
Drink in silence! he is missing,
Who begot it—he is missing,
And we'll hear no more his blessing,
Which we heard so oft before,
We shall hear it—never more!

Not a Scotchman yet a brother;
More a patriot than a Brother;
Erin! hast thou such another
On thy sainted Emerald shore?
Sons of Erin! with us meeting,
For his sake we give you greeting—
Give our hands—our hearts are beating,
Kindly beating, bleeding sore—
Bleeding—beating evermore.

Sons of Erin! Albion! never
May the golden bonds dissever,
Which should make us one for ever,
On this bleak, Canadian shore:
Shamrock wreathe and rose together
With the maple leaf, and heather,
Storm, nor tide, nor wind, nor weather
Then shall part us nevermore—
Part us, never—nevermore.

HIBERNICUS.

Warming a Serpent;

OR,

GRYLE DASKAM'S TREACHERY.

BY LEON LEWIS.

"Mr. Palm died some months since," continued Mr. Heath, "and his will constituted me the guardian of his daughter. He bequeathed to her the whole of his immense fortune, which will be under the care of trustees until she marries or attains her majority. Miss Palm has just finished her school education, is intelligent, accomplished, and beautiful. Her father wrote to me just before his death, begging me to be a father to his orphan girl. And he said, too, that he had studied your character, Saul, and that he hoped that you and his daughter might grow to love each other, for he knew that he might safely trust her happiness in your hands. You are heart free, you say. Then perhaps the dream of her father and yours may come to pass, and she may become my daughter!'

'Where is she?'

'She must be at this moment on her way from England to Jamaica. I had a letter from Gibson, her late father's partner, last month, and he said that Miss Palm would sail for Jamaica under the control of a trusted friend of Mr. Palm, a gentleman named Gregory, and have been home before this. I have been uneasy lest something should have happened to Alice.'

'She is very wealthy.'

'Yes, she has a vast fortune, but that is the least of her charms.' It would not have yet counted her fortune. Your sons will be equal to it. I hope that you will love her, and that she will love you.

'Your wish shall be my law,' said Durham. 'I don't think, but that I shall love this beautiful heiress, and I will try to win her love.'

And he meant what he said.

CHAPTER VI.

MISS PALM.

It was near the hour of sunset of a perfect day, a fortnight before the loss of the ship, Hermosa, and a month after Saul Durham's acquaintance of Gryle Daskam at his uncle's house in Jamaica, in the Bell glass of the distilling a schooner, American-built, yacht was making her way out of the harbor of Havana, in the island of Cuba, and at the moment of her introduction to the reader, was threading the narrow passage to the sea between the lines of bristling fortifications. She dipped her canvas gracefully as she glided between the strong guns and frowning walls of two forts, the 'Punta' and 'Moro Castle,' her mast beyond the range of their guns, the gave a little bound her forward, as if with a sense of relief, and plunged into the shining waters of the sinking ocean, pursuing her course to the eastward.

She was a trim vessel, nearly new, sloop-rigged, with a flush deck, and was well manned. Her name, indicated in small, gilt letters under her stern, was the Meteor.

A gay little awning was rigged upon her deck, and in its shadow, in an easy chair, lounged a young girl.

She was an Quaint Palm, the heiress whom coming Mr. Heath was expecting in Jamaica.

At the farther end of the vessel leaning lightly against the railing, was her temporary guardian and escort, the trusted friend of her late father, and of her father's partner in business, Mr. Levi Gregory.

They had quitted England a month previous, proceeded in a mail-steamer to New York. At the latter city, after a very brief stay, they had embarked in a steamer for Havana. Arrived at this stage in their journey, Mr. Gregory had surprised his charge with the announcement that he had chartered a yacht for the run to Jamaica, and her surprise was equalled by her pleasure.

They had now set sail from Cuba, and Miss Palm's thoughts sped forward to the smaller isle which seemed to the young English girl, bred in a temperate clime, a very Paradise.

The Meteor, as we have said, was nearly new, and her broad sails were very white, her deck spotless, her furniture luxurious. The state room assigned to Miss Palm was elegantly fitted up, and was separated by a narrow passage only from that occupied by her maid, an elderly woman, who had been her nurse in infancy, and had since attended her as maid, and who was devotedly attached to her.

Miss Palm was about nineteen years years of age, evidently tall, and slender, and graceful, as a young willow.

She was very beautiful, with a clear olive complexion, lips stained with brightest carmine, and with great vivid eyes of darkest brown, deep, velvety eyes, soft and soulful. Her face was instinct with an exquisite tenderness, a rare intelligence, a glorious loveliness which could result only from a perfection of mind and soul as well as of body.

