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Dear Smith:

Do you remember our day that we were speaking of Matthew Arnold's "Fragment of a Dejanira" - and were wondering what or who Dejanira was? I find the following in Bernis's Mythology page 257 under the subject "Heracles":

"Heracles now proceeded to Calydon, when he wooed the beautiful Dejanira, daughter of Oeneus king of Aetolia; but he encountered a formidable rival in Achelous, the river god and it was agreed that their claims should be decided by single combat. Trusting to his power of assuming various forms at will, Achelous felt confident of success; but this availed him nothing, for having at last transformed himself into a bull his mighty adversary broke off one of his horns and compelled himself to acknowledge himself defeated."

"After passing three happy years with Dejanira etc., etc."
The whole story of Heracles is most interesting.

Yours very truly
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