

TWELVE TALES

WITH A HEADPIECE, A TAILPIECE, AND AN INTERMEZZO:
BEING SELECT STORIES
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For Ethel had been brought up by her Aunt Emily to look upon foreign missions as the one thing on earth worth living for and thinking about; and the Reverend John Creedy, B.

A., had a missionary history of his own, strange enough even in these strange days of queer juxtapositions between utter savagery and advanced civilisation. 'Only think, ' she said to her aunt, as they read the placard on the schoolhouse board, 'he's a real African negro, the vicar says, taken from a slaver on the Gold Coast when he was a child, and brought to England to be educated.

He's been to Oxford and got a degree; and now he's going out again to Africa to convert his own people. And he 's coming down to the vicar's to stay on Wednesday.' 'It's my belief, ' said old Uncle James, Aunt Emily's brother, the superannuated skipper, 'that he 'd much better stop in England for ever.

I 've been a good bit on the Coast myself in my time, after palm oil and such, and my opinion is that a nigger's a nigger anywhere, but he's a sightless of a nigger in England than out yonder in Africa.

Take him to England, and you make a gentleman of him: send him home again, and the nigger comes out at once in spite of you.' 'Oh, James, ' Aunt Emily put in, 'how can you talk such unchristianlike talk, setting

yourself up against missions, when we know that all the nations of the earth are made of one blood ?' ' I ve always lived a Christian life myself, Emily, ' answered Uncle James, 'though I have cruise

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