

THE WRECKERS

It was a wild night. The pallid moon peered forth at long intervals from the angry, black clouds which scudded in low, ragged patches across the sky.

Not a star was visible; they had long since disappeared in the inky blackness which swallowed up the night. The storm raged with the fury of a madman; lightning pierced the blackness in gleaming, quivering flashes, whilst each succeeding peal of thunder, as it rolled across the heavens, seemed to shake the world.

Far out at sea, with tattered sails and masts gone by the board, a vessel drove before the gale, plunging through the dark, relentless waves, which rose in threatening, angry tumult round her prow; staggering like a stricken monster when the wind struck her with unusual force.

On the good ship flew—straight on to her doom. Before her stretched a rock-bound coast; long rows of breakers hid the cruel shore, about which the dark waters seethed and roared, covering the treacherous rocks with foam-lashed whiteness.

On flew the ship—no human hand could stay her course. The cruel rocks were reached. A mighty crash! An agonized cry pierced the night; the vessel split from stem to stern; one shuddering moment she rose, poised on the black rocks; then, down, down! out of sight she sank! Her timbers strewn the sea—a hundred human lives were lost.

chain which hung around the neck of the prostrate form, and weighing it carefully in his hand. "Don't let me see it!"

"But maybe he ain't," protested the woman. "Let me see to him," she added coaxingly. The man pushed her back roughly. "Don't I tell ye he's done for?" he answered fiercely. "I'll no have ye meddling in things as don't concern you, if you hear?"

The woman said no more, but went sullenly back to her seat by the girl, yet keeping a furtive watch on the movements of her husband as he searched the man's clothing, and stripped the rings from his fingers.

All at once the old man uttered a low cry and started back—a strange, startled expression on his rugged countenance, gazing intently into the pale face before him.

He passed the back of his hand in a dazed fashion over his eyes. Did he see aright, or was it some strange delusion of the senses produced by the fitful, wavering light in the room? Surely, no. He could not be mistaken, the birthmark on the livid temple, half concealed by the damp, dark mass of hair; the same hair, the same features, the likeness was indisputable. The man lying so still and white before him was his son.

to help the unhappy ones. Charles Honeyman, the unfortunate clergyman who, having squandered his money and other people's, is cast in the debtor's prison, there to remain until some kind-hearted member of his congregation should think it fit to fit to pay that vast sum.

The Colonel rejoiced to see him become the man God had intended him to be. "Oh! said, is this life to many, but saddest to the unbeliever. The soldier's career was an unfortunate one, but withal he had the heavenly strength.

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"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and He delighteth in His way.

"21. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

"25. I have been young and now an old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging their bread."

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