The shores and the castles began to recede from her view, and her guardian, quitting his position by the railing came towards her.

He was a man a little past middle age, of medium stature and square built, of florid complexion and a bearing that caused one to turn and look at him with a conviction that he was no ordinary person.

Possibly this was because he carried himself with the air of a monarch. He was not handsome, nor was he ill-looking. His features, considered separately, were not good. His forehead was narrow and retreating, his eyes were small and sinister, and his mouth was decidedly bad, being coarse and brutal to a degree. But a thick beard concealed the formation and expression of the mouth, and this beard was kept carefully trimmed, so that, while hiding defects, it was an ornament. His manners were insinuating, his appearance plausible. He dressed with scrupulous neatness and without vulgarity, and appeared, except, perhaps, to some expert in physiognomy, a benevolent, high-minded, honorable gentleman.

This Mr. Gregory had been a protege of Mr. Palm some twenty years before, and had served as secretary, for a time, to his protector and benefactor, who had subsequently given him a very good situation in his sugar house.

After the death of Mr. Palm, Mr. Gregory had withdrawn his small share from the concern, and had embarked in sundry speculations by which he had greatly augmented it. Finally, at the time appointed for Miss Palm's departure for Jamaica drew near, he had announced his own intended departure for the West Indies, on the ground of projected investments and failing health, and had offered to escort the young lady to the personal guardian indicated in her father's will, and to place her in the care of Mr. Heath. The offer had been accepted, and it was thus that he chanced to become the temporary guardian of the young heiress.

Miss Palm looked up with a smile as he came near, and she pointed to an unoccupied chair also under the awning. She had never cordially liked Mr. Gregory, and had experienced an instinctive distrust of him, but she had never given expression to this dislike, blaming herself for it severely.

Mr. Gregory took possession of the chair indicated, and fanned himself with a palm leaf. There was an inscrutable look on his countenance that impressed the girl.

'This is an American yacht, I think you said, Mr. Gregory?' she remarked, her eyes following the lines of the vessel. 'It is singular, is it not, that she happened to be lying at Havana, and that you were also to charter her for our voyage?'

Mr. Gregory smiled somewhat oddly.

'The coincidence does certainly seem remarkable,' he said after a brief pause. 'Yet it is easily explainable. The fact is, Miss Garnet, I did not charter the vessel, as I intimated to you before we came on board this morning. The truth is, she belongs to me—'

'Belongs to you, Mr. Gregory?'

'Exactly. I have retired from business, as you know. I have long fancied that I should like to settle in the West Indies, and months ago I sent a friend to this region to make certain arrangements for me. In fact, nearly a year has been consumed in my preparations. My friend recently bought this vessel for me in New York, and sailed her to Havana, where I found her.'

'Then you intend to remain in the West Indies? Shall you settle in Jamaica?'

'I think not,' said Mr. Gregory, with a quiet oddly.

'I wonder that your friend selected such a crew for you,' said Miss Palm pensively.

'My experience has proven that sailors are generally an open-hearted, and honest race of men, worthy of trust and esteem. But these sailors, back as if they would do anything for money.'

'They were selected because they were likely to prove faithful to me,' said Mr. Gregory, quietly.

'Faithful to you!' repeated the girl, a little puzzled, and quite certain of the fact that she was addressing her master. 'Why, of course, if they do their duty, and keep the yacht properly, they will be faithful.'

'That is not quite what I mean,' said Mr. Gregory. 'Listen to me, Miss Garnet. I have to ask an immediate favor of a romance. I have lived in these parts before, I have sailed these seas, I know these islands well. I sailed among them in a private vessel. I know the climate and its peculiarities, and I think that life here might be more than charming, it might be delightful. One night spend a year or a lifetime here in perfect bliss—with pleasant companionship, of course.'

Miss Palm's face was very bright and hopeful at this announcement. She knew she would spend the remainder of her life in Jamaica, and she filled to hear the unknown fate of her future settled.

'My property has been withdrawn from business and is well in hand,' continued Mr. Gregory. 'My friend has sought and found for me a lovely islet in this summer sea, and has caused to be built upon it a house after my own especial design. By my order he bought for me half-a-dozen slaves in Cuba, and these are stationed upon the island waiting for my coming.

'You are right, Mr. Gregory,' said Miss Palm, with a laugh. 'I did not suspect you of such a romantic tendency. Your description of your island home is charming, but such a home would have for me a great drawback. I should not like the solitude.'

'You would pine in its loneliness?'

