GERALD DE LACEY'S DAUGHTER

AN HISTORICAL ROMANCE OF COLONIAL DAYS

> BY ANNA T. SADLIER CHAPTER XIV.

THE SHADOW OF CAPTAIN KIDD As before mentioned in this narrative, Lord Bellomont, acting on in-structions from the King and several powerful noblemen, and, as the dis-affected whispered, with a view to replenish a depleted treasure, had inaugurated a new system of privateering. Its object—real or ostensible, according to the view taken of the transaction—was to protect commerce upon the high as from the evergrowing boldness of pirates, and also to put an end, a as possible, to smuggling, which sed New York to be regarded as the chief centre of illicit traffic in the Colonies. The voice of rumor, which had long been secretly busy with the matter, was now unloosed and told the wildest tales of "notor ious and inhuman pirates" who in fested the seas, some even claiming to have commissions from the late Governor of New York. Under the noses of the authorities, these pirates had brought costly wares and the products of the most distant lands into the city. This was often done, it was alleged, with the connivance of prominent citizens and in defiance of restrictive ordinances, which were held to be tyrannical and oppressive. Thus, when one of the leading women of society appeared one evening at an assembly a superlatively fine jewel, was whispered about that it had been given as hush money to her husband by a pirate, who had ob tained it by the murser of an Eastern well known merchan princess. A well known merchant was rumored to have under his bed a large box of gold dinars, which had been obtained by similar violent

Hence it was that, since the navy

was much weakened by the late wars, my Lord Bellomont had suggested to the King the employment of private men-of-war, and wealthy New Yorkers, notably Robert Living ston, either impelled by patriotic motives or for their own profit, *their willingness co-operate in the inauguration of the new system, and to contribute towards the expenses of the impromptu navy. Through the representations of Robert Livingston Captain Kidd received from ord nt, with the sanction of the King, full power to capture and deal as he saw fit with pirates, with whose methods and places of resort he was familiar. This appointment later subjected the Earl to severe criticism. But, besides the recommendation of a thoroughly reputable citizen, he had some warranty for his choice of a Commander. For in 1691, four years before Lord Bellomont's appointment, two members of the Council, Messrs. Monville and Willett, were deputed to attend the of Representatives and acquaint them with the good service rendered to the Colony by the "said Captain Kidd in attending with his vessels the arrival of the Governor, and to urge that it would be acceptable to His Excellency and to this Board that some suitable reward be made him." And the reward was actually given, the Receiver General being instructed to pay to Captain William Kidd the sum of 150 pounds currency (a large sum of money at that time) for his "good services done to the Province." Now it is done to the Province. very possible that this reward and those others who were in the habit of taking a convival glass at the tavern of Der Halle and elsewhere. But the honors and emoluments then conferred at least gave Lord Bellomont justification for that selec tion which turned out so ill.

The robbers of the sea and those dealers in illicit wares who assembled for their smoke and glass at the tavern, were at one in mocking at appointment of the redoubtable Kidd to patrol the seas. Whether their amusement arose from actual knowledge or from the general probabilities of the case, it is impossible That he might fill his new office with credit where other nefarious traffickers were concerned, they did not doubt; but that he would refrain for one moment from laying hands on whatever booty came his way was in their estimation beyond all credence. So like a thunderbolt came down upon the town the tidings concerning the "Quidder (or Quedah) Merchant," a vessel which was laden with a particularly costly cargo. The merchandise on board, consisting of Oriental gems and gold, the finest wines and the richest stuffs, was said to reach what seemed in those days a fabulous value. The mystery pertaining to her capture set afloat a crop of rumors, which at first could not be verified. Dark and terrible were the hints thrown out at taverns amongst usually informed seafaring men and riverdances and the card parties, in which Dutch New York delighted. The capture of the most valuable that had crossed the seas in many months shook public confidence once and forever in the new system of privateering, and also showed to the minds of many upon what an unhave otherwise treated the matter as officer had not moved an inch, but stable foundation it had rested. So a joke felt disturbed and uneasy be was waiting for his would be assaildistorted were some of the rumors cause of the presence of the two ant careless that they actually called into questions. No glass was raised, how-continued:

