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GERTIE LEE.

(Written for the Lexington Dispatch by Nettie Russell.)

A narrow strip of yellow sand, a clump of green trees and a grey rock against which leaned a slender girl, one hand resting on it and the other stretching out towards the sea where a ship, glinting white in the sunlight, was sailing away.

He looked all through the Art Gallery that day and many were the beautiful masterpieces he had seen, but as he stood by this it seemed like a part of some unfinished dream, or a representation of a scene that had taken place in some part of his life.

Hard practical man of the world that he was, who would believe that there was a romance connected with Reginald Denby's life? But there was. Years ago he had gone South on business; there he met and loved Gertie Lee.

Thus the years passed away. And now she was dead, and his little golden-haired child was all that was left him. A little frail flower whose life seemed hung by the slenderest thread.

"You must take him South. He cannot stand our cold, Northern winter. The child is very frail, his mother you say, died of consumption."

Reginald Denby stood over his baby's cradle. Would God take away the only creature on earth that loved him. His face grew white, his child should not die! The world had been hard on him, but this time he would outwit fate.

So he went South. He stayed at New Orleans once, and liking the city, thither he went now. Once more the roses came back to his child's cheeks and its blue eyes grew bright.

At length it was whispered that the dread yellow fever had made its appearance in the city. But it was wholly false the medical board, after investigating, said, and it was not until after the fever had become epidemic that Reginald Denby believed the report.

History and song have perpetuated the fame of heroes without number, but there never were heroes braver than those noble men and women who volunteered their services as nurses when yellow fever stalked like a grim destroyer through our Sunny South several years ago.

medicine. "Do you know," he said, "you remind me so much of some one I knew long ago. A friend that I prized above all others."

Reginald, with his eyes closed, thought of the conversation. He wondered sometimes if Gertie Lee had been true to him; but no, woman's vows were as light as air, he thought cynically, and she was a woman. But Gertie Lee was different from other women, he used to think. Her's was a deeper heart, deeper than that of most women.

Almost asleep, and with his eyes closed Reginald half thought, half dreamed over his past life. Presently he heard some one enter the room, and soon Sister Agnes stood by him. Too comfortable to move he watched her through his half-closed lids. Then she put up her hand, removed the veil that she had always worn.

"Time changes us all. Oh, Reginald! It is the last time, for I know it will be the kiss of death." She stooped and pressed her lips to his.

"Where is Sister Agnes?" Reginald asked some one, one day. "I dreamed a strange dream about her the other night."

"Sister Agnes?" the man answered. Sister Agnes is in Heaven, the fever claimed her at last. Poor, brave Gertie Lee."

Then it was not a dream. Reginald Denby covered his face with his hands and groaned. Oh the miserable past, and what would the future be?

"Ah, well! for us some sweet hope lies Deeply buried from human eyes; And, in the hereafter, angels may Roll the stone from its grave away!"

Atlantic Coast Line, Passenger Department, Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 2d, 1885. Fast Line between Charleston and Columbia and Upper South Carolina.

CONDENSED TIME CARD. MAGNOLIA PASSENGER ROUTE. In effect March 15, 1885. GOING SOUTH. Leave Laurens 5:20 a.m. 4:50 a.m.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. In the Probate Court. Ex Parte S. F. Buchanan as Administratrix—Settlement and Discharge.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. In the Probate Court. Ex Parte L. W. Perrin as Administrator &c., Petitioner.—Petition for settlement and discharge.

Table listing names and amounts for Bordeaux Township (16). Includes H. D. Martin, Mrs. C. A. Y. Bradley, etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Expenses of School Commissioner's Office. Includes Advertising, Medium, Press and Banner, etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Recapitulation. Includes Amount paid Ninety-Six Township, Amount paid Greenwood Township, etc.