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THE SCUTTLED BOAT.

When I was 20, my widowed mother had been dead about 18 months. and by her desire-expressed on her deathbed-I had married Gilbert Armstrong, afterward so well known in literary circles. He was then a rising man; but, apart from his earnings, he had a small fortune and was able to give me a home with all the comforts and luxuries I could

reasonably wish for. I had given my first love to Rupert Garstang, who had proved utterly unworthy of it. On his father's death he succeeded to a nice estate. but he ran into excesses of all kinds, and by his gambling and extravagance brought himself to ruin, and suddenly absconded, leaving me heartbroken, for, despite his fail-

ings, I had loved him dearly. Gilbert had all along loved me, and without doubt his affection was as pure as it was sincere. After Rupert Garstang's disappearance Gilbert urged his suit upon me. I told him what indeed I felt, "that I had no love for any man now," but he declared that he would "wait for my

love to come afterward." My mother was dying, and I should be left unprovided for, as her income ceased with her life, and she pressed me to accept Gilbert, so, although in my then broken hearted condition I was averse to the match.

I consented. I knew Gilbert was a moral, upright and good man, and I admired and respected him greatly, but I did

not love him. We had been married about six months, and Gilbert's kindness, gentleness and loving attention and forbearance, with his ever thoughtful ways, had told on me. I had completely lost my heart to him, but I

was too proud to confess it. In the earlier days of our married life I had received his attentions coldly and indifferently, but he never murmured. He had taken me at my own valuation. "I had no love-

to give him," I had said. I suppose there is a limit to the patience of all men. Gilbert was very patient and forbearing, but it became evident to me that he was getting tired of my cold and unaffectionate behavior. He doubtless thought it was time I reciprocated his kindness at all events, even if I were unable to return his love, and his manner became less warm toward me, although he was still kind -oh, so kind-and there was a sadness overshadowing him in all his

Whether it was because of this gradual cooling of his ardor I know not; but, as I say, I was now conscious that I did love him, not with the passionate ebullition of my attachment to Rupert Garstang, but with a deep, trustful, earnest, thank-

ful and lasting love. Oh, how I longed to throw myself into his arms and tell him he had won my heart! But I could not. By tacit consent he had never

pressed me for any avowal of love, and I was too proud-too stiff necked-to admit it. I may have thought it modesty. I

know I made that the excuse to myself, but it was a lying excuse. It was my wretched pride. I wanted him, my own husband, whom I had promised at the altar to love, to beg for an admission of my affection. So we were gradually drifting

away from each other. I felt it every day. I knew that I had only to say, "Gilbert,"I have learned to love you," and the warm spring of his noble nature would have gushed forth to me. But I would not, and day by day I inwardly chafed, until I came to regard the matter from a false standpoint and persuaded myself that my love was spurned by him rather than—as was the truth

-that I was spurning his love. We went to Exmouth for a change. Gilbert was very fond of boating, and there he could get plenty of it. I, too, used to like the water, but my miserable feelings induced me to be disagreeable, and I rarely accompanied him.

One evening I stood on the sea wall looking across the mouth of the river Exe at the beautiful, placid scene. The sun was disappearing behind the hills on the opposite side of the river, and the huge sand bank known as "the Warren" was fast being hid in the shadow of the deep

blue uplands in the west. Gilbert had gone in his boat to Dawlish, and I was watching with a longing heart-all the more so because I tried to repress its longing -for the appearance of his sail round the point, when I became conscious that some one was standing

beside me. I looked up, and it was -Rupert Garstang! Had a ghost appeared to me I

could not, I think, have felt a greater terror than I did at that moment. All the blood in my body seemed to recede inward, and I stretched out my hands and clutched the low parapet wall to support myself from dropping to the ground.

"Felicia," he said, "I have returned. I am rich again.' I essayed to speak, but my voice failed me. Then the reaction came.

not aware you were in England." I did not know if he had heard of my marriage, so I added:

"We are staying here for awhile. My husband is at Dawlish this afternoon."

"I heard you were married, Felicia," he returned in a familiar tone, "but it was a great mistake on sure you can't be happy."

As he bent his head toward, me I could smell his breath of drink. His impudence and vulgarity disgusted me, and I could now see through him as through a pane of glass. This was the creature I had loved, for whom I had spurned the affection of the best of men. Faugh! I hated

"Really, Mr. Garstang," I said as coldly and as pointedly as I knew how, "you must be forgetting what you say you have heard. You will please oblige me by remembering it, and also the respect you owe to Mr. Armstrong and myself."

"Oh!" he exclaimed contemptuously. "Don't ride the high horse. I know all about it. There's no love lost between you, I'll be bound. Respect!" he sneered. "I owe him no respect. He's robbed me of the dearest thing on earth to me. However, my time will come, and sooner than many think," he added, with a boisterous but vicious, half drunken laugh.

ened me. "I will bid you good evening, Mr.

persecuting me with his presence, as if he had a better right to my allegiance than my own husband had. I sat with such thoughts as these surging through my brain, and the time passed without my noticing its progress until it was getting quite late, and Gilbert had not re-

The servant came to me and announced that dinner was ready. "Mr. Armstrong will be in direct-

ly," I replied. "Let it wait a little The next minute there was a violent ringing at the doorbell, and "old Dave," the boatman, followed

"I'm awfu' sorry for ye, I am indeed, but Muster Armstrong's boat has been found bottom up'ard off 'the Warren,' and it's a'most gertain as

I gave a shribk and would have fainted, but the maid rushed to me with some water, which was at hand, and urged me to be calm. She was a sensible, kind hearted girl, and her presence of mind was contagious, so I rallied myself.