citement was at its highest, and the parlor of Der Halle was fuller than usual, Mynheer de Vries conversed in mysterious whispers with half a sat Mynheer de Vries and his friends. dozen of his cronies. That public room of the tavern was a cheerful spot, its broad-beamed low ceiling catching the cheerful flames that leaped up from the hearth and played over the tables, on the pewter mugs, and on the anxious or cynically smiling faces of those present. In almost every group might be heard the name of Captain Kidd, whom rumors, as yet unsubstantiated, connected with the disaster. During a pause in the conversation, all eyes turned suddenly towards the door. It admitted, when opened, a terrific blast of wind, which, like the omin-

ous breath of coming disaster, sent a shiver through the room. There was a stamping of feet and everyone looked expectant. But it was only Ceptain Greatbatch, who had just reed from a perfectly honest and legitimate voyage; or so it appeared, for the Captain was cautious, and now realized that Lord Bello was of a temper very different from that of the late Governor, who was charged with having given commis sions to pirates, having associated with smugglers, and permitted them to make a rendezvous of the mansion the Fort. Greatbatch's vessel had just returned from the Island of Curacoa. The cargo he had brought was duly entered and paid for at the Customs, and all questions answered. Still there were some who whispered that other wares had reached port, and had passed from the Cap-

The Captain cried out that it was a wild night, a sentiment with which the company could unanimously agree. It was evident, however, that gift of the 'Quidder Merchant.' were waiting for news which this rude sea-dog might tell, if he would ; or at least for opinions which he would be likely to express with his customary brutal frankness. Great-batch was, at first, in a surly and uncommunicative mood. He sat down with his order of two fingers of rum and some eatables at a table removed from the others. They were all too cautious to approach him until the second portion of rum, which he presently ordered, took its effect. Then the smuggler began to address remarks to Mynheer de Vries and other prominent men who sat at the same table, and each of them winced at his coarse familiarity and what it implied, glancing furtively at his neighbor to mark the effect. The in general had been waiting for this moment when the Barbadoes rum would unloose Greatbatch's tongue,

been merely arguing from the possi-

Mynheer de Vries and gentles all," he exclaimed in his deep, rough voice, "I give you a toast which the men of the seas here present will drink with pride."

There was a movement of interest and yet of uneasiness, intensified by the entrance of two figures in heavy overcoats. With a thrill of dismay for what might not Greatbatch divulge ?-it was noted that these were Captain Egbert Ferrers Captain Prosser Williams, the two best-known members of all the Governor's household, and those who had most identified themselves with the social life of the colony. ding to those of their acquaintances whom they perceived, they sat down at a table, ordering two glasses of hot negus, for the night was bitterly

to drink his toast. There was a gleam of triumphant malice in his eyes, and his face broadened into a even to draw his sword in such an grin of malignant drollery, as he

"I give you a toast, gentles, to one who nearly a decade since received a hundred and fifty pounds current threw up imploring hands and begged. money of these colonies for services his patrons to keep the peace. endered, being also publicly thanked so doing he sustained in his substanfor those services, though no men-tion was made of other irons that he had in the fire. It is the same one who has been placed over us all, young and old men, by His Excellency's worship, with what motive God knoweth. I give you, gentles peacemaker only added to the conand seamen here present, the health, the prosperity, the good lorvalle the greatest sea rover that ever left this port or any other, Cap'n William and with curses on their lips, prepared to vindicate the right of marin pared to vindicate the right of the right of

one could object to, were it not the innuendo contained in that allusion to His Excellency, which, in fact, would have been well enough received but for the presence of two of his gentlemen. There was a con-fused murmur from one table or another, and each one hesitated to raise his glass to his lips.

"What?" cried Greatbatch, ex-ploding with riotous mirth, in which aced with a very grave matter. For Captain Ferrers felt a strong inclina-tion to join. "Is there no one to drink to the health of the mighty Captain, who has been placed over all that we may be kept within the

amongst the lower order of those present brows were dark and scowl-

tion the highest authorities, who were accused of complicity in the disaster.

One evening, when the public ex-

Won't you drain a glass to Cap'n Kidd, the favored puppet of Lord Bellomont ?

But here there was an unexpected interruption. Learing back in his chair and looking the speaker full in the face, Captain Ferrers said quietly, though there was sternness mingled

with his jesting tone:
"My friend, propose what toasts
may seem good to you, but I would advise that you leave out of them the name of His Excellency."

