

THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON.

An Historical Romance of the Times of Queen Elizabeth.

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CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

Thereupon he returned to the window and gave a signal; a few seconds later Father Weston, with his assistance, stepped in over the window sill.

We, waiting anxiously, counted the minutes as they slowly went by into my mind and every moment my father grew restful, and from symptoms we observed, we feared another attack was coming on, as Windsor had predicted, which might copy him off.

Nor was this all; something fresh happened which led me almost to despair of the success of our enterprise. The man whom I had looked into the opposite room, or perhaps unsuspecting that some project was on foot, began knocking at the door, and asking to be let out.

What was to be done! I almost regretted having locked the man in, and thrown away the key, for the noise he was making was enough to bring all of his men round the door, and then what would be the fate of the priest, should he arrive at this juncture?

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He then turned and bolted the door of the room; and, fastening the other end of the rope under the boy's arms, showed him how he must hold it, to prevent it from hurting his chest.

It was not a moment too soon, for when Uncle Remy and Uncle Barthly heard Windsor say that father was dying, they besought him to let them in.

Presently he beckoned Anne and myself to his side, laid his hand in benediction upon our heads. Seeing that his eyes wandered in search of little Frith, I whispered to him that the boy was not there, and from his look of intelligence I knew that he understood that he was gone to conduct the priest back to his hiding place.

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On the 21st of April at break of day, my dear father breathed his last. As through the tears that blinded me, I glanced upwards from his beloved countenance, I noticed that one of the five buds of the wonderful flower on the ceiling above had opened, and blossomed out into a delicate little red flower.

CHAPTER VI.

We had little leisure in which to indulge our grief. Perhaps it was well that it was so; in my case at least, anxiety concerning Frith and the good priest certainly did much to assuage my sorrow for the death of my poor father.

It was not long before the oaken panels of the door of the room where Topcliffe was imprisoned gave way, and he burst in upon us, like a mad bull. In all my life I never saw a man in such a fury; he was quite white, and foaming at the mouth.

He actually went so far as to seize Anne by the hair of her head and called upon his myrmidons to handcuff her. A terrible uproar ensued. Babington drew his sword, and his friends followed his example. He declared he would not stand by and see a young lady of rank maltreated in the presence of her father's corpse; and if it cost him his life, his good sword should be the means of sending Topcliffe to the judgement seat of God, and he would answer for the deed before the Queen's tribunal.

Seeing the young man meant what he said, Topcliffe hastened to leave go of Anne, for the bully is proverbially a coward. Retreating to where his own men stood, he bade them disarm the young gentlemen, and the scene would have been one of bloodshed and violence, had not Uncle Barthly, good old soul, interfered between Babington and Topcliffe's followers.

He entreated them to keep the peace, saying never would he or his friends use force to prevent Her Majesty's commissioners from fulfilling their duty; let them make inquiry, and if it was found that Anne, or any one else had transgressed the law, the culprit should undergo the penalty of his offence, even though the law was an unjust one, in imitation of the early martyrs who had submitted to the decrees of the heathen Emperors.

The breath of the pines is the breath of life to the consumptive. Norway Pine Syrup contains the pine virtues and cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, hoarseness and all throat and lung troubles, which, if not attended to, leads to consumption.

Lady visitor (to little girl)—"What became of that little kitten you had here once?" Little girl—"No. Was it drowned?"

Lady visitor—"Lost?" Little girl—"No."

Lady visitor—"Poisoned?" Little girl—"No."

Lady visitor—"Then whatever became of it?" Little girl—"It grew up into a cat."

First of all, Topcliffe let fly against Anne, asserting that he had seen her come out of my father's room and from malice prepense, turn the lock on him. As we were dressed alike, it is most probable that he mistook me for my sister. Of course Anne denied this, and declared—that was moreover quite true—that during the whole night she had not quitted the chamber for a single instant. It was all no use, since Topcliffe asserted that through the chink of the door, he had with his own eyes seen her rush, like a fury, at the handle, and for such an insult against the Queen's Commissioner she must go with him as his prisoner to London, there to answer for her conduct before the Privy Council.

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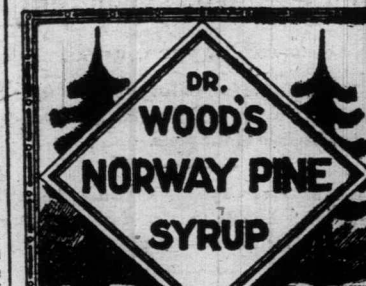
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