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### MOTHER AND SON.

While we were lying in at Sierra Leone, on the second day, an incident of touching beauty occurred. From the shore came a small boat, rowed by two sturdy boys and steered by a middle-aged spectacled gentleman of colour. With him were two elderly "Mammies," in neat print dresses and brilliant head-kerchiefs. The man came up the ladder, leaving the two ladies watching the ship's side with expectancy.

Suddenly the face of one of the women was transfigured. She rose and hurried from her place towards the ship's side. Down the ladder, straight from the grimy stokehole, came a youth, hurrying. Clad in worn brown overalls, a once white singlet coloured by coal dust and perspiration, a wisp of waste around his neck, with face made blacker by his work, he came to her with outstretched arms.

The meeting of this mother and son was witnessed by a hundred thoughtless idlers, whose comments and laughter jarred upon some of us, as sadly lacking in taste and good feeling; but love had lifted these two far above self-consciousness. They were alone. Her dainty slim hands clasped his neck. She kissed the dusky black face again and again. She held him from her and gazed, felt his arms, his shoulders and cheeks, ran her fingers through his matty woolly hair. She laughed and talked and clasped him yet again, her boy, her fine big son who worked on the white man's great ship. Her heart had been full of fears when he left her, but now he had come back safe again, from the land of war, from German submarines and hidden mines. He was telling her all about it now.

She had her little gift for him ready-three luscious mangoes tied up in a cloth. How good they would be, when he was choked with the parching dust of the coal bunker! From her breast she took a purse and shook two shining half-crowns from it into his streaky yellow palm —just in case he should need them before he should be paid. Must he go? Ah! but it was good to see him again, good to know he was safe and well. A long, long kiss, a pat upon his shoulder, and she let him go.

At the top of the ladder he turned again, his grinning, wide-mouthed face all alight with a glory of love. Another last bright shout of farewell, another wave of the grimy hand, and he was gone. But the smile of happy pride and contentment lingered long on the mother's soft brown face.-U.F. Church Record.



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"Yes." said the man from New York, who stood on the deck of a Cunarder leaving Liverpool, "England is the most awful corner for tips I ever struck. I've been rooked at every turn for the last month, but," he added, savagely, "the last try-on was a bit more than I could stand."

"What was that?" inquired the man

to whom the remark was addressed. "Well," said the tourist, "I had tip-ped every man from the Captain of the House of Lords down to the man that gummed the wrong labels on my luggage, and I went into the waitingroom on the landing-stage to wash my hands, and what do you think stared me in the face when I was finished but 'Please Tip The Basin.' hanged if I did!"--"Tit-Bits." I'm

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The total losses sustained by the war, amount, in round figures, to the tremendous total of nearly \$20,000,-000,000, consisting of damage to land-ed property, household effects, material, cattle and title deeds; raw materials and provisions and loss to revenue or trade.

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