The words were greeted with ap-

plause by those who sat around Myn-heer de Vries, and at two or three other tables where gentlemen or respectable tradesmen had gather Those of the seafaring class, who held together in one corner, watched and

"And who are you," roared Great-batch, truculently, "that comes into a house of public entertainment and attempts to interfere with liberty of speech

Who I am matters not." said Captain Ferrers, crossing one leg over the other and regarding Greatbatch with smiling composure. "But you will show your wisdom by taking my advice."

give my toast," persisted Greatbatch, with a malignant scowl at the young officer, " to Cap'n Kidd, made Admiral of the Seas."

Then addressing himself directly those in the corner of the ro from whom he was sure at least of a tain's cabin to persons unknown on shore. But that again might have

asure of sympathy, he added: Three times three, my hearties for Can'n Kidd, who with his private war is free from this day on to rob whom he will. Drain your glasses to the Governor's pet, who will make him, I doubt not, a fine

In an instant the room was in a tumult, Captain Ferrers with one bound was at the ruffian's side, and. seizing him by the collar, forced him into his seat, adding a stinging blow to the fellow's ear. Prosser Williams. though inwardly execrating the in-convenient loyalty of his companion. sprang forward perforce to his assistance, drawing his sword and putting himself on guard. To their side sprang also Pieter Schuyler, who had looked in for a moment on his way from a card party at Vrow Van Brugh's, whence he had escorted his cousin Polly and her friend home to Madam Van Cortlandt's, where Evelyn was spending the night. His mind was still full of the girl and of the words that she had spoken, and of her aspect, as, hooded and cloaked, she had smiled at him from the open door of the house, and had bade him a pleasant good night. To be thus brought from her presence into a brawl, the outcome of which seemed doubtful for a moment, was a decided shock, but there was an excitement in it too. The half-score of gentle men present felt that they would have to support Captain Ferrers for appearance' sake, although some of them had reasons which made an open quarrel with Captain Greatoatch exceedingly unpalatable. They were, however, easily outnumbered by the group of seafaring men in the farther corner, some of whom were familiar associates of Greatbatch, and had been involved in many of his desperate enterprises. Others were

honest sailors who had no particular connection with him, but the whole twoscore or more were prepared to stand by their fellow-tar, so that the East India merchantman heavily cold and they had had a long tramp.

After a momentary survey of the ugly aspect. Rising to his feet, many merchants of Boston and New After a momentary survey of the two new-comers, whom he did not Captain Greatbatch rushed like a bull York were interested. He burned brated commander were greeted with shouts of derisive laughter by such men as Captain Greatbatch and once more called upon the assembly. ed upon the assembly | though exceedingly angry at the in- | the prize sailed for the pirate mart unworthy quarrel. Hastily sum-moned from the kitchen, the innstantial person the onrush of Captain Greatbatch, whose unsteady legs Island. made his progress uncertain. Clap-ping his hands to his stomach and exclaiming that the wind had been fusion. The low-browed men drew left others with brawny fists upraised, ers to talk as they pleased. Loud there were only too many who were voices, growls of anger, and the willing to profit by Kidd's exploits, ers to talk as they pleased. Loud there were only too many who were voices, growls of anger, and the bellowing voice of Greatbatch made a pandemonium unspeakable; and a riot of a very serious character was given to all the wild rumors

> Worthy men all, I implore you to we have in the company two of the Gentlemen of His Excellency's House- appeal to another. hold."

above the tumult.

which the tumult of voices moment-arily ceased, and even the fiercest of brawlers stood uncertain. Greatand piracy, and instruct us in our batch himself, held back by a giganduty?" tic tradesman in leathern apron, The murmurs grew louder, and who whispered in his ear and strove to calm him, cast a sullen but some what apprehensive glance in the two ant carelessly. But the smooth voice

of these gentlemen has most properly resented a jesting remark of the worthy Captain Greatbatch, who, with others of his profession, has felt somewhat sore concerning the appointment of Captain Kidd to

a post of authority."
Greatbatch, scowling and sullen but somewhat subdued since the quality of the adversary was made known to him, turned his blood-shot eyes from his opponent to the speaker, whose remarks he was inclined to resent.

Now I doubt not," went on Myn heer, 'that Captain Greatbatch will cheerfully explain that he was ignorant of these gentlemen's presence, and could have meant no offence to them, and that his misplaced pleas-antry was but an idle jest, without intention to reflect upon His Excel-lency's person or authority."

