

JANEY'S FATHER.

Dennis McCarthy and his friend, Jason Wilson, were leaving England on the packet ship Tempest.

There was no telling when she or her agents might seek out her original husband and make him pay the penalty of bigamy.

It happened that Milly and the children were privileged to attend a camp meeting. A sermon from the text, "The sure way you will find you out,"

After various removals, Jason drifted to Birmingham, Alabama, where iron foundries, coal and iron mines and various other enterprises attracted laboring men from all over the country.

In the meantime Janet had prospered. By good fortune she entered a wealthy lady's house as housekeeper.

In the progress of time an opportunity presented itself for an American trip. They had no children, and Janet, his wife, accompanied him to America.

By a strange chain of happenings, father and daughter were thus thrown into proximity—neither suspecting such nearness or relationship.

Jason's first wife was, as before said, a proud, ambitious woman. She loathed the thought of his abandonment and disgrace.

Jason's wife remembered her father was to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, but his later movements were unknown to her.

As they stood on deck, watching the Cornwall show sink into the sea, one of the men would have blubbered with grief at this parting with his family.

The long, tedious voyage was at last over. There was no difficulty in getting employment in the coal mines around Wilkesbarre.

As he approached the group, one of the visiting party said in an undertone to Janet, "He is not a proper witness."

Indignation brought out from Dennis a word which was the rejoinder.

The men parted without much good feeling between them. Their first falling out was over a little money transaction.

Letters were long in coming in those days, and Janet was not a brisk and ready writer, but she wrote some words to Jason, after she had fully digested the accounts.

By the time he was located in Tennessee, Milly had a pulling index to care for. Before many years had passed she had several of them, and Jason was as busy and as busy as ever.

"Did you marry on this side of the Atlantic, Jason?"

Jason considered a moment before replying. Then he drew his words with evident reluctance.

"Yes, I married over at Wilkesbarre many years ago, but the poor creature died and left a gang of children on my hands, as I told you."

By this time Janet was in a tremor of uncertainty and apprehension. Her disreputable father's first name was Jason, he went to Wilkesbarre, and was then reported as going south by those who furnished the last information to her mother of his desertion.

She felt as if she must know a little more of the man before her. They were to leave Birmingham on the morning train.

Her voice, sympathizing with the tension of her mind, was louder than she intended, and Jason overheard her.

As her beautiful lady wants to know my name, thanks to her notice of such a poor fellow, I am named Jason Wilson—born near Bristol, England, many years ago.

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