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In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, Sitting as a Court of Equity.

Joshua W. Hering, Executor, vs. Sarah A. Magee and William Magee, her husband, et al.

Ordered this 27th day of December, A. D. 1899, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Joshua W. Hering, Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 29th day of January, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 29th day of January, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$310.00.

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THE OLD YEAR.

Written for the Democratic Advocate.

BY O. C. SHIPLEY.

Good-by old friend!

We've journeyed with you down the road, Tho' flowers and thorns, and now they end In near—full many an ode

Good-by, old friend! I loved you well— While the merry bells are rung.

Old friend good-by!

The flowers have bloomed and withered all, And waiting winds now loudly sigh.

While earth is covered with a pall Of icy white, I loved you well—

Hark! the bells are rung, and you must go.

Comes up the moon—

The midnight chime of Time's chariot wheels Stay not their rapid course—ah! soon A new face on its mission starts.

Good-by, old friend! I loved you well— The Youth steps in, old friend farewell.

THE LOVE BIRD.

Dear her that little bird in the tree,

On the hill just where above you,

The burden of his song seems to be:

I love you, I love you, I love you.

The day is fine, and the world seems bright,

Right seems the way before us;

And guardian angels, reborn in light,

Today seem watching o'er us.

As I watch the clouds that lightly go,

In the ether blue above you,

The song of the bird is mine also:

I love you, I love you, I love you.

Labon, Md., 1899.

Select Story.

A NAVAL DETECTIVE.

From Boston Traveler.

We were lying off Durban at the time, and I was second lieutenant of H. M. S. Gaddy, a third class cruiser. I was in one of my soundest sleeps when I was awakened by some one thumping on the door, and in answer to my query as to what they wanted a gruff voice told me that the captain requested my presence in his cabin. Wondering what on earth had happened, I slipped into my clothes, dis-

posing with the luxury of a bath or wash. Anything to cause a break in the monotony was welcome, and although I was one who enjoyed my bed—I had over found a difficulty in falling in with the view usually urged in regard to early rising—I took this as a godsend, simply for the excitement of being called out at such an hour by the captain, who was not a man to give his officers needless trouble.

"What's this?" I asked of my senior colleague as I paused to put in a few more buttons.

"Haven't the remotest idea," he replied. "The only thing I know is a chap arrived a few minutes ago in a small boat, which is alongside now, evidently hired from the shore, and without stating his business requested to see the captain. The watch hesitated about it and called me. I saw there was an official air about the man, so I knocked up the skipper, who now has the mysterious visitor with him, but what it is all about you might as well ask the celebrated man in the moon, to whom people are generally referred under such circumstances, but it ought to be something important that gets everybody out of bed at this unearthly hour," and he shrugged his shoulders.

"Well, I suppose I shall soon know something," I answered, and I knocked at the door, which was at that moment opened by the captain.

"Ah, is that you, Mr. Sharer?" he called to the first lieutenant, who had accompanied me to his door. "Show this gentleman to his boat," and he spoke a few words of good-bye hurriedly. I just had time to glance at him and to notice that he was a tall, well-made, gentlemanly looking fellow, with an erect, soldierly air and with a certain official air about him which stamped him as one having authority and accustomed to command.

"Come in," said the captain, "there is some little excitement for you this morning. That gentleman who has just gone in—well, I need not waste time over that, as it does not concern you. A large diamond valued at something like £7,000 or £8,000 has been stolen from the ship. It has been tracked to Durban here, but last night they hired a small sailing boat and have made off. Their luggage has been overhauled at their hotel, and as no trace of the missing stone has been discovered it is understood that they have it in their boat, their intention no doubt being to follow the coast until they fall in with some vessel that will get them and their diamond to some country where they can dispose of it. The boat, which they hired for the avowed purpose of a pleasure trip, is about 18 feet long, is painted white, and has one square sail. I wish you to take the steam launch and go after them. They are not experienced in the use of a boat, and they will, in all probability, not stray far from the shore. Keep a strict watch on them that they keep nothing overboard. If they do, take the bearings of the place so that divers can go down, if they do throw the stone into the water," and he made preparations for leaving in again.

I gave the necessary order about the launch, and with four Jacks, took my place in the boat. The men were in excellent spirits after I briefly explained to them the nature of our work, and we were soon steaming along at a fair speed.

The morning was cold, and now that I had got over the excitement of being turned out before daylight I was feeling chilly. If there is anything that makes one feel miserably and morbidly, it is that cold, unusual gray of dawn. There is an afoolish clamminess in the air which pervades everything and seems to gain an entrance to one's vital.

As the silver light took possession of the expanse of deep I could see the men were narrowly scanning the stretch of waters for any signs of the boat.

We were running along about nine knots. This was considered pretty good for a launch.

The little boat had gone down, and the sea was now quite smooth. Occasionally a breeze would pass gently over the water with just a perceptible ripple. I was thinking now as to how I would act. I felt pretty confident about getting the men, but I wanted the diamond too. Various plans came into my head. I feared that when the men caught sight of us the stone would be quickly dropped into the sea. I mentioned my fears to King.

