The Mystery of Ragle Cou

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Out into the balmy air of the besutiful spring-time wandered Rosa Lee.
"Married! MARRIED!" cried the agi tated girl. "Is it possible he could forget so soon? But he must not, shall not now I live! O, my God! why could I not have died on that auful, auful night! My poor, dear father, I thank the storm that ended your life before my bour of trial came. My precious prother, I'm so glad that you are dead. But why does he come here to spy me out, when he's married? MARRIED! I shall go mad! He never could have

In her wild excitement the poor girl corried on, and was soon in the seclusion of her little attic room. Bathing her face and head in the cool apring rater of a running supply that always abounded in one corner of her solitary den, she threw herself upon the bed and wrestled long with unutterable agony.

"May I come in ?". Della Carson was at her door. "What is wanted? Does your mam want me to belp with the children ?" he asked through her stifling sobs. "A gentleman is at the door and he's

asking for you," said the child. "Did you say I might come in?" "Yee, come. I forgot. Who is he?"
"I don't know. He asked to see the

young lady survivor of the 'Ocean "Ask your mamma to come up.

ered Ross's summons in her mother's

"Excuse me a moment," said Abia Carson to the visitor, "and please be ated until I return." "O. Mrs. Carson! my more than friend!

Have pity on me! Don't let him see me!" wailed the terrified and anguishtricken girl. "But why?" and Abla Carson opene

her eyes to their widest extent in uneigned surprise. "Dear 'Bla, you haven't told him?"

nd Ross Lee sank cowering beneath he bed-clothes and moaned aloud. "Told Aim, Ross! Do you think that am lost to all sense of honor?"

Ross, you're a little goose. It would be so easy for you to go and meet him ad make it all up. Your father is dead

nd there's nobody else to object-" "Stay, 'Bla. You're killing me! I can't go to him! He's married! MAR-RIED! Do you bear?" "But you told me-"

"Hush!" Rosa's face was bloodless now.

He's got a wife in San Francisco. The romen said so. His father was on the 'Ocean Gull,' and he wants to inquire after him. Tell him he's lost. But fon't tell him anything about me. Will you promise ?"

"I'll be compelled to tell him some hing, Rosa. He knows you are the only survivor of the wreck, and he condition that I'd es won't understand your refusal to meet ley Myrick Carson,"

"He mustn't understand it." "Bay that I was a servant girl that the mate picked up at Santa Crus; that I did not know his family, and they are nothing to me."
"But, Ross, is that true?"

Mrs. Carson's voice was cold and cruel

"You must make believe it's true I'll explain another time. Will you

The good woman feared the poor girl's reasoning was tottering. She looked the very image of despair, and her manner and tone of entreaty were far more touching than her half-coherent words.

"Do you love your children ?" con tinued Rosa wildly. "Certainly, child. Why do you ask

me such a question ?" "Would you be willing to have them

"Certainly not, you poor creature."
"Then go to Lord Dunbarton and tell
him that a poor girl, Ross Lee by name, who was in the service of the family of the mate on the 'Ocean Gull,' is the only survivor of the wreck; and she is poor and sick and does not want to be interviewed by strangers. Tell him she knows nothing of the inmates of the little schooner except that they are all

dead. Will you?" "Yes, Rosa! For your sake, I'll tell a lie, relying upon you to clear my cone of it if you can. But I copfess that I trust you more through sympa-thy than good judgment now."

The two bables-for there was little more than a year between them-lay side by side in Abia Carson's bomecradie. Little Marcia, rose-complezioned and golden-balred, and wee Augusta, olive-tinted and pale, made a beautiful contrast.

"Gone a deuced long time?" he impa-tiently ejaculated. "But that's always the way with women. Brushing up lows to meet an English

Mrs. Careon re-entered the sittingon with a very and face.

