A LIGHTHOUSE MYSTERY

he.

'Aye, aye, cappen, said I. 'I want one badly. I'm half starved and half frozen.'

He made no answer, but just a sign to follow him, and he stalked away and I pegged after him. He kept close along the shore as we walked, and for a while he said nothing. At 1 st, however, he turned and pointed seaward.

'You see that ?' said he.

He indicated a lighthouse on a lonely rock.

He indicated a lighthouse of the cock.

'I'm the keeper,' said he. 'I want you to cook say meals and keep my bachelor's hall for me. Now and then I shall want you to row in and buy provisions. The work won't be hard. I think the pay will suit you. Do you know why I chose you?'

'No, cappen,' said I.

'Because I saw that hope was at an end with you,' he said. 'It's only a man who had come to that who could live with me in a lighthouse.'

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'I was on a desert island once,' said I.
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Atter that I shan't be afraid of a light-house?

I'd been in a lighthouse before; it was no new thing to me, but after I'd been no new thing to me, but after I'd been there a lew hours I wondered what my master hired me for. It was like being pensioned off; there was nothing to do. But, mark ye when it came night, and the wind began to moan about the lighthouse, and the lamps wore lit and all outside was black as pitch, and all the sound wa heard was the swash, swash of the waves, my master mixed some grog and called me to sit along with him. That looked sociable, but I can't say he did. He sat glowering over his glass for a while, and op ning his mouth as it to speak, and shutting it sgain. Then said he:

'What's your name?'

'What's your name?'
'Ben Dare,' said I.

·Would you mind calling yourself Bracel he asked.

'I've no reason to be ashamed of my name,' said I.

'Look here,' said he. 'I am a gentleman born and bred. I never came to earning my bread before. I'm ashamed of it. This is what I mean. It any strangers come out here and ask for William Brace, why, you can say you are the man. You claim to be light-house keeper. It's easy. I don't suppose much company with call, but I choose not to see them, if tney do, That's what I hired you for.'

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'You see,' said he, 'I got this place through a rich man who had influence. Those who gave it to me never saw me. It I die some day, why, here you are in the place. If I go off, and I may, here you are still until then. I'll pay you well, and you know your duties.'

'Well, it's shamming,' said I, 'but after all, what does any one care what my nams is, and what shall I call you?

'Call me nothing,' said he. 'Call me captain, as you did when I met you, but never speak of me to any one.'

Gentleman or no, he wasn't lazy. He

never speak of me to any one.

Gentleman or no, he wasn't lszy. He didn't care how he worked. The lamps were as bright as jewels. There wasn't a speck of dirt in the whole tower. But let any boat come nigh us, away he went and hid himself, and came out with a white, scared face and a shaking hand. At night he was afraid to go up to light the lamps alone, and he'd look over his shoulder and turn white as we stood there together. At last he took a new turn. He sat staring at a corner for a while. Then he spoke to me in a low voice:

low voice:

'Brace, do you believe in ghosts p'

'I ha'n't considered the question,' I an-

ewered. 'Well,' said he, softer than before, 'look into that corner,' and he pointed. I look-

ed.
'Don't you see anything?' he asked.
'No.' said I. 'No, cappen.'
'Ah.' he muttered; 'very well, very well;
I'm glad you, don't.'
But that wasn't nothing to what happened the very next night. We slept in two bunks nigh each other, and naturally when he woke up with a yell I woke too. He was shricking and shaking and wringing his hands.

'The woman! the woman! he said. 'She

was shired.

'The woman! the woman!' he said. 'She stood here just now, all red with blood. It dripped down the white ruilles. It dripped on her hands. Stop her! stop her! She has gone to call them. Stop her! stop her!'

'Where did she go?' I asked.

He started at me with wide-open eyes, all the whites showing, below and above. 'She couldn't have been here,' said he. 'It was a dream.'

'Lord love you—a nightmare,' said I.

So we went to sleep again. But I heard of the woman so ofter that that I grew used to her. The cappen, as I called him, got to be worse and worse every day. I wanted to go ashore and fetch the doctor, but he would not hear to it. He raved it I tried to leave him.

