

THE CAPTAIN OF THE "NIOBE"

'Tis something in a sordid age,
When nations, dealing with each other,
Lake Jews at bargains more engage

Defenceless the "Virginus" lay,
A hopeless prize in Cul'an waters,
While o'er that tranquil azure bay

"Look that no further crime appears,
Ye murderers without love or pity,
Or round about your craven ears

Forget we not his name to raise,
Although the war cloud hath departed,
But sound afar his meed of praise

ELECT STORY.
Valentine's Day.

NOWHERE under the sun did the
wind make such a noise blowing
as at Harvest Hill; though what it was

In a room, low and smoky, with books
lining the shelves around the walls, and
books piled up on the table, and thrown

His face was stern and careworn; his
eyes, large, dark and luminous, with a
far-away look in their depths, showing

Thirteen years! he muttered. Thirteen
years of isolation, of exile, self im-
posed, and doubly hard to bear, because

It's that, indeed, Mr. Charles, she
answered; the coldest and loneliest
day that ever dawned on Harvest Hill.

And isn't it just about the time, Mr.
Charles, that, thirteen years ago, the
trouble came to you, that made it ne-
cessary to leave our friends and acquaint-

Phebe, said the man, drawing his
chair nearer to the kneeling figure, and
laying his hand on her, shoulder, I
have been a brute to allow you to stay

You think, then, you will cross the
ocean? said Phebe, wiping her eyes
with the corner of her apron. This per-
sistently she muttered, in an irritat-

But, look here, my dear old nurse—
There ain't no lous about it, inter-
rupted the woman. I've neither chick

Yes, said her companion, it's a wild,
tempestuous day, and I don't wonder it
makes you lonesome, Phebe. Do you

Why do you mention it? he asked,
while his face grew dark and red. To
think that any woman could have duped

Valentine's Day.

There is no foolish sentimentality about
this—no talk of hearts and doves and
Cupid's darts. But do you know this

Let's see, she answered, thoughtfully,
holding the golden lock aloft. It's
thirteen years to-morrow, you say, since

Is her own name signed to that valen-
tine? inquired Phebe.
Her own name, by her own hand—
that I can stake my life on.

What did she say when you accused
her of it?
She called upon her God to witness
that she never wrote a line to Geoffrey

Well, I don't know anything about
how much proof you had agin her; but
this much I do know—that for the last

I bring you news, Miss Archer, that
there is a fool living up at Harvest Hill
—a natural born fool, and I've come

I have had a way for eleven long
years, Phebe, sobbed the lady; but I
did not know whether Charles Sheridan

To be sure, it may be after the ones
most interested are straightened out
themselves; but, so far as I've seen,

Phebe, you are enough to drive a
man mad! exclaimed her companion. I
tell you that I know—that I have the

Well, now, said she, that's hardly a
fair question. You know that I ain't
any too high an opinion of men gener-

Suppose, he murmured, suppose Phebe
should be right? But how weak I am
to allow an ignorant woman to unsettle

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