Mary's Promise:

THE MISSING LETTERS. BY RUFUS HALE.

"No news of him yet! Oh, Herbert are you really lost to me?"

Thus often murmured Mary Weldon a beautiful girl of twenty, as she vainly scanned the "shipping news" in the morning paper for tidings of her absent sailor-lover.

Three long years had now passed since he left her-for nearly three years she had heard nothing of either him or his vessel—the Hero, a surveying craft, of which he was the captain.

He had told Mary before he sailed, that he thought the voyage would not occupy more than twenty-eight months; that, at the end of that time, he would probably come home, and that he would then main her his wife. But, as yet, she had received but one letter from him-four months after he went awaywhile now thirty-two more had passed without her getting a line.

Her father thought that the craft must have been lost, and so did many other people; but Mary kept hoping on. She had loved the young naval captain deeply, and she could not bring

herself to think he was dead, in spite of his silence and his long absence. Both her parents, believing that he had either died or that he was false to

another direction. There was a certain skipper named John Thomas, a good-looking, worthy young man, who numbered thirty years in age, and thirty thousand dollars in savings. Mr. Weldon now wanted his daughter to encourage this person, but,

husband. brought from a news stand, a copy of a Honolulu paper-the latest number, and evidently the only one which had reached New Bedford.

had accidentally come off and was mis- blowing hard.

Attracted towards that spot the captain's gaze was riveted on a little notice near this part of the journal. The heading of this notice having been partially torn off with the missing piece of the paper, it stood thus, with the other lines undisturbed beneath:

"On June 28th, Herbert Weyman, of New Bedford, late captain of the brig Hero, to Fanny Major, of Honolulu." For a moment the young man's brain seemed to spin round like a top.

"Married! So he is married!" he murmured to himself. "Then, indeed, all is over between him and Mary Weldon. How scurvily he has treated her! I have always heard good reports of him, and would not believe this, did I not see the marriage notice here, before my very eyes, in this paper, published in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, where the wedding took place!"

Again he looked at the notice. "Ay, I have made no mistake. Here it is, plain enough, under that heading of 'Married,' or 'Marriages'-which- thinking that, at least, she would escape after m-a-r were torn off! And now love. what am I to do? I dont like to be the Mary. God help her!"

paper to her mother, but not until the next morning after she had received it, could Mrs Weldon muster courage to show the notice to Mary.

The young girl became very pale; even her lips turned white, while great eyes; and for a moment she staggered fully realize her situation. as if about to swoon.

mother, winding an arm about her neck, "let your pride help you. So false a name person is not worth a thought!" "No, no; he cannot have been false,

take!"

lines tell the story. Again Mary read those terrible words.

"May not some foolish person have put it in for a joke?" she said.

"No; don't try to deceive yourself. Mary. Marriage notices are never put

in for jokes-at least not in that way." From this moment Mary began to droop. She strove to call pride to her aid, but in vain. Her nature was of that intense, loving kind that clings forever to the object of its affectionate re-Now her parents strove harder than

ever to persuade her to receive the attentions of Captain Thomas. At last, to please them, she consented

to see him occasionally. But her absent manner convinced the young man that he could hope nothing from this con-

He was a manly fellow, whom the sorrows of women, but especially those of the one he loved, affected deeply, and Mary, who had always rather liked him, at once noticed and appreciated his sympathy.

"Marry him, and forget that other worthless fellow," her father ventured to say to her, at last.

"I could never like Mr. Thomas well he knows it."

enough for that, papa, and I doubt not prise. "Yes, but it was only the other day

that he told your mother that he would willingly run the risk of your loving him after marriage, if you would have him." But Mary sadly shook her head.

"So you persist in thinking of that falsehearted rascal-"

"Oh, papa, say nothing against him, she interrupted. "Somehow I still feel as if there must be some mistake. Yes," she added, starting up, "you

shall take me away off to the Sandwich Islands, and we will search the marriage register there!" This was not the first time she had

replied:

"Mr. Thomas sails on a trading voyage next week, to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and as I have business to you and I can accompany him.'

and finally arrived at Honolulu.

kept had lately burned down and the he was transferred to the Fanny Major,

twain could not be learned, but there and who with his bride was going to existed no doubt, even in the mind of sail for home on leave of absence, Mary Weldon, that they were Herbert aboard a merchant ship. Weyman and the Fanny Major mentioned in the notice.

Mr. Weldon now hardly gave his to Captain Thomas. He believed that, a happy woman, in time.

At last he said:

you will at least have him when we re-

nothing in the meanwhile to show that we have been mistaken about Herbert!" She only made this promise to please her father. She felt quite sure it would | she was restored to her father's arms, never be fulfilled—that she would die and to Mr. Weldon the necessary ex-

before she arrived home, and be buried planations were made. in the deep sea.

cheek was sunken, her voice was hollow; she had become thin and worn. But excellent wife. her, endeavored to turn her mind in

her strong constitution kept her up, and when finally within a day's sail of home, she concluded that she was likely to live on for years! So then, after all, her promise would

have to be fulfilled-she would have to marry Thomas-for she would not break her word, even though it broke her although she liked and respected him heart to keep it. for his excellent disposition, she had "Yes, I have allowed myself, by never thought of accepting him for a

