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SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 26.
NORAH CUSHALEEN
OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

The pass into which they now entered was a narrow cleft of the mountain, descending to a great depth, with tremendous rocks and precipices on either side, here and there covered by the foliage of shrubs and hardy trees. The bottom of this very rugged defile was the bed of the stream, which at one time wound among rocks, and at another time tumbled over them in cataracts of foam.

The road, which was but a footpath, and had the appearance of having been very little trodden, ran, where it could, by the side of the ravine, and sometimes along the top of huge precipices, where one false step would have been destruction. The great features of the scene were gloomy grandeur and sublime solitude. The deep shadow of the sunless path, the black chasms, and far descending depths, the rugged masses of rock strewn in wild confusion, and the dashing roar of the stream, made up a picture most impressive and awe-inspiring.

Slowly, but with patient resolution, Andrew and Terry toiled up the steep. They were shut in on every side. Towering crags hid the view in all directions. The path they were on they were bound to follow, for they could not quit it so long as it led through the precipitous gorge. If they looked up between the frowning cliffs, fringed with foliage, they could see beautiful patches of the blue sunlit sky, and this was all the glimpse they could obtain of the upper world.

For some time a rushing roar of water above them had fallen on their ears, and the noise increased as they ascended, preparing them to behold a waterfall, but giving them no idea of the sublime sight which actually presented itself. A huge precipice stretched itself across the defile, and above it the rocks gathered in till they seemed almost to touch each other. Between these at the breadth of only a few feet, the waters of the stream were collected, and shot with one leap over the precipice, forming a magnificent fall of more than one hundred feet. Down it came in a clear, crystal sheet, turning white in its descent, and dashing with the roar of many thunders on the rocks below, sending up a cloud of snowy spray, which mantled the glen like a wreath of mist.

Andrew was foremost and he paused to gaze on the sublime sight. It was something awful to see the volume of water rush headlong over the face of the rock and fall with deafening noise upon the fragments beneath, then a little bit onwards, form itself into a pool, as smooth as a mirror, before resuming its turbulent way down the gorge.

The noise being too great to admit of conversation, Andrew could only express his feelings by holding up his two hands; and Terry having cordially responded thereto by a similar gesture, they began to climb the height in order to reach the top of the precipice over which the water fell. This was the most difficult part of the road they had come to, and both were well nigh exhausted when they came once more to something like level ground.

Level it certainly was, compared with the path up which they had just clambered, but it was in some respects even more wild and savagely grand than before. For about three or four hundred yards above the fall the bed of the stream was composed of immense blocks of rocks, lying in all manner of attitudes—sometimes leaning against each other and forming natural arches, beneath which the water flowed; at other times standing in huge isolated fragments, round which it twisted and coiled, now lost amid the gloom, and now sparkling up from some terrible depth. The sides of the ravine here were sheer precipices of rock, so that no human foot could ever have been planted on the masses below.

Terry and Andrew sat down to rest themselves on the brink of the cliff which overlooked this manifestation of nature, which in its terrible grandeur seemed to vie with the scenery of Dante's hell. Being now far above the din of the roaring cataract, and the roar of the stream as it burst over the barriers in the narrow and rocky bed, they could converse together; and Andrew, after giving his panting lungs a few moments to recover turned to his companion and said:

"Man, Terry, isn't this awful?"
"Bedad, and it's myself that was just thinking the same," responded Terry.
"Heh, me," sighed Andrew, "but this place puts me in mind of the Devil, a little river in Scotland, that comes out of the Ochil hills and falls into the Forth, no far frae Strirling, where me and Maister Hargreave comes frae. This bit here is as like as any thing the Cauldron Lynn, the Rum'lin' Brig, and the Devil's Mill. Man, mony's the time that me and Maister Hargreave has wandered doon there awa'."

"His honour would be after painting the rocks, uv course?" said Terry.
"Pentin' the rocks," exclaimed Andrew. "Deed no. But he was aw fond of sic grand scenes o' nature, and could wander for a hail day among them. I fancy, Terry, added Andrew, with something like a contemptuous smile, "ye think my maister is jist what they ca' an artist."

"Niver a bit o' me know," answered Terry. "Whatever he is, he's a gentleman all over, from the topmost hair in his head to the end of his big toe nail."

"A gentleman," repeated Andrew. "Ye may say that. He jist is a gentleman, as Squire Kendal wud ha' fund out afore this if he hadna' trappit him awa' to the hills. Maister Hargreave had but tae whisper twa or three words in his ear tae make the auld man welcome him wi' open arms, and gie him Miss Mary tae, w' a' the pleasure o' his heart."

may come out. If we aince had him out o' the hands o' these blackguards, I'm thinkin' he'd mak a gay when folk look queer. But I'm sayin', Terry, dae ye no think that some o' oor provisions could be easier carried in us than on us. Man I'm desperate hungry.

Terry emphatically endorsed this suggestion, and forthwith, they made an onslaught on the viands they carried; after which, being much refreshed, they continued their journey.

TO BE CONTINUED.

POETRY:
SLEEP ON.
Written for THE GUELPH MERCURY.

Sleep on, oh young and beautiful: thy bed
Is where the elms their drooping branches wave;
Where sweetest flowers bloom o'er thy buried head,
And chase the shadows from thy woodland grave.

Sleep on, oh young and beautiful: for one
O'er thy long rest a lonely vigil keeps;
And when the stars their midnight watch have sung,
He o'er thy dreamless slumber wakes and weeps.

Sleep on, oh young and beautiful, sleep on,
No more thou'lt waken in this vale of tears;
Thy spirit with the crowned and blood-washed throng,
The roll of life's eternal river hears.

— HETTY HAZELWOOD.

Aspirations of Youth.

Higher, higher we will climb
Up the mount of glory,
That our names may live through time
In our country's story:
Happy when her welfare calls,
He who conquers, he who falls.

Deeper, deeper let us toil
In the mines of knowledge;
Nature's wealth and Learning's spoil
Win from school and college;
Drive we there for richer gems
Than the stars of diadems.

Onward, onward may we press
Through the path of duty;
Virtue is true happiness,
Excellence true beauty:
Minds are of celestial birth,
Make we then a heaven of earth.

Closer, closer let us knit
Hearts and hands together,
Where our fireside-comforts sit
In the wildest weather:—
O, they wander wide who roam
For the joys of life from home!

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