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At last there came a hot, hot night in June. It was burning hot all day and a dead calm at night. About dark the cappen went to sleep, and I went and sat where I could see the water and the lights ashore. It was so clear that I could hear the sailors in a Spanish ship moored not far away singing in their foreign lingo. And I was sort of quiet and dreamy like, when something happened that waked me mighty wide and sudden. Something was standing on the steps below me, something white. Something came toward me. It was a little slender figure, with long hair all about its shoulders. I couldn't see its face. It don't think I really saw it plainly at all. But it went past me softly while Plooked, and I knew it was a woman in white rufil d gown, and that she had gone to the room where my master lay. I shook too hard for a moment to move; but as soon as I could I started up to go to him. Just then a voice cried:

**Lighthouse, ahoy!*

ried:

'Lighthouse, ahoy!'
I answered 'Aye, aye,' and stopped a
bit. Duty first of all things with a sailor.

A boat lay at the foot of the steps, and four men jumped out of it.

'We want William Brace, keeper of this lighthouse,' said one, a big man in a linen overcoat.

said I.

No woman came with us,' he snaried.

Stand aside. Men, do your duty.' They went upstairs. I followed. I saw them walk into the cappen's room. I hrard them cry out and stand still. When I got to the door they stood in a row looking down on the bed. I looked, too. Man nor woman couldn't frighten the cappen more. He was dead.

What had he done?' I asked the officer.

officer.

'Killed his wife,' said he, 'that's all.

No doubt she deserved it; but it's not allowed by law when they do.'

'God help him,' said 1.

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St. Pauls, Pictou, N. S. Feb. 22, to the wife of John P. Fraser a daughter.
St. John, March 1, to the wife of Alexander Wilson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, a daughter. Wybberg, South Africa, Dec. 39, to the wife of Band Sergeant Ryan, Leicestershire Regiment a daughter.

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Plymouth, Feb. 18, William Pinkney to May Crocker. Boston, Feb. 23, Ernest A. S. Hayward to Cecelia F. Gage.

New Mexico, Jan. 27, O. C. Otis to Bessie Hilton iormerly of Yarmouth. iormerly of Yarmouth.

Halliax, Feb 23, by Rev. Fr. Daley, James Dees to Mrs. Jane Higgins.

Boston, Feb. 2 by Rev. S. C. Guan, John M. Mc. Rey to Lottle J. Weecks.

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Debec, Feb. 10, by Rev. Frank Frizzle, William Wilson to Mrs. Annie Bell.

and Alice C. Fletcher, 19 months.

Webster Mass., Feb. 20, Robert A., child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, 18 months.

Waterville, N. S., Feb. 18, Edith O. daughter of J. E. and Susanas Turner, 18 months.

Ellersbouse, N. S., Feb. 3, Morris J. son of George and the late Bertha Swinemer 10 months.

Baddeck, Feb. 16, by Rev. D. McDougall, Robert J. Prizzie to Eva M., Ross. Halifax, Feb. 4, by Rev. Jno. McMill Norton to Sarah A. McNeil. ck, Feb. 23, by Rev. D. McDoug

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Geo. P. Hart to Maggie Hogg of Yarmouth.

DIED.

ney 80. Port Hawkesbury, Feb. 16, Mrs. Catherine Matherson 76.

e Feb. 10, Muriel, child of Mr. and Mrs Hants, N. S., Feb. 18, Laura P. wife of Es:kiel Harvie, 28.

Moncton, Feb. 23, Iva E. child of George and Ida Stiles, 15 months.

St. John, Feb. 28, Mary E. daughter of Samuel and Mary Patter con, 14. Providence B. I. Feb 18, Grace B. wife of Dr. J Edmund Brown 30. South Onio N. S., Feb. 15, Willie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bustin.

John, Feb. 25, Charles G., son of George and Lizzle Thomson, 3. St. John, Feb. 23, Josephine M. daughter of D. O. L. and Mary E. Warlock.
Kennetcock, N. S. Feb. 12, Mary, child of Mr. and
Mrs. Walter Sanderson 3.

Mrs. Waiter Sanderson 3.

Springhaven, Feb. 14, Rita, child of Mr. and Mrs. Treiry, 2 and a haif years.

Amberst, Feb. 21, Edward E., son B. C. and Minnie Munro, 5½ months.

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Falmouth, N. S., Feb. 21, Mary daughter of Maria and the late Samuel Mumford.

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Rothesav, Feb. 23, Duncan R., son of Frederick and Florence Fairweather, 20.
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