THE GHOST OF RUSSIAN HILL.

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The porch door opened into the parlor, and we went in. It was tidily, nay, tastily furnished, with such articles as sojourners in San Francisco would most readily procure. A fresh matting covered the floor. Some cane-seated chairs, and a round table, stood about the room. Besides, there was a set of hanging shelves trimmed with fringe, and plenty of little ornaments and souvenirs, bespeaking home friendships and loving parting gifts from the other side of the continent. All this, and the woman's gentle manner and really pretty face, seemed more and more at variance with her hard calling, but as one sees these anomalies in a new country, as California was then, I came at last to the conclusion that, whatever circumstances had rendered it necessary for Mrs. Addis to work in the way she did, they had no power to destroy her natural refinement of mind with its old associations.

"You must excuse my little people, if you please," she went on to say. "They are like frightened hares, and fly for shelter at the sight of a strange face; indeed, we are none of us strong just now, though we are gaining health daily. All except Nancy, my eldest, have had a long, weakening fever."

"Panama?" I suggested.

"No," she said, and shuddered a little, speaking slowly; "'twas a nervous fever. I am but just recovering from it myself, having had the most lengthened attack of the three."

And then I remembered that Mr. Evans had mentioned it—a nervous fever.

"What caused it?" I asked.

But to this question Mrs. Addis made no answer. An unmistakable shiver passed over her frame; and for the moment I though she was going to faint.

"I beg your pardon," she said. "I have been much shaken in the nerves, jarred, and worried. I do hope—I do trust that we shall all get well in time, now we are in this pleasant and peaceful house."

"Perhaps the house you lived in before was damp?"

"No, I don't think it was damp; it was not that," she said. "It was on Russian Hill."

"Unhealthy perhaps in other ways?"

"Yes. Unhealthy — for us" — and there ensued the shiver again. "About the work, ma'am; what is it you wish me to do?"

I sat and told her. I partook of some refreshment that they offered me—a mouthful of lunch and some tea. And I came away strangely interested in Mrs. Addis and her gentle children and quite determined that that first visit should not be the last.

"What is the mystery connected with her illness?" I asked Mr. Evans when I next saw him. "There seems to be one."

"It certainly does seem to be a mystery; one I believe that nobody can explain or account for," was the reply of Mr. Evans. "I dare say she will give you the history if you request it."

And in due time I obtained that history; and transcribed it as it was told to me, neither adding to it nor taking from it.

In early times the means of transit from America to California were so very dangerous and comfortless that like the man who had choice of two roads, travelers were sure to wish they had taken the contrary one. The lengthened horrors of Cape Horn, the Indian perils on the plains, and the fearful fever on the Isthmus, gave ample themes for sympathy, curiosity, and endless surmise. Mrs. Addis had come by the Isthmus, and her voyage was marked by an all-absorbing sorrow, that swallowed up every smaller consideration of discomfort and annoyance—the death of her husband.

Mr. Addis had been a teacher all his life. Breaking down in health and spirits, as those who have much to do with the young sometimes do, he had undertaken the journey to California to recruit his strength, and also in hope that he might find there some more profitable and less mentally laborious occupation. He died just as they came in view of Acapulco, and laid buried there, far from home and kindred. Poor Mrs. Addis came ashore with an aching heart, but a strong spirit resolved to labor for the living of her children, the youngest of them nearly an infant, rather than undertake the voyage home again. Her father had been a poor clergyman; she had no friends in her native land capable of assisting her, and would not go back to be a burden upon them. When one has to lose caste and work for a living, it is less hard to the mind to do it in a strange place. She did not know the work would be quite so menial—but she put her shoulder to the wheel and took what came.

At first nothing offered; perhaps her visions were too high. She could only clasp her three children to her heart, and pray to be helped to provide for them, not to die of starvation. Mr. Evans, who had been one of her fellow-passengers on board the Sierra Nevada, that had brought them up from the Pacific, and who had seen her husband laid to rest in Mexican soil, was very kind to her in her desolation.

Washing was paid for well in the place, for washerwomen were scarce; and the notion came to her that she should set up in the calling. It no doubt caused her pride a cruel blow, herself a bitter heartache; perhaps a struggle, yes or no, with her spirit. But she resolved on it. She thought she would get day help for the hardest of the labor. Mr. Evans and one or two other gentlemen, who had been witnesses to her misfortune, clubbed together to set her going. They found a cheap, pretty house, furnished, on Russian Hill, and placed her in it. It overlooked the entrance to the bay, and had a nice sweep of smooth ground around it, enclosed by a high paling, on which the linen could dry.

To be continued.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Daniel H. Wells, Mayor of Salt Lake City, U. T., did on the 21st day of November, 1871, enter in the Land Office at Salt Lake City, U. T., for the several use and benefit of the owners and inhabitants thereof, the following described tract, namely: Lots 1 and 2 and S ½ of Sec. 30, all of Sec. 31, S ½ of Sec. 32 T. 1 S. R. 1 E., also E ½ of Sec. 36, the E ½ of N E ¼ and S E ¼ Lots 3 and 4 in Sec. 31, all of Sec. 36 T. 1 N. R. 1 W., also Lots 1, 2, in Sec. 1, all of Sec. 2, all of Sec. 3, N ½ of Sec. 4, N ½ of Sec. 10, N ½ of N E ¼, and N W ¼ of Sec. 11 and Lot 6 in Sec. 6 T. 2 S. R. 1 E., also all of Sec. 1 Lots 1 and 2 and the S E ¼ of N E ¼ and W ½ of S E ¼ of Sec. 5, the N E ¼ of N E ¼ of Sec. 11, and E ½ of Sec. 12, T. 1 S. R. 1 W., containing in all 3,720 acres and 40 hundredths.

Any person or persons having claims in the above survey or land will file the same within the Clerk of the County Court of Salt Lake County before the first day of May, 1872, as prescribed by law.

DANIEL H. WELLS, Mayor.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 24, 1871.

TO ALL CONCERNED.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons claiming to be entitled to any portion of the lands declared in the entry of the town of Salt Lake City, made by Hon. D. H. Wells, Mayor of Salt Lake City, that the County Clerk will be prepared from and after the 11th day of December next, to file any declaratory statements as contemplated by Sec. Per an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, approved Feb. 17, 1851, prescribing rules and regulations for the execution of the trust arising under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of Mines and Towns upon the Public Lands," approved Mar. 3, 1867.

Parties intending to file such declaratory statements must have them properly made out, particularly and definitely describing the lands, or lots, or share or parcel thereof claimed, before presenting them for filing, as in no instance can the clerk be the agent or attorney of any party in drawing up or preparing the same.

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