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who with approval watched the departure of the "Harpoon." First, there was little Dick, who had acquired a fine figure, clean shaven, and grown quite a half an inch on board of the ship, and who proudly howled when he perceived his friend; a remarkably sleek and graily looking boatswain, brought him off his parting offering a large whale's tooth, patiently carved by himself with a spirited picture of their rescue on Kerguelen Land. Then there was Mrs. Thomas herself. When they finally reached the island of St. Michael, in the Azores, Augusta had offered to pay fifty pounds, being half of the hundred sovereigns given to her by Mr. Meeson, to Captain Thomas as a passage fee, knowing that he was by no means overburdened with the goods of this world. But he stoutly declined to touch a farthing, saying that it would be unlucky to take money from a cataway. Augusta as stoutly insisted; and, finally, a compromise was come to. Mrs. Thomas was anxious, being seized with that acute sense of homesickness from which Suffolk people are no more exempt than other folk, to visit the land where she was born and the people midst whom she was bred up. But this she could not well afford to do. Therefore Augusta's proffered fifty pounds was appropriated to this purpose, and Mrs. Thomas stopped with Augusta at Ponta Delgada, waiting for the London and West India Line Packet to take them to Southampton.

So it came to pass that they stood together on the Ponta Delgada breakwater and together saw the "Harpoon" sail off toward the setting sun.

Then came a soft, dreamy fortnight in the fair island of St. Michael, where Nature is ever as a bride, and never reaches the stage of the hard-work, toil-worn mother, lank and lean with the burden of maternity. The mental act of looking back to this time in after years always recalled to Augusta's senses the odor of orange-blossoms, and the sight of the rich prismatic bloom blushing the roses down. It was a pleasant time, for the English consul there most hospitably entertained them—with much more personal enthusiasm indeed than he generally considered it necessary to show toward shipwrecked voyagers—a class of people of whom consular representatives abroad must get rather tired with their eternal misfortunes and their perennial want of clothes. Indeed, the only drawback to her enjoyment was that the consul, a gallant ex-naval officer with red hair, equally charmed by her adventures, her literary fame, and her person, showed a decided disposition to fall in love with her, and a red-haired and therefore ardent naval officer is, under those circumstances, a somewhat alarming personage. But the time went on without anything serious happening; and, at last, one morning after breakfast a man came running up with the information that the mail was in sight.

And so Augusta took an affectionate farewell of the golden-haired consul, who gazed at her through his eyeglasses and sighed when he thought of what might have been in the sweet by and by; and the ship's bell rang and the siren began to turn, leaving the consul still sighing on the horizon, and in due course Augusta and Mrs. Thomas found themselves standing on the quay at Southampton, the centre of an admiring and enthusiastic crowd.

The captain had told the extraordinary tale to the port officials when they boarded the vessel, and on getting ashore the port officials had made haste to tell every living soul they met the wonderful news that two survivors of the ill-fated "Kangaroo"—the history of whose tragic end had sent a thrill of horror through the English-speaking world—were safe and sound on board the West India boat. Thus, by the time that Augusta, Mrs. Thomas, and Dick were safe on shore, their story, or rather sundry distorted versions of it, was flashing up to the various press agencies, and running through Southampton like wildfire. Scarcely were their feet set upon the quay, when, with a rush and bound, wild men, with note-books in their hands, sprang upon them, and beat them down with a rain of questions. Augusta found it impossible to answer them all at once, so contented herself with saying "Yes," "Yes," "Yes" to everything, out of which misapprehension she afterwards found to her surprise, these fierce and active pressmen contrived to make up a sufficiently moving tale; which included glowing accounts of the horrors of the shipwreck, and what rather took her aback, a positive statement that she and the sailors had lived for a fortnight upon the broiled remains of Mr. Meeson. One interviewer, being a small man, and, therefore, unable to kick and fight his way through the ring which surrounded Augusta and Mrs. Thomas, seized upon little Dick, and commenced to chirp and snap his fingers at him in the intervals of asking him such questions as he thought suitable to his years.

Dick, dreadfully alarmed, fled with a howl; but this did not prevent a column and a half of matter, headed "The Infant's Tale of Woe," from appearing that very day in a journal noted for the accuracy and unseasonal character of its communications. Nor was the army of interviewers the only terror that they had to face. Little girls gave them boquets; an old lady, whose brain was permeated with the idea that shipwrecked people went about in a condition of undress for much longer than was necessary after the event, arrived with an armful of underclothing streaming on the breeze; and last, but not least, a tall gentleman, with a beautiful moustache, thrust into Augusta's hand a note hastily written in pencil, which, when opened, proved to be an offer of marriage!

