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Dear Sir,

Your story "Blind M<sup>c</sup>. Nair" which appeared in the Sat. Eve. Post about a year ago had a couple of features I was particularly interested in - the singing context itself, the likes of which, but less tense, I have been at on several occasions, & M<sup>c</sup>. Nair's song about how he was stricken blind. It is that verse - "and when we reached the mainmast cap a heavier flash came on its" which I am taking the liberty of bothering you about.

You see I am an old shellback & am making the best of my age-enforced idleness by making a collection of old sailor songs in which I have always taken a keen interest, & of which I now have a whole raft nearly ready to seek a publisher.

The verse from M<sup>c</sup>. Nair's song is new to me & I am wondering if it is part of an actual song or a verse you had written for the occasion. If it should be an old song or poem & you have the rest of the verses I would be greatly obliged if you will give me a copy or tell me where I might find it if it be in any available collection. I would like name of author also if that be possible. There was a poem telling of how

Some, or all, of the crew of a slaver were stricken blind as a punishment; I had written it down years ago but have lost it. I don't think it was the same.

You sure make your characters live; men & women alike seem real people & the illustrations back you up pretty well. Fine wholesome blending. Am pleased to see the Post carrying your stories frequently. Am enclosing stamp for reply in the hope that you may have that song.

With best wishes  
Yours Truly  
Jim Wyllie

P.S. If there is any old song you would like a verse of for a story & I have it - I have a lot - I shall be pleased to send it on.

J. W.