Greatbatch, though he was not too tipsy to realize the awkward position in which he had placed himself, continued at first to growl that he'd be hanged if he'd offer an apology to yonder springald:

"He gave me the lie," he muttered reely, "and a clout in the ear to flercely, boot; and, gentleman or no gentle-man, it must be a blow for a blow." I pray you, gentlemen and good people," said Captain Ferrers, laying aside his coat and his sword with it, to let him come on, if so minded, and settle this matter forthwith. For it is a lesson this surly brute

speak thus in my presence of the representative of the King's Majesty.' God bless him!" cried several officious gentlemen. "Ave and

doth well deserve, who has dared to

Lord Bellomont, too!" But Greatbatch, whether deterred by the determined aspect of Captain Ferrers or merely abashed by his dignity and fearing to get himself seriously involved with the highest authorities, suddenly changed his tune and came forward instead to man's estate, I took a civil service tender his humble apology for the words that he had said, hoping that the gentleman would not hold it against him, nor report unfavorably of him to "His Excellency's wor-

Captain Ferrers thereupon consented to consider the incident closed, and, resuming his coat and sword, took his leave of Mynheer and the other gentlemen, making his acknowledgments to Pieter Schuyler, who had shown himself ready necessary to take up the quarrel On the homeward way with his fellow-soldier, who said but little and for more reasons than one was displeased with the occurrence, Captain Ferrers said thoughtfully :

'I fear me much that yonder ruffian has expressed the popular opinion." At which Prosser Wil-

detail with the oft-told story of Captain Kidd and the troubles which his that I had any serious intentions.

The second obstacle was a young Watkins. He came from misconduct entailed for Richard, Earl of Bellomont, it may suffice to say that that celebrated sea rover had indeed, as very soon came to be known, turned his attention from the business of privateering, which he found unprofitable and even futile. Since both pirates and smugmined upon a bold stroke which should establish his fortunes and, if successful, pave the way for other adventures. There is no doubt that he took advantage of the plenary power which had been given him. and seemed to rely upon the coun-tenance and support of His Excellency.

He it was who had seized upon the Quidder (or Quedah) Merchant," an of Madagascar. There he disposed of the rich cargo for what would be over a million dollars of present cur-rency. On hearing that his piracy was known in England, and that he himself was excepted by name from all clemency shown to other sea robbers, he put his gold, jewels and other ill gotten goods on board a sloop and, returning to native waters, ran ashore on Gardiner's There, his true character was not known at first, and he was given food and drink, with the hos pitality usual at that epoch. Then he began to display his true charac ter. He imposed silence on the proprietors of the place by the most awful threats, while on the other hand he bestowed a handsome pres ent of rich stuff on those who assisted in concealing his identity. For seemed imminent when the cool, when Kidd, having buried his treas even tones of Mynheer de Vries, who ures on Gardiner's Island, h had mounted upon a stool, was heard audacity to run into Boston Harbor, and on his arrest, which evidently he did not expect, he represented himself as the victim of a mutiny and addressed a forceful ap

The Governor, who was greatly There was a startled pause, during disturbed by the reports which had which the tumult of voices momentand admirers repudiated with scorn, turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of his whilom commander, and, after correspondence with the Home Gov-England. Summary justice was there dealt to him, and he was exemalicious, who declared ventured too much in capturing the the saying goes, was prepared to lie

"One of these gentlemen has most "Quidder Merchant," and had suf- in it without a whimper. But we fered the penalty for other men's es, no less than for his own.

TO BE CONTINUED

THE STORY OF AN OBSTINATE MAN

By George Barton, in Extension Magazine They say I'm an obstinate man. Maybe I am. It all depends upon the definition of the word. I know that what little success I have had has come about mainly through dogged determination. I have always had the faculty of being able to make a decision quickly, and once it was made, to stick to it unyielding ly and unflinchingly. So while I have been persistent, fixed and inflexible, I cannot be accused of being stubborn, mulish and unreasonably resolved in the assertion of my own

There--I think I've made clear the difference between pigheaded stub-bornness and the intelligent obstinacy with which I have pursued my purposes. If you can't see it—well, that's not my fault. I'm going straight ahead on the line I've marked out. That, as I've said is the chief reason for any little bits of for-

tune that have come my way.

I didn't have any advantage at the outset. The proverbial silver spoon was not in my mouth at my birth in fact, there wasn't any spoon at all. The early