However, at last they found themselves in a first-class carriage, ready to start, or rather starting. The interviewing gentlemen, two of whom had their heads jammed through the window, were forcibly torn away—still asking questions—by the officials of the company; the tall gentleman with the moustache, who was hovering in the back ground, smiled a soft farewell, in which modesty struggled visibly with hope, the station-master took of his cap, and in another minute they were rolling out of Southampton Station.

Augusta sunk back with a sigh of relief, and then burst out laughing at the thought of the gentleman with the fair moustache. On the seat opposite to her somebody had thoughtfully placed a number of the day's papers. She took up the first that came to hand and glanced at it idly with the idea of trying to pick up the thread of events. Her eyes fell instantly upon the name of Mr. Gladstone, printed all over the sheet in

type of varying size, and she sighed. Life on the ocean wave had been perilous and disagreeable enough, but at any rate she had been free from Mr. Gladstone and his doings. Whatever evil might be said of him, he was not an old man of the sea. Turning the paper over impatiently she came upon the reports of the Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court. The first report ran thus:

BEFORE THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, IN THE MATTER OF
Mrs. MEESON, DECEASED.

This was application arising out of the loss of the R. M. S. "Kangaroo" on the eighteenth of December last. It will be remembered that out of about a thousand souls on board that vessel the occupants of one boat only—twenty-five people in all—were saved. Among the drowned was Mr. Meeson, the head of the well-known Birmingham publishing company of Meeson, Addison, Rooroo, & Co. (Limited), who was at the time on a visit to New Zealand and Australia in connection with the business of the company.

Mr. Fiddlestick, Q. C., who with Mr. Pearl appeared for the applicants (and who was somewhat imperfectly heard of) stated that the facts connected with the sinking of the "Kangaroo" would probably still be so fresh in his lordship's mind that it would not be necessary for him to detail them, although he had them upon affidavit before him. His lordship would remember that but one boat-load of people had survived from this, perhaps the most terrible shipwreck of the generation. Among the drowned was Mr. Meeson; and this application was on behalf of the executors of his will for leave to presume his death. The property which passed under the will was of a very large indeed; amounting in all, Mr. Fiddlestick understood, to about two millions sterling, which, perhaps, might incline his lordship to proceed very carefully in allowing probate to issue.

The President: Well—the amount of the property has got nothing to do with the principles on which the court acts with regard to the presumption of death, Mr. Fiddlestick.

Quite so, my lord, and I think that in this case your lordship will be satisfied that there is no reason why probate should not issue. It is, humanely speaking, impossible that Mr. Meeson can have escaped the general destruction.

The President: Have you any affidavits from anybody who saw Mr. Meeson in the water?

No, my lord; I have an affidavit from a sailor named Okers, the only man who was picked up in the water after the "Kangaroo" foundered, which states that he believes that he saw Mr. Meeson spring from the ship into the water, but that he did not carry the matter further. He did not swear that it was Mr. Meeson.

The President: Well, I think that that will do. The court is necessarily adverse to allowing the presumption of death except on evidence of the most satisfactory nature. Still, considering that nearly four months have now passed since the foundering of the "Kangaroo" under circumstances which make it exceedingly improbable that there were any other survivors, I think that I may fairly presume that Mr. Meeson shared the fate of the other passengers.

Mr. Fiddlestick: The death to be presumed from the eighteenth of December.

The President: Yes from the eighteenth.

Mr. Fiddlestick: If your lordship please.

Augusta put down the paper with a gasp. There was she, safe and sound, with the true last will of Mr. Meeson tattooed upon her own shoulders; and "probate had issued"—whatever the mysterious formula might mean—to another will, not the real last will. It meant (as she in her ignorance supposed) that her will was no good, that she had incurred that abominable tattooing to no purpose, and was to no purpose scared for life.

It was too much; and, in a fit of vexation, she flung the "Times" out of the window and cast herself back on the cushions, feeling very much inclined to cry.

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The Christmas Star.

It will be a very great disappointment at home and abroad that the publishers of the Montreal Star are unable to publish this Christmas Star this year. It appears that publishers have been more than ordinarily busy with their regular business of subscriptions and advertising and do not feel they have the time to publish such a paper as would sustain the magnificent reputation that the Christmas Star has justly earned.

Archbishop O'Brien on Farnell.