"Is there no hope?" I cried. "Has no sign of my husband been seen? Tell me! Has his body not been found? Tell me the worst."

"No, ma'am," replied the man; "he's not been found. But I'm in the bottom o' the beat."

the boat would not float." "Oh, well, you see, ma'am, if the holes was plugged wi' soap or suthin o' that sort, it 'ud float for a time.

now," he answered.

"Nothin as I can see, except to wait, ma'am," he replied. "No. I can do nothing, I suppose, but wait," I said despondently. "I would rather be alone in my anxiety

ered." Dave as he pocketed his gratuity and shuffled off. "I'll be sure and let you know as soon as I hears o' any-

thing."

could not imagine. 'My time will come, and sooner than many think." Could he have done this wicked thing? I tried not to believe it possible, but my conscience told me that he might be capable of it or of anything else.

reverie by the servant. "A gentleman to see you, ma'am." And Rupert Garstang walked into

the room. now," I said. "I am in trouble and wish to be alone."

huskily as he dropped into a chair. "I have heard of the-the-er-accident and thought I'd call and-er -condole with you. It must be very distressing to you, I'm sure." There was a ring of falsity in his

voice which "struck a chill" to my very soul. I looked at him, but could say nothing.

"But it's useless for you to make yourself ill. It's God's doing. "It is rather some scoundrel's doing," I replied. "It's murder, that's what it is!"

I watched him closely in the gaslight, and his face twitched and went ashen pale, but he recovered himself instantly.

"Oh, nonsense!" he said in a hurried way. "It's evidently a pure accident. He got caught in a squall, I suppose, and had the sail fixed instead of holding the rope loose. It frequently happens. But it's no good taking it to heart too much. Felicia. it's"-

me. I want to be alone."

toward me. "Oh, don't send me away!" he

began. "Now you are free again, I can surely be near you. I kept silence. I wanted the man

gone and knew not how to be rid of him without a scene. "Now, Felicia," he started again in a half drunken drawl, "don't be silly. You are free again, I say, and I have the same old feelings for

My mind was now made up. "Stop!" I shouted in a rage. "Stop! There's been foul play. They tell me Gilbert's boat has been bored with holes. Who could have done

I looked at him with eyes blazing with anger, and his gaze fell before

"You!" I declaimed. "Who but you? You! Who wrecked my young hopes and left me in despair and now come here, unsought and unwanted by me, to-wreck the chance of happiness that I had! Do you think I have a spark of love or regard left for you?"

In my distress I almost forgot Rupert Garstang's presence, and I went on, more to myself than to him: "Your dastardly treatment drove love from my heart, and Gilbert Armstrong married me knowing that I then had no love for him. But

ed to love him as I never loved before. Oh, would that I had bent my stiff necked arrogance and acknowledged my love and affection for him, as I have longed to do dozens of times lately!"

Then I turned on Rupert in my

he was a good man, and I had learn-

"You have murdered him. I know it was you, and you cannot deny it. Go, and my curse go with you!" "Nay, my darling," said Gilbert's cheery voice, out of the darkness outside as he entered the room. "Nay, my darling, don't curse him. Bless him instead. I have heard all, and this is the happiest moment

wrath again.

boat, I thank him from the bottom of my heart, for he has been the means of making your love at last known to me.' I draw a veil over the loving moments that ensued between Gilbert and myself. Suffice it to say that I have never known a day's unhappiness with him since, and we are

of my life. If Mr. Garstang is re-

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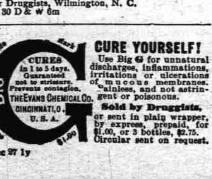
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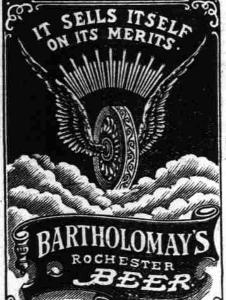
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Garstang," I cried as I turned and hurried to our apartments. Rupert's reappearance had very much upset me. I was greatly agitated. The insolent style in which he had addressed me-as if I belonged to him-made me boil with indignation. It was not even as if I had jilted him. He had squandered his patrimony and left me without the bare decency of a parting word. I had long felt that I had done with him forever, and yet here he was

turned.

the girl into the room. "Oh, ma'am, ma'am!" he cried,

afeer'd there be but little hope, and that's the truth. It is said as how there's been some foul play. For why? There's some holes been bored "Holes bored?" I said. "Why, who could do such a thing? Besides

I've heer'd o' such gaines afore "What can be done?" I asked help-

and grief. Thank you for your kindness in coming, Dave, and let me know if anything further is discov-"Thank'ee, ma'am," concluded

I sat down alone with my bowed head in my hands, in an agony of suspense and dread. All sorts of fancies flitted through my mind. So far as I knew, my husband had not an enemy in the whole world. Who could have wished to injure him I Then Rupert Garstang's drunken boast repeated itself in my ears,

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