

An excerpt from "Gene Stratton Porter: A LITTLE STORY OF HER LIFE AND WORK"
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Mrs. Porter tells us that her father was constantly reading aloud to his children and to visitors descriptions of the great deeds of men. Two "hair-raisers" she especially remembers with increased heart-beats to this day were the story of John Maynard, who piloted a burning boat to safety while he slowly roasted at the wheel. She says the old thrill comes back when she recalls the inflection of her father's voice as he would cry in imitation of the captain: "John Maynard!" and then give the reply. "Aye, aye, sir!" His other until it sank to a mere gasp: favourite was the story of Clemanthe, and her lover's immortal answer to her question: "Shall we meet again?"

The excerpt above is found in the Gutenberg Project etext edition of *At the Foot of the Rainbow* [1907] by Gene Stratton-Porter. As an introduction to the the novel, the Doubleday editors provided a short biography of the author put together from materials she supplied to them. The whole etext can be found at <http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext96/frain10.txt>.

From Wikipedia:

Gene Stratton-Porter (August 17, 1863 - December 6, 1924) was an American author, amateur naturalist, wildlife photographer, and one of the earliest women to form a movie studio and production company. She wrote some of the best selling novels and well-received columns in magazines of the day.