"I think, sir," said he, going through various preliminary maneuvers in the way of shifting a large quip of tobacco from one cheek to another and wiping his mouth two or three times with his hand, "I think

if I was you, when we sights this 'ere vessel the best thing will be not to make a signal nor hail them. Just run on as if we were going right past 'em without stopping, and then about ship suddenly and round upon them. This will allow us to keep an eye on their movements."

I saw there was wisdom in the old man's advice, and that his suggestion was a good one. "If we discharged a gun to signal them to stop, they would know the game was up, and overboard would go the diamond," added King, and his remarks were received with great attention by the rest.

"There she is, sir," shouted one of the men, and all eyes turned in the direction he pointed. "There, just on the star-board bow."

My glass had scarcely been shut up five minutes, and sometimes a slight haze will lift, and in a second you will see what you have been vainly sweeping the sea for hours.

"That's her, sure enough," I announced as soon as I got my glass on her. She was sailing along slowly, close in to the land. I could distinctly see two individuals who seemed to be looking toward us. I rather fancy my own men were disappointed that I could not see the diamond, for they glanced at me with an air of expectancy, and the precious stone was the one idea uppermost in their minds, for a remark about it.

"Keep steadily to your course," I said to the man who was steering. I told the others to sit down, for I was anxious that we should not appear to be in search of anything but a look-out for the diamond. I trained my glass on her and watched all her movements. As we got nearer I could see by their gestures that they were regarding us with a certain amount of suspicion. From what I could make out they were about 300 yards from the shore and almost at a standstill, but an occasionally puff of wind gave them headway. On our present course we would pass them at about 100 yards distance. My intention was to go on as if we were going to pass them and then halt them. I noticed that the boat was heading for the beach.

Suddenly there was a puff, followed by the report of a gun. I had my glass on them, but the man was firing in the direction of the shore, and I saw some wild sea fowl rise. Several shots were fired before we were near enough to hail. I wondered what they were doing.

"Have you seen a similar launch to this pass you?" I shouted as we slowed down.

"What?" came over the water.

I hailed them again with the same question. It gave us time to edge nearer.

"No!" the two men bawled together.

"Easy ahead," I said, and I waved my hand as if I had finished my business, and I sat down in the stern sheets.

Then I gave the order to stop and hailed them again.

"What are you firing at?" I shouted.

"Wild birds," I cried in return.

"Wild birds!" I bawled again.

"Any good sport?" I asked in a lower tone of voice.

"Can't hear!" they shouted.

I motioned that I would come nearer, and the launch came round and we ran down to them. As we did so I saw the men who had the gun raise it with careful aim and fire in the direction of a mound on the shore. Again some birds rose at the report.

"Put her alongside, King," and I motioned to King to take the helm. "You three jump into the boat and secure these men as soon as you touch."

Now was the exciting time. They had thrown nothing into the water so far. I was certain. Another minute, and I would have them. "Let her come gently alongside," I said to King, and I gave the order to ease her. The diamond was within reach.

"We are just having a little shooting, and thought of landing here," remarked the man with the gun, but he eyed me suspiciously.

"What kind of birds are there about here?" I asked casually. We were within a couple of yards, and I was preparing for the spring. Before he could finish his reply we were on them, and the two men were pinned to the bottom of their own boat. I felt relieved, for I was fairly confident of success. They admitted that they were from Durban, but denied all knowledge of the diamond. They had heard of it, but they were not the men who had it. Of course we did not believe that. The men were stripped and every inch of clothing examined, but no diamond. Having finished for the time being, we transhipped them to the launch and began a strict examination of the sailing boat. We took up the bottom boards and broke up the seats and fittings, but without success. The two men stammered and threatened and swore they were merely a pleasure party and vowed summary vengeance for the outrage, as they termed it.

I was greatly disappointed at the result of the search, but King grinned and whispered in my ear and advised that we should return to the ship. We watched every movement of the men on our way back. I could see my own men were disappointed, but their faces brightened up when King whispered to them what he had told to me. Every now and then one of them would come out with a guffaw, and the rest would smile.

The two prisoners were very indignant at first, but they soon recovered and took matters very coolly. One of them asked permission to smoke and opened a small box of cigars that we had brought from the boat, which was now being towed by us. Smoking led to talking, and I found that they were really very pleasant fellows. The diamond, they said, was called the "South African Prince" and would be worth quite £7,000, and considerably more perhaps if the cutting turned out well. They repudiated the charge of theft, but admitted that they had just come from quite sure to smoke and opened a small box of cigars that we had brought from the boat, which was now being towed by us. Smoking led to talking, and I found that they were really very pleasant fellows. The diamond, they said, was called the "South African Prince" and would be worth quite £7,000, and considerably more perhaps if the cutting turned out well. 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