"Will the girl come in ?" queried the "She is not well, eir, and declines ONE WOMAN'S SPHERE:

But they say she was at church to day. A half-dozen saliors said so." True. But she became suddenly in-

"What did you say her name was?" and the visitor bit his lips impatiently. "I didn't say it was anything, but since you seem to want to know, I don't mind telling you it's Ross Lee. "She was a servant in the family of the mate on the 'Ocean Gull.' I think her troubles have turned her bead a little, sir. She objects to seeing company."

"Was she left destitute?" "Hardly anything else could be exocted, sir, when the vessel was a total

"Would she be offended if I should offer a little pecuniary relief?"

"I could not say, sir." The gentleman drew forth a plethori wallet and besitated.

"Is she an educated person?" he asked loubtingly.

"Quite intelligent, sir." "I would like to aid her, madam. m rich. My life's dearest interests were stroyed by the fearful wreck, and I'd ike to aid its sole survivor. But stay!" lancing at the babes in the cradle. "Here is a purse of sovereigns. I baven't the time to count them. Allow me to resent the same to your little babe, pon condition that you name ber Augusta Stanley Myrick Carson. Then you will better able to assist the orphan waif whom the ocean has entrusted to

your keeping. Sometime you may hear from me again. Good-day." Lord Dunbarton dropped upon one knee beside the cradle and toyed with the tiny fingers of the cooing babe.

"How much she resembles her!" he said aloud. "Resembles whom?" asked Mrs. Car-

on wonderingly.
"Somebody that I loved. No hom. Everybody that I love dies." Before Mrs. Carson could reply, th stranger was gone.

"How stupid, that I didn't even thank him for this purse of gold," she said audibly. "But, oh, dear! I can't help it now. What will Josiah my? Lady Augusta, what an education you'll get! Some folks are said to have been born with a silver apoon in their mouths. Yours seems to be a golden one."

While blithe, good-natured and practical Abia Carson was thus engaged in nusing, Rosa Lee was peeping through the little window of her attic den, gazing with tearful eyes and breaking heart upon the retreating form of Lord Dunbarton, who with head bowed in thought was burrying down the read toward Eagle Cove. 'No, 'Bis, dear. Fergive me. I am

"I'll trample out my love for that false man of I'll sever my own beartstrings!" she finally exclaimed. "To think that be could have got married, married! when he was already married sefore God and man and the angele to me. But then I couldn't prove it. Nobody would believe me. The witnesses are dead, and he's got a new wife! Poor thing! I wonder if she knowe-"

"Rosa! Rosa!" called Mrs. Carson in speat it," she said. "It is false! I down, won't you? You can't guess willow sp yeard all about it in the church to-day. what I've got to tell you. Its something the strangest."

"What is it?" and Ross appeared be- leined, state Creek, waldo.

from violent weeping.
"See here!" and Abla held up the glittering purse. "One hundred pounds sterling is about five hundred dollars, isn't it? And he gave it to the baby on condition that I'd call it Augusta Stan-

"O, 'Bla!" and Rosa fell fainting upon the floor.

"What a mystery this woman is!" exclaimed Mrs. Carson as she applied restoratives and watched the slowly re-

Joelah Carson was off at the Cove, getting up steam in the "Lighter" proparatory to taking the ship containing Lord Dunbarton and his officers to the open sea.

"Be sure you're on the watch for the hussy!" said Mrs. Captain Mason to Aunt Molly Seabank. "If 'His Carson goes out on the 'Lighter' to-night, you et me know in time to follow ber. I could scratch her eyes out."

But Aunt Molly watched in vain. The noisy crew finished their last repast in her battered and dirty dining-room and betook themselves in a boat to the ship, after which the good dame was "Would you be willing to have them hindered somewhat in coaxing her sup-given over to disgrace through no fault porting and protecting head into granting her the privilege to stand upon the pier and keep a sharp lookout for the novements of the harbor commissioner

(To be continued.)

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"That child resembles—but it can't be!
I'm a fool? I believe I'm crazy."

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