

Family Circle:

(From the Christian World.)

MARGARET TORRINGTON;

OR, THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

By the Author of "Violet Vaughan," "Sir Julian's Wife," "St. Beulah's," &c.

So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.—Psalm ciii. 30.

Chapter III.

(Continued.)

THE WRECK OF THE "LITTLE GIPSY."

And the wind was getting up,—slowly, indeed, and almost imperceptibly to any but a practised ear; but presently there came a low, shuddering moan across the waves, which began to rise and fall very hurriedly; our flag, which had drooped idly all the afternoon, began to flutter furiously, our sail commenced to fill, and ere long we could hear the roar of the advancing tide,—which, however, would not be at flood till nearly midnight,—and the breeze swept shrilly all around us, mingling its weird blast with the scream of the sea-birds, who were evidently looking forward to the tempest with exhilarated spirits.

Gilbert gathered in the sails, and said it would be hard work till we had doubled the Tor, but we must depend upon our oars; and he gave several directions to Bertha, which, nautical as I was in my experiences, I could not comprehend. I volunteered to take an oar, for I could row very well in tolerably calm water; and he replied, "Not now, Miss Margaret; I can do all there is to be done at present; and your tender little hands would not do much in this strong current; but if I have more than I can manage, I'll ask you to help me, I promise you. There's another pair of sculls underneath the seat; I only hope we may want them."

"Do you think we shall, Gilbert?"

"That depends, Miss Margaret, upon what way we make before the storm is upon us. If we can get round the Tor, and well set towards the shore before the tempest bursts, it will be all well; but, you know, we have to make such a bend, and get out so far to avoid the reef,—and then the bar stretches from the Head right into St. Eldred's Bay. We've got to go against tide for a good mile yet, and this wind which is dead against us back."

"Do let me take the sculls, Gilbert; I am sure you must trust me."

"I know I might, Miss Margaret, and do; for didn't I teach you to handle them yourself? But," and he spoke in a low, concentrated whisper,— "keep your strength, Miss Margaret; you may want it."

I felt awed and a little afraid, though I did not anticipate any real danger. But the darkness thickened rapidly, and the waves grew more and more turbulent; and presently, looking out seawards, we saw only a waste of tumbling waters of inky blackness in the livid light that fell from the edges of that pallid cloud. But every wave swept upwards with a crest of snowy foam, making the ebb hollow all the darker from the contrast. The coast lay far away, like a dream-land; only on the great shaggy Head of the weather-beaten Tor, there fell a lingering beam of pallid sunshine, showing us all the huge wrinkles, and scars, and airy recesses of the mighty pile of rock. Proudly, I thought, the solemn Tor looked down upon us, as, keeping at a respectful distance from the long, sharp reef which ran out from his foot, we silently toiled on across that restless sea, on which our tiny bark seemed no better than a cockle-shell. By-and-by, when I looked again, that pale, cold, lingering beam was gone, and the Tor stood up like a Giant Despair, in the fast-increasing gloom, and I could scarcely see the face of Bertha at the other end of the boat. Then the heavens seemed to open, and all the sea, and all the land from cape to cape of that wide Bay, and all the sullen sky was turned to fire; but only for a moment, and then came the most awful, crashing thunder and midnight darkness on the foaming waters.

I hid my face in terror, for I had never seen such lightning, or heard such deafening thunder; and involuntarily I thought of the day of days that was hastening on, even the great day of the Lord, when the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. And again and again came the fiery levin, and the mingled roar of waves and thunder, and we could make no way against the terrific wind and the surging tide that drove us inland close upon the great Tor reef. I had the sculls now, and laboured with all my might; and Gilbert strained every nerve; and Bertha, though she was crying bitterly, kept to her post, and obeyed the commands of her brother, as he shouted them through the uproar of the storm.

At last, however, the boat came perfectly unmanageable; the helm no longer answered; and it was fruitless spending all our strength in rowing against that mighty wind and tide, and we could only let ourselves drift away in the direction of the dreaded sunken rocks. Every minute the huge black Tor drew nearer, and we knew that any moment the *Little Gipsy* might strike and be shattered into spars.

"It is of no use," said Gilbert, laying down his oar. "Miss Margaret, don't kill yourself tugging with those sculls; it's of no mortal use; we have done all we can!"

"What must we do then? You don't mean—?"

"I mean that we must cry to the Lord to help us, for we cannot help ourselves, and the winds and the waves are too much for us; only, Miss Margaret, He holds the winds in the hollow of His hand, and he can say to these raging waves, 'Be still!'"

"The Lord is mightier than the noise of many waters," said Alice. "Don't fear, Bertha; you know we read those very words this morning."

"But people have been drowned," sobbed Bertha; "and it may be God's will that we should go down."

"And if it be," said Alice, "all is well—if it be." She looked at me and at Bertha, and I knew what she meant. It would be well with her; for Alice was of those who are safe forevermore under the shadow of the Almighty wings,—safe in life and death, at peace now and forevermore.— And I knew, but yet could not comprehend, the secret of this never-ending peace; I knew the sublime truths on which that sweet peace rested, but they were to me as a noise-sounding gong in a language I had never listened to before. The power, the beauty, and the pathos of that old, old story of Bethlehem and Calvary, I recognized most fully; but it was only as a story I received it; only as a very lovely song that I listened to it. It was otherwise with Alice; her feet were on the Rock, and she was not dismayed; neither did Gilbert seem afraid,—only he was in terror for me, and his own life was very precious, inasmuch as he knew that his parents were looking to him as the chief support of their old age.

"Oh! Miss Margaret," he cried, "what would I not give to see you save on shore! What will the doctor feel! and my own mother and father! Oh, Alice, it is terrible! Alice drew near, and whispered something, which, in the wild uproar of wind and wave, and thunder, I could not catch. But I saw him take her hand, and the brother and sister looked into each other's eyes, and the calm that rested in the girl's pale face was reflected in Gilbert's serious, dark eyes, and in the quiet smile that fitted for an instant over his boyish features. They were words of faith and comfort that passed between the pair,—of that I felt assured; but I could conceive of nothing that could give one real consolation in such extremity.

(To be Continued.)

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Cheese, ½ lb.	0 10 to 00 12
Chickens, ½ pair	0 10 to 00 12
Cordwood, at the station	0 50 to 00 60
Eggs, ½ dozen	0 10 to 00 12
Hams and Shoulders	0 10 to 00 12
Hides, per lb.	0 05 to 00 06
Hay, ½ ton at the Hay Market	0 07 to 00 08
Mutton, ½ lb.	0 10 to 00 12
Lamb, per lb.	0 07 to 00 08
Lamb Skins	1 25 to 1 40
Oats, per bushel, new	0 70 to 1 00
Potatoes, per bush	0 45 to 00 50
Tallow per lb., rough	0 07 to 00 08
rendered, per lb.	0 10 to 00 12
Turnips, per bush	0 40 to 00 50
Wool, per lb.	0 05 to 00 08
Veal, per lb.	0 05 to 00 08

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Apples	\$4 00 to 5 00
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Oats	0 00 to 0 55
Barley	0 00 to 0 55
Butter, ½ lb.	0 00 to 0 19
Eggs, per dozen	0 13 to 0 00
Codfish, ½ lb.	0 00 to 0 50
Pollock, do.	0 00 to 0 50
Haddock, ½ lb.	0 00 to 0 50
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Flour, ½ lb.	0 30 to 0 40
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