Papa's importunity, to be drawn into One day it chanced that Thomas | making that unfortunate promise, and I must keep my word even though it As she spoke, she sprang upon a bench

near the rail, the better to receive upon | 60 Bbls. Bass' ALE, quarts. From the right hand lower corner of her hot, fevered brow, the full force of 30 do.. " one of the pages, a piece of the paper | the fresh morning wind, which was Not a quarter of a mile astern of the

ship, was another vessel-a beautiful topsail schooner, which had been sighted that morning, and was evidently also bound for New Bedford. In her agitation Mary hardly noticed

it. Her brain was reeling, and she felt dizzy. A sudden roll of the ship preci- 150 Half Chests Congou TEA, pitated her over the rail into the sea. All the officers and men being intent

upon some work forward—the young girl's father being below—no person, not 60 even the man at the wheel, whose back was towards her, and who was a little deaf, saw or heard her fall overboard. She did not know how to swim, and when she came to the surface the salt water, which had poured into her

mouth, drowned her gurgling cries. As she struggled there in the seething waters, she saw the ship flying on, its occupants still unconscious of the acci-

She went down for the second time. and even at that dreadful moment, as the thunder of the waters fell upon her 300 Cases, do., do., do., confused brain, she was conscious of ever it was, before the letters coming a marriage with the man she did not

But when she again rose to the surbearer of this terrible news to poor face she heard voices, and dimly saw a boat from the other vessel—the topsail Finally, he concluded to take the schooner-coming swiftly towards her. She would be saved, after all, was her thought, and the sacrifice would

She was half bewildered, in a semiconscious state, when, a few moments later, she was pulled into the boat, and blue rings appeared under her beautiful it was some minutes before she could

Some person had an arm around her, "My dear child," cried her anxious and, while he bathed her temples and forehead, he was eagerly calling her by

When she was fully restored to sight and sense, she uttered a wild cry of sur-There must be some mis- prise on recognizing, in the handsome young officer who held her, none other

"Would that it were so. But these than Herbert Weyman, her long-absent "Let me go," she sobbed, disengaging herself from him. "Take me back to The Great Blood Purifier. my father, who is in that ship in the

distance, and then return to your wife, for I suppose she is aboard that schoon-

"My wife?" "Yes, your bride, Fanny Major!" Weyman looked puzzled, until from a little ornamented rubber case taken from her pocket. Mary drew forth and showed to him the notice she had cut out from the Honolulu journal. She had preserved it carefully, and, as the case was almost air-tight, the paper had been but little more than dampened,

"Well," said Weyman, as his face cleared. "Here is the schooner close to us! Take a good look at her, and you will see my bride!

during her recent immersion in the

"Oh, Herbert, I see no woman!" "True, but you see a beautiful schooner. There is her name, in

letters, on the quarter." Mary read the name.

It was "FANNY MAJOR." "That is the name which is in the notice!" cried the young girl, in sur-

"Yes," he answered, "but it means the schooner-nothing more!" "Why, surely the paragraph is a

marriage notice! "No; had not the heading been partly torn off, leaving only M-A-R, which I perceive was the sole cause of your mistake, it would have been 'MARINE

TRANSFER'-not 'MARRIAGES,' as you As soon as he had assisted the overjoyed girl aboard the schooner, he showed her, in a perfect state, the same

number of the paper as that from which she had cut the notice. The heading was "MARINE TRANSFER," and the meaning of the notice was thus made made that proposal, and now her father apparent. Weyman had been TRANS-FERRED to the FANNY MAJOR-that is, to the vessel of that name.

Further explanations followed. Herbert's long silence had been caused by transact there, where I intend to es- his being sent to cruise in the lonely tablish an agency for shipping stores, Arctic Ocean, where he had been shut Flour, Meal, in by the ice for one whole winter. They sailed at the appointed time, With the greatest difficulty, he had, after many months of bad weather, There inquiries were made, but the brought his shattered craft, in the fol- with a full line of Groeeries. Low for Cash. marriage register could not be examin- lowing summer, to Honolulu. ed, as the building in which it had been There, by orders of his commodore,

a naval schooner built in Honolulu, and It was ascertained, however, that the was sent for a cruise off the coast of chaplain of a commodore's frigate, Siberia. Before going, he wrote to which had been in the harbor about a Mary, entrusting his letter to a friend year before, but had now sailed away, of his, a naval officer, who had just had married a young naval officer and been married to a lady in Honolulu, by a lady. The names of the wedded the chaplain of the commodore's frigate,

> The ship was lost, as he subsequently learned, and with it the letter.

On his return to Honolulu from Sidaughter a moment's rest with respect | beria, he found orders left for him to sail for home with the Fanny Major, if she married that person, she would be He must have arrived at the Sandwich Islands only a day or so after Thomas got under way, and thus have just miss-"Promise me one thing, Mary-that | ed a meeting there with Mary. As to his overtaking the craft, which must turn home, which will be in about eight | have sailed a week before he was ready to start, this was probably owing to his "Yes, if I am, alive, and if I learn | having had better weather than Captain Thomas had encountered.

And so, now Mary was happier than words can express. A few hours later

A month later his daughter was At last the time came when the vessel | united in marriage to Herbert Weyman. Captain Thomas, for a long time dis-Mary had continued to droop. Her consolate, eventually married a rosy Nantucket girl, who proved to be an

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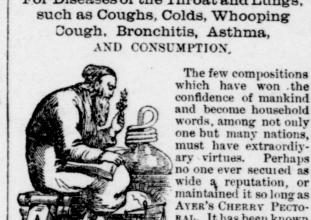
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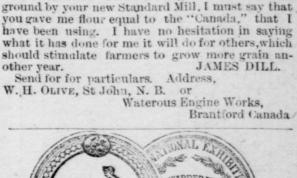
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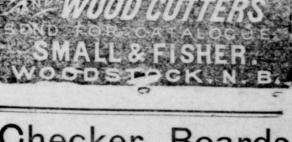
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