HALIFAX December 18.—His Grace Archbishop O'Brien, the leading Irish Canadian ecclesiastic, is the first to publicly express his opinion on the question of the leadership of the Irish nation. His Grace said to the *Herald* reporter that while every Irishman recognizes the great services Farnell has rendered the Irish nation and while deeply regretting for his own sake the position to which he has brought himself, there is no consideration under which he can consent to lead the Irish people, all private interests must give way to the public good. The best interests of the Irish nation, as well as the interests of morality demand Farnell's retirement. The suggestion made by some that he should temporarily retire, marry Mrs. O'Shea and then reappear as leader would only serve to complicate matters, and would make it still more difficult for him to be again received as leader. The Catholic church under no circumstances recognizes the marriage of divorced persons, therefore neither the hierarchy nor any self-respecting Catholic woman could ever receive Mr. O'Shea or agree to his return. Whatever the result of the first outbreak of passion may be, the archbishop feels assured that the true sense of the Irish people the world over will reassert itself. While Farnell has triumphed over many political obstacles, he will find it impossible to succeed against the moral force now arrayed against him. No great man, however great, is essential of the success of the righteous cause of home rule. The archbishop added that he has long thought it a blunder, on the part of the Irish parliamentary party to have allowed Farnell to wield such absolute power. He expresses great admiration for the ability and capacity displayed by William O'Brien and regards him as an abler man than Farnell.

R. J. & J. Stewart and the Bank.

(Montreal Herald.)

Judge Tachereau rendered judgment yesterday morning in the case of R. J. & J. Stewart vs. the Bank of British North America. Plaintiffs were stock merchants with places of business at St. John, N. B., Montreal, London and Halifax. The sued defendants for \$300,000 damages in view of the fact that a certain check drawn by them was dishonored by the

branch of the Bank of British North America at St. John, N. B. This action on the part of defendants, it is alleged, seriously affected the credit of plaintiffs in London, Montreal and elsewhere. The action was served in the office of the general manager of the Montreal branch and copies of it sent to different other branches in Canada. The general manager when examined here revealed the fact that the bank had its board of directors in London, England, and that said board had control of all its affairs. The principle banking house in this country, namely Montreal, received reports from all the other branches which it forwarded to London.

The bank by the declinatory exception pretended that the service of the process was not sufficient to allow of the matter being brought before a Canadian court, as the offence did not take place within Montreal nor even in the province of Quebec. Moreover, plaintiff was not a resident of this province and the bank was a foreign one.

His Honor entered into a lengthy review of the articles 34, 61 and 64 of the Code of Civil Procedure determining the jurisdiction of the court in such matters, and quoted at length several decisions given in cases of a similar nature.

The question was, was the bank a foreign bank? and on this point His Honor held that although it was a product of the Imperial charter, it was nevertheless distinctively recognized by the Canadian Banking Act and in the Canadian government. He showed that the sections of the act governing it were similar in almost every respect to those governing Canadian banks in general. It became therefore a domestic bank by special legislation and its obligations were of a similar nature to those of other banks. In view of these facts he would have to set aside the plea set up by defendants and dismiss their plea of declinatory exception thereby ensuring, the case being heard in Montreal.

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LOCAL TIME TABLE.			THROUGH TIME TABLE.		
No. 1 EXPRESS, No. 1 Accommodation	Leave Chatham	Arrive Chatham	No. 2 EXPRESS, No. 2 Accommodation	Leave Chatham	Arrive Chatham
9.25 p.m.	2.40 p.m.	9.55 "	9.55 p.m.	2.40 p.m.	10.05 "
10.05 "	3.10 "	10.35 "	10.05 "	3.10 "	10.35 "
10.35 "	3.30 "	10.55 "	10.35 "	3.30 "	10.55 "

LOCAL TIME TABLE.			THROUGH TIME TABLE.		
No. 3 EXPRESS, No. 3 Accommodation	Leave Chatham	Arrive Chatham	No. 4 EXPRESS, No. 4 Accommodation	Leave Chatham	Arrive Chatham
9.25 a.m.	11.20 a.m.	9.55 "	9.25 a.m.	11.20 a.m.	10.05 "
10.05 "	11.50 "	10.35 "	10.05 "	11.50 "	10.35 "
10.35 "	12.05 p.m.	10.55 "	10.35 "	12.05 p.m.	10.55 "

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Blackville.....	8 05 "	Marysville.....	7 55 "		
Docktown Arrive.....	10 40 "	Cross Creek.....	8 50 "		
" Depart.....	11 00 "	Bolton.....	10 10 "		
Docktown.....	11 05 "	Docktown Arrive.....	11 00 "		
Cross Creek.....	11 50 "	" Depart.....	11 25 "		
Marysville.....	1 05 p.m.	Blackville.....	1 10 p.m.		
Gibson.....	2 25 "	Chatham Junction Arrive.....	2 30 "		
Fredricton.....	2 35 "	" Depart.....	3 15 "		
		Chatham.....	3 40 "		

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