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## A LOVE TRAGEDY.

[Original.]

Near the coast at San Blas, Colombia, South America, dwells a tribe of Indians, a peculiar race who trace their descent from the ancient Toltecs. They are friendly with the whites, will receive them and trade with them, but will not mingle with them. At sunset each day every white person must leave their territory till the following morning. This is a law of the tribe, and no white man has ever been known to succeed in breaking it.

Cocoanuts are the product of the country, and the crop is usually very valuable, though vegetable ivory is also a source of income. The coconut groves are large, and every tree after the fourth year bears abundantly. The nuts are allowed after ripening to fall on the ground, every twenty cocoan's being worth a dollar. All day and all night the owner of one of those estates may sit and listen to the thud of his wealth dropping about him.

Many ships touch there to bring away the crops, and since the San Blas girls are attractive there is great temptation for the Jack tars to take risks in attempting to court them. The fascination in such cases is proportionate to the danger, and the danger is very great. Indeed, the penalty if caught is death.

One morning the barkentine Sarah Clark touched at San Blas to trade for cocoanuts and vegetable ivory. Some time was consumed in getting the stock collected and transferring it to the ship. Meanwhile the crew of the vessel were coming and going to and from the shore. Near the beach lived a young girl with her parents, who came down to where the boats were loading. Young Jack Cutler, a mate of the vessel, saw her and was enamored of her wild beauty. The girl saw that she was noticed and went away, well knowing the penalty of indulging a love for a white man and feeling that she could not trust herself under the influence of the handsome sailor. Jack followed her, and there was a short but vivid wooing. Both were caught in the toils of love.

How long the ship remained there, how often the sailor saw the girl, how they managed to communicate, not speaking the same language, can only be conjectured. Cutler as mate of the vessel was much of the time on duty and could only spend brief intervals with his love. But he was in charge of the shore end of the shipping of the cargo, and this rendered it possible that he should snatch these intervals for lovemaking. Be this as it may, during the brief stay of the ship there grew up a devotion between the dark Indian girl and the fair Anglo-Saxon stronger than the love of life. Then came the thought of parting. It was not to be endured. Yet if the sailor tried to take the girl away with him and failed she must pay the penalty with her life. Only extreme youth will take such chances.

On the night before the ship was to sail the mate was missing. He was lying concealed in a thicket near the shore and the girl's home. She came to him, they left the thicket and went down to the beach. There they found a canoe and started to paddle for the ship.

That region is famous for its storms, its cyclones and its hurricanes, which often come without any warning. The pair were paddling, life and love before them, certain death behind them. The girl was an expert with the paddle, and the man was strong. A black cloud came up over the ocean, in its breast a storm wind. It struck the frail boat and nearly capsized it. It would have been better had the wind come from off the shore. In that case the two might possibly have been able to reach the vessel. As it was, if they succeeded in keeping their canoe afloat they would be blown back to the land to suffer the inevitable penalty of their crime against the tribe's laws. All the long night they were now tossed on the crest of a wave, now lowered in the trough of the sea. When morning came they had drifted ashore exhausted. They were seized and the girl condemned to immediate death.

They had been seen from the vessel, and the captain, knowing what was in store for them, sent a boat's crew ashore with a rescue party. It arrived before the sentence had been carried out, and a demand was made for the captives. The mate was released, but no threats or persuasion could induce the Indians to spare the girl.

Cutler, calling upon the sailors to follow him, made a rush for his sweetheart. They backed him manfully and had almost succeeded when the girl's father struck the mate down with a spear. The girl, crazed with grief at seeing her lover laid low, broke away from her captors, seized the spear and drove it into her breast.

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