

CAPE FEAR.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 25, 1876

Written for the Cape Fear.

STELLA.

BY MRS. CICERO W. HARRIS.

It was a cool, crisp morning in the early autumn. The trees were brilliant in every shade of color; and the long grasses that covered the lawn of Glencairn were nodding in the wind with their yellow, feathery tufts. The old homestead, known for miles around as Glencairn, was stripped of the vines that climbed in the summer time, almost to the top of the massive white columns which supported the porches, and the gray verandas, that blossomed under the low front windows were robbed of their gaudy crimson by the late nipping frosts. One might be reminded from the outside view of the place, that the "melancholy days had come" indeed, for a biting blast blew fitfully over the barren hills and far-stretching fields around Glencairn, bearing dead leaves and a pitiful sigh from the naked, gaunt limbs of many an aged tree that threw its white, decaying limbs athwart the gorgeous background formed by its younger neighbors of the forest.

One of the front rooms in the mansion presented a marked contrast to the outside. A fire burned in the open hearth, a bright carpet, bright curtains and easy chairs were scarcely less attractive than the rows of books that stood upon the dark oaken shelves. The room was evidently the library, and the librarian stood in front of one of the book cases with one arched foot daintily perched on the lower shelf, while her eyes devoured the contents of a green and gold volume of poems she held in her hands. It was apparent that she had gone into the room to discharge a regular routine household duty, for a dusting-brush had fallen down beside her, a long apron was tied over her dress and an old red silk handkerchief had half fallen from her head, where it had been bound turban-fashion to keep the dust from the waving masses of her dark, rich auburn hair. Some passage in the book had arrested her attention and so thoroughly absorbed it, that the emotions of the author were partly portrayed by the rising and paling color that came and went on her white face. Her dark brows were arched and her delicate profile and red, half-pouting lips made an unusual but a very striking combination. When her long lashes were lifted, one would easily guess why she had been given the name she bore, for her great brown eyes flashed like two bright scintillating stars. Even as an infant her fanciful pretty young mother had called her "little star-eyes" and when the thousand and one conferences as to what should be the name of the bonnie baby, had been held and dissolved, the maternal preference was accepted and Stella, with its classic and celestial associations was joined to the good old Scotch cognomen Murray.

Stella Murray, as she read, forgot the dust on the marble busts and leather-covered volumes, and bent, more and more eagerly over the pages of the book she held, until the exciting story was ended, when with a sigh she placed it on its proper shelf and said, as she proceeded with her work, "That is the kind of man I admire. I will marry just such a hero, or I will live single here with Papa. He wants me to accept Will McNeil's offer of heart, hand and farm-house and as Mrs. McNeil pursue the even tenor of my way as I do in my own home. It may seem to be a very convenient and desirable arrangement to an elderly person, but seventeen years are not enough to make me want to settle down quietly to feeding Will McNeil's chickens, keeping his house in order and becoming his staid, sober and most obedient wife. Not I! If there is any romance in this life, I intend to find it before I let Papa make an old lady of me!"

As she ceased to speak, she hung her dusting-brush on its proper hook, divested herself of the red turban and long apron, drew a chair in front of the hearth and sat down with folded hands, perhaps to lazily dream of the "hero" in the book she had just laid aside. Whether the character whose deeds had inspired her with so much enthusiasm, was a Hercules of the ancient bards, a more modern Sir Galahad, or even a bold and daring Robin Hood, in his proper dress of green and gold, she did not say; but whoever he was, he had excited the warm admiration of "little star-eyes," who had evidently inherited the temperament of her mother, long since deceased, and whose portrait hung over the mantel in front of which Stella sat. She was aroused by hearing some one lift the latch of the large gate in front of the house. She ran to the window and saw two horsemen advancing slowly along the drive, seemingly very much interested in making business plans in regard to the fields immediately around Glencairn, for as they talked they pointed in different directions with their riding-whips. They were not strangers to Stella, for she quickly turned from the window to a mirror in the room and said, as she smoothed the folds of her dress and arranged the stray, short curls more becomingly around her brow:

"Papa is bringing that Will McNeil here! They must think a great deal of each other."

She may have intended that her voice should express very great contempt, as she said, "that Will McNeil," and it may have been only the inherent inconsistency of human nature when she tried to make her appearance more attractive, and met them both at the door with her own merry, hospitable welcome!

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ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1876, Passenger Trains on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad will run as follows:

DAY TRAIN.

Table listing train schedules: Leave Wilmington, Front St. Depot, at 7:45 A. M.; Arrive at Goldsboro 11:45 A. M.; Rocky Mount 1:40 P. M.; Weldon 3:30 P. M.; Leave Weldon, daily 12:40 P. M.; Arrive at Rocky Mount 2:25 P. M.; Goldsboro 4:05 P. M.; Wilmington, Front St. Depot 7:50 P. M.

NIGHT TRAIN, With Passenger Coach Attached.

Table listing train schedules: Leave Wilmington at 6:15 P. M.; Arrive at Goldsboro 12:45 A. M.; Rocky Mount 3:37 A. M.; Weldon 6:15 A. M.; Leave Weldon, daily 8:10 P. M.; Arrive at Rocky Mount 10:46 A. M.; Goldsboro 1:50 A. M.; Wilmington 8:15 A. M.

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Oct 15-1f

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