'Yes. I like congenial companionship, the sight of friendly faces, the sound of friendly voices. And should I might be delighted for a week with the sea and the vegetation and the thousand delights of the place, I should grow to loathe them all if I had no friends with me. An Eden, under such circumstances, might become a prison.'

'I do not know how long I shall remain there,' said Mr. Gregory. 'It will depend upon circumstances.'

'You are very kind to take me to Jamaica on your way,' said Miss Palm. 'You must stop at Kingston and make the acquaintance of my guardian. I can promise that Mr. Heath will offer you every attention for my sake.'

Mr. Gregory's face changed. There was a dark look upon it as he listened to the girl's words, and he turned his head from her as he became conscious of it.

The yacht was making good speed, flying like a gull over the waters. She was a swift sailer, as her new owner observed with pleasure.

The girl took up her sea-glass and looked back toward the picturesque town, at its castles and light-houses, with a vague sense of uneasiness upon her. The yacht was very beautiful Mr. Gregory was very kind to take her in it to Jamaica but she was conscious of a half undefined wish that he had taken her by the passenger steamer and ordered his yacht to meet him in Kingston.

'Miss Palm—Garnet,' said Mr. Gregory, abruptly, breaking in upon her thoughts. 'I have something to say to you, something that has been in my heart for months, but which I have not dared to utter. I have known you for several years. I have watched your growth and development from childhood into maidenhood, and so watching could I have failed to learn to love you?'

'Mr. Gregory—'

'Hear me! You must hear me, Garnet. I have waited for this hour with a patience that surprises me. I love you! Will you be my wife?'

He bent toward her, eager impatient, with an expression that was half-pleading, half-threatening, in his eyes.

She drew back from him.

'Mr. Gregory, you surprise me,' she said. 'I had no thought of this, I am sensible of the honor you confer on me in your proposal, but I must decline it.'

'You refuse to marry me?'

She bowed assent to his words.

An indescribable bitterness swept over his visage.

'I foresaw this,' he said huskily, 'and I am prepared for it. I know that I am no longer young; that I am not a girl's hero; but your father esteemed me highly. My love for you is a great and enduring affection—'

'Spare me,' said the girl, 'and spare yourself also, Mr. Gregory. I have given you my answer, and I cannot change it.'

She spoke with a firmness that showed that she meant what she said—that she would never change her decision.

'I am sorry,' she added, 'that you have asked me this while I am your guest, Mr. Gregory. You have been very kind to me, and I am grateful. We will be friends, if you will but nothing more.

She held out her hand to him in token of friendship, and to soften her refusal, and he seized and clasped it in a grip that pained her.

'I told you that I had foreseen your refusal, Miss Garnet,' he exclaimed.—'It is true I have seen at times a look of aversion in your eyes that has nearly driven me mad. I have sworn that you shall become my wife. I have bided my time, risking nothing. And now, although you have refused me, I know that you will reconsider that refusal—'

'Never, sir!'

'Then you shall never see Jamaica,' he hissed in her ears, his eyes flaming with the glare of a demoniac triumph. 'Then you shall never look on a friendly face again in the world.'

'What do you mean?'

'Can you not guess? Why should I seclude myself upon a lonely island?—Why should I buy a yacht, and slaves, and build me a house? Why, except for a purpose? And that purpose is to induce you to become my wife. For this I have worked and schemed, and planned. Had you accepted me but now, I should have turned back to Havana, and married you. You refused. We go now—not to Jamaica—but to my island, where you will be surrounded by the creatures of my will. I seek you in honorable marriage. No harm shall come to you, but so long as you oppose your will to mine, and refuse to become my wife, so long shall you remain a prisoner in my keeping.—You see how my love for you has maddened me.'

She met his mocking, triumphant gaze, and a great terror came upon her.

'Your fate will never be suspected by your friends,' he cried. 'You may live and die in this ocean solitude. No [illegible] will ever know what has become of you. The ocean will hide you in its depths. The winds will bear you in safety over the waters. Your fate will be as a romance in the mouth of men. All will pity the unknown fate of the beautiful Miss Palm, and the mystery will add a fresh charm to your memory. Do you think I have sworn in vain? Do you think I have spent months in preparation for this voyage for nothing? Do you think I have bided my time, risking nothing, for nothing? Do you think I will give up my prize? Do you think I will let you go? Do you think I will let you live? Do you think I will let you leave this island? Do you think I will let you live to marry another man? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of a friend? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of a man you love? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your lover? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your husband? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your children? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do you think I will let you live to see the face of your great-grandchildren? Do