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Select Tale.

ALTERED VERDICT.

In the days long ago, when minor offences were punishable by death, a stranger, who was staying at the Lion Hotel, Chester, hearing that a somewhat remarkable trial was to come off at the assize court, he should like very much to get into court if possible.

'I am a captain in the Royal Navy,' he added, 'and perhaps that would enable me to gain some favor.'

The landlord offered to help his guest, and was successful in obtaining him a seat on the bench.

The first case on the list was of burglary. The prisoner, who gave his name as Thomas Wilson, denied all knowledge of the burglarious charge upon which he was arraigned, and stated that he was a sailor, and had just been paid off.

When requested to explain how certain articles came into his possession he said that he had purchased them of a poor man. This explanation was childish in the extreme.

His answers to other accusations were equally simple and unsatisfactory.

The evidence against him was overwhelming.

After a brief summing up from the judge, the jury found a verdict of guilty without leaving the box. Then the clerk arraigned put the formal question: 'Prisoner, at the bar, you have heard the verdict of the jury. Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?'

The prisoner, who was a tall, powerful, fine-looking man, drew himself up erect—he was evidently suffering from great emotion—but, hastily brushing his coat-sleeve across his eyes, he turned to the judge and said, in a gruff, but not unpleasant voice:

'Well, cap'n, it's hard to be hung for nothin', but I can see this here is a yard-arm business. I know no more o' this 'ere burglary nor a baby; but these witnesses ha'n't told no lies, I s'pose. And what can I say agin 'em?'

When this thing said I was fighting the slaves on the gold coast. But you've got no call to believe that, so there's an end o' it.'

There was something bluff and manly about the prisoner's manner which impressed the judge, who said, not unkindly:

'But, surely, prisoner, if your story is true, you must have friends and comrades with whom you could have communicated? If you had thought they could do you good, you would have done this. It is too late now.'

'You're right, cap'n. It is too late. But it's all very well to say 'let 'em know,' when a man is locked up in jail and can't read nor write and don't know where they are. 'em know? Leastways not in time. No, its no use, cap'n, and you'd better order me to be run up to the yardarm at once.'

Everyone in court stared in amazement at the man who had thus coolly urged the judge to hasten his execution while at the same time protesting his innocence. The judge was evidently perplexed, for after a moment's pause he said:

'But, prisoner, the court has no wish to hang a man who may be innocent. Is there no one here who could speak for you?'

Thomas Wilson looked in a hopeless sort of way round the court.

'Not likely,' he began, 'but suddenly he stopped short, a look of astonishment came over his face, he leaned eagerly forward, his eyes seemed starting from their sockets. Everyone in court instinctively turned and gazed in the direction in which the prisoner was staring. Slowly Thomas Wilson raised his arm, and pointing solemnly to the stranger from the Lion Hotel, who sat on the bench, said, in a voice half choked by emotion:

'Yes, there's a gentleman there who might speak for me if he would.'

The judge turned sharply round. 'Do you know the prisoner?' he asked.

'No, my lord, was the reply. 'I never saw him before in my life.'

A deep groan burst from the prisoner, and it was echoed by something very like a sigh of disappointment from the people in court.

'Well, Cap'n Sharpe, if you put the rope round my neck, I give in. Go on, my lord. I'm ready for the yardarm.'

'Stay, said the judge, turning again to the stranger, a slight, active, wiry-looking person, whose yellow visage showed that he had seen service in tropic climes. 'Are you Cap't Sharpe?'

'Yes, my lord, was the reply.

'Well, the prisoner seems to recognize you, and though it is undoubtedly irregular, yet, under the peculiar circumstances I will ask you to step into the witness box and be sworn, in order that the prisoner may ask you questions.'

Cap't Sharpe stepped into the witness box. Thomas Wilson, who agitation formed a strong contrast to the perfectly calm demeanor of the witness, then began to question him.

'Beg pardon, sir, but are you Cap'n Sharpe of her majesty's ship Vulture?'

'Yes, I am Cap't Sharpe, and I did command the Vulture before she was paid off.'

'Was you, sir, in command of her last spring on the Gold Coast?'

'I was.'

'Certainly not, I never saw your face before in my life.'



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The prisoner's disappointment was painful to witness, but he continued:

'But Cap'n, don't you remember that big Arab show that gave yer so much trouble: don't yer remember boardin' of her?'

'Yes, I remember capturing a big slave show.'

'And you yourself led the boarders?'

'Yes, but all this has been in the newspapers where you have probably read it for I am certain you were not one of my crew.'

'What! Cap'n Sharpe!' cried the prisoner, almost in a roar, 'I wasn't one of your crew! Don't you remember who came between you and the big nigger that was just a-goin' fer cut yer down; and don't you remember what he got to it? Don't yer remember this, Cap'n Sharpe?'

And as he almost shrieked out these words the prisoner pulled aside his full shock hair and showed a white scar extending along the whole of the scalp.

A silence of death reigned through the court, as judge, jury and spectators looked with breathless excitement at the prisoner and witness. Cap't Sharpe stared hard at the interrogator; a strange puzzled expression came over his face; then he slowly muttered:

'Heavens! Is it possible? Why, you must be Tom Wilson, my old boatwain!'

'Tom Wilson!' exclaimed the prisoner triumphantly. 'In course I am, and now, Cap'n Sharpe, you won't say as you don't remember me.'

Cap't Sharpe said nothing, but hastily leaving the witness box, he made his way across the court to the dock; then he seized the prisoner by the hand, and turning to the judge with tears in his eyes, he said:

'My lord, there is certainly some terrible mistake here. This is certainly Tom Wilson, my old boatwain; but he's so changed, I suppose, by the anxiety and imprisonment he has been through that I did not recognize him at first. My lord, he was the best man on board my ship; he saved my life, and provided he has sent me here, as by a miracle, to save his. He could have had nothing to do with this burglary in April, for the ship did not reach Plymouth till May 1st. He had no more to do with the burglary than I had. You can't hang the old boatwain of the Vulture, my lord, unless you hang his captain with him.'

The scene which followed has probably never had a parallel in any court of justice. The spectators gave vent to their pent-up emotions in ringing cheers, which the judge made no attempt to check. Indeed, he himself was so affected that the tears were running down his cheeks. When silence was restored, his lordship turned to the jury and said:

'Gentlemen, I think this is a case in which you may well reconsider your verdict.'

'We have, my lord,' promptly replied the foreman, 'and we find the prisoner not guilty.'

This was the signal for a fresh outbreak of enthusiastic cheers; and, not content with this, as soon as Tom Wilson and Cap't Sharpe had difficulty made their way out of court, they were joined upon by some irrepressible spirits and carried shoulder-high in triumph to the Lion Hotel.

About 10 o'clock that night Cap't Sharpe, accompanied by his faithful boatwain, left Chester for London. Had the judge and jury overheard the conversation that passed between them they would probably have been more astonished than by anything which had transpired in court.

'Well, old pal,' Cap't Sharpe was saying, 'we pulled through that business pretty well, I think. That was a good idea of Wily Bob's waiting for the verdict. We could never have touched that evidence.'

'Yes,' Tom Wilson answered, 'and you acted it perfectly. If you had cottoned to me a minute sooner, I believe they'd have twigg'd it. I shelp me! I thought I should be 'bust when I saw the old leak-a-bubblin'.'—TIT-BITS.

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