

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATTOCKS IS BROUGHT TO BAY.
Barnard Hayes was now in search of Richard Mattocks, the intended instrument for carrying out the new and daring plot of Mrs. Langton. He had no such ready means of opening negotiations with him as he had of conferring with Sam Lorton. His previous knowledge of Sam made that business a comparatively easy one; but he had no professional acquaintance with the abandoned brother of Ellen, who probably had sunk to a lower state of vice and criminality. He required, therefore, first to discover his whereabouts, then to obtain a private interview with him, and finally to put the hook in his jaws by which he was to be led and guided to do the work they had assigned him.

The lawyer did not disguise from himself that this last was a matter of supreme difficulty and danger. If Mattocks was found to be obstinate or impracticable, not only would the promising scheme miscarry, but a power would be put into this man's hands which might prove highly dangerous to them. The matter therefore demanded the most wary procedure, and Barnard Hayes threw aside all else that he might concentrate his subtle mind upon it, view it in all its bearings, and make himself perfect in the various points of strategy by which he was to approach and carry the citadel of Dick Mattocks' individual independence.

Difficult as the matter obviously was, the lawyer did by no means despair of accomplishing the object in view. It is said that knowledge is power, and the knowledge he possessed of a certain crime which Mattocks had committed gave him an anticipatory power over the latter, which he thought would go a long way to subdue him into ready and devoted compliance.

By the evening of the second day after Mrs. Langton's visit he had so far prepared himself that he resolved to make an effort to obtain an interview with Dick that very night, or at least to learn if he was still in Liverpool, and where he was to be met. Hayes had not failed to make use of the one item of information on this head which his sister had been able to communicate, and he had learned where Mother Crimp's lodging-house was situated. It was in one of the lowest and vilest slums of the city, betokening at once its character and that of those who frequented it. To enter it in his usual dress would be at once to raise the suspicion and hostility of its inmates; but, as we have already seen, the lawyer could disguise himself thoroughly, and adopt a character very different from his natural one. So on this occasion he attired himself to look like a disreputable tramp, and made his way after dark to the low neighbourhood in which Mother Crimp's house of entertainment was located.

It required a considerable exercise of courage on the part of Hayes to plunge into the gloom and blackness of the night, and to venture into a street which he was not used to, for many discordant sounds came from the dark houses—sounds of anger, or wild revelry, the wailing of children, the laughter of hoarse-voiced women, the oaths of brutal men, and occasional shouts and snatches of songs which evidently came from drunken lips.

The motive power which moved him on was strong enough to conquer Barnard Hayes' hesitation, and forward he went into the alley, groping his way through the fetid odours, and stumbling over sundry utensils which had been carelessly left on the dirty footway. Enquiring at a dimly-lighted, cellar-looking place, the door of which stood wide open, he was directed to the opposite doorway as that leading to Mother Crimp's lodging-house, and going along the passage the noises within guided him to the door of a large, low-roofed room, where a huge fire blazed under rows of pots and crilions, whose contents hissed and spluttered and sent forth savoury smells.

Influence of Music on Animals.
We have just been reading a very interesting essay regarding the influence of music on animals. The writer shows how various animals, and even insects, are influenced by a concert of sweet sounds. We have noticed the same thing, but thought nothing particular about until we stumbled on this article.

We remember how we have seen horses influenced by music. One of the most enjoyable runaways we ever experienced can be directly traced to the influence of music on a horse.

We were driving past where a band was playing, and the music had more influence on the horse than we had. He didn't keep time though. In fact he didn't keep anything, harness, buggy, or anything else. He only kept running. I never thought music could have such influence on a horse.

He beat time, too. That is to say, he beat any time we ever saw him make before, even before a sulky. We would have kept that horse to run against time, if he hadn't run against a lamp-post and ruined himself. Music influences a horse's guess not!

Horses are excellent musical performers themselves, sometimes. We have known a hungry horse to go through all the bars of an out-field correctly and never miss an out, although the owner of the oats missed all his.

Dogs are singularly affected by music. We whistled after a strange dog, once we remember. The dog stopped, listened attentively, looked a moment, and then, as though the notes awoke some tender memories within him, and then came bounding towards us and embraced the calf of our leg in the most affectionate manner. He could hardly tear himself away, and wouldn't if his owner hadn't come up and choked him off.

There is a power of music in a tin kettle, when properly brought out. We saw one brought out the other day by some boy's who attached it to a dog's tail. Talk about the influence of music on animals! We never saw a dog so moved in all our life.

Cats are strangely influenced by the music of a violin. It seems to excite their entire system, and they could be no violins without doing violins to the cats. Even a very young kitten, who don't realize what he has got to come to, mews plaintively when the fiddle-bow is drawn across the string. It seems to vibrate a sympathetic chord within its abdominal inclosure. It is as if he were the mews of a young kitten, or to see the young kitten mews.—*Musical World.*

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10 pounds of the BEST BRIGHT SUGAR.....	for \$1
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DYEING AND SCOURING done in all its branches, from within two to six days. Feathers cleaned, dyed and curried. Kid Gloves dyed at 25c per pair.

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Guelph, March 5, 1873.

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The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured.

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For imparting an agreeable odor to the Breath.

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Dispensing Chemists,
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.
Guelph, Mar 25, 1873.

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Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873.

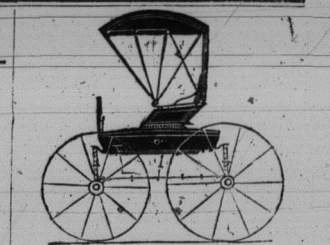
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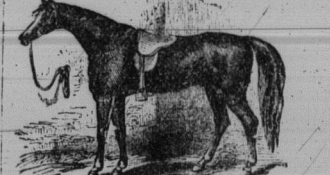
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