

A Christmas Legend

It was Christmas Eve. The night was very dark and the snow falling fast, as Hermann, the charcoal-burner, drew his cloak tighter around him, and the wind whistled fiercely through the trees of the Black Forest. He had been to carry a load to a castle near, and was now hastening home to his little hut. Although he worked very hard, he was poor, gaining barely enough for the wants of his wife and four little children. He was thinking of them when he heard a faint wailing. Guided by the sound, he groped about and found a little child, scantily clothed, shivering and sobbing by itself in the snow.

"Why, little one, have they left thee here all alone to face this cruel blast?"

The child answered nothing, but looked piteously up in the charcoal-burner's face.

"Well, I cannot leave thee here. Thou wouldst be dead before the morning."

So saying, Hermann raised it in his arms, wrapping it in his cloak and warming its little cold hands in his bosom. When he arrived at his hut he put down the child and tapped at the door, which was immediately thrown open, and the children rushed to meet him.

"Here, wife, is a guest to our Christmas Eve supper," said he leading in the little one, who held timidly to his finger with its tiny hand.

"And welcome he is," said the wife. "Now let him come and warm himself by the fire."

The children all pressed round to welcome and gaze at the little new-comer. They shewed him their pretty fir-tree, decorated with bright, coloured lamps in honour of Christmas Eve, which the good mother had endeavoured to make a fete for the children. Then they sat down to supper, each child contributing of its portion for the guest, looking with admiration at its clear, blue eyes and golden hair which shone so as to shed a brighter light in the little room; and as they gazed it grew into a sort of halo round his head, and his eyes eyes beamed with a heavenly lustre. Soon two white wings appeared at his shoulders, and he seemed to grow larger and larger, and then the beautiful vision vanished, spreading out his hands as in benediction over them.

Hermann and his wife fell upon their knees, exclaiming, in awe-struck voices:

"The holy Christian child!" and then embracing their wondering children in joy and thankfulness that they had entertained the Heavenly Guest. The next morning as Hermann passed by the place where he had found the fair child, he found a cluster of lovely white flowers, with dark, green leaves, looking as though the snow itself had blossomed. Hermann plucked some and carried them reverently home to his wife and children, who treasured their fair blossoms, and tended them carefully in remembrance of that wonderful Christmas Eve, calling them bryanthemums; and every year, as the time came round, they put aside a portion of their feast and gave it to some poor little child, according to the words of Christ, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

A True Story.

HE KNEW IT BECAUSE HE WAS THERE.

A young sailor, who had been roving around the world for several years, on returning to his home was constantly and annoyingly lionized on account of his having had "personal relations" with cannibals, anacondas, whales, sharks, elephants, tigers, pirates, and other creatures which inspire the untravelled mind with terror. He hated, above all things, to "spin yarns," but still he was constantly beset to do so. Being at a party one evening, he was, as usual, importuned to "spin yarns," and, finally, at the request of his father, he related the following harrowing tale, the circumstances mentioned in which he saw with his own eyes:

"As one of the Panama steamers was leaving the harbor of Havana, a beautiful widow lady, named Howard, was standing by the gunwale, on which her son, a little boy some 4 years old, was sitting playing on a sugar flageolet, which his fond mother had purchased for him in port, of an ingenious Spanish confectioner. The child was greatly pleased with the toy, and blew vigorously, while Mrs. Howard seemed to enjoy the little fellow's delight as much as he enjoyed the flageolet. The transcendent beauty of the mother and the angelic loveliness of the child, riveted every eye that observed them, and various were the speculations advanced as to their history. After some time a sailor shouted, 'a shark—a shark!' and everybody crowded to see the huge creature that was swimming alongside the vessel. As the passengers were remarking upon the appearance of the shark, a shriek was suddenly heard—then a splash; and as quick as lightning the ravenous monster darted upon his prey.

"Little Tommy Howard had fallen from the gunwale, and the widowed mother was now childless.

"Mrs. Howard, who had fainted, was carried below in a state of insensibility.

"The shark still swam by the vessel's side. Some of the men determined, if possible, to avenge little Tommy's death: and, baiting a huge hook with a piece fresh beef, they cast it overboard. Almost instantly the shark swallowed it; and fifty stalwart arms pulled lustily at the stout rope. He was an immense monster, and struggled violently. As soon as his nose was pulled well out of the water, a number of Californians began to practice pistol-shooting at his eyes. Their balls soon put a quietus upon him, and he was hauled, lifeless and limp, on board. When his huge bulk had been stretched along the deck, it was proposed that he should be opened and the remains of the boy taken from his stomach and given christian burial. The proposition was immediately acted upon, and soon the carcass was laid open; when, to the utter astonishment of everybody, the boy was found snugly seated between a couple of the monster's ribs, still playing his flageolet!"

The young sailor has not been annoyed since that evening by requests to "spin a yarn."

Charles Dickens once wrote to Hans Christian Andersen, in a letter just published:—

"When are you coming to see us again? In these years you have not faded out of the hearts of the English people, but have become even better known and more beloved than when you saw them for the first time. When Aladdin shall have come out of those caves of science to run a triumphant course on earth, and make us all wiser and better—as I know you will—you ought to come for another visit. We would all do our best to make you happy. I have had the heartiest pleasure in hearing from you again, and I assure you that I love and esteem you more than I could tell you on as much paper as would pave the whole road from here to Copenhagen. Ever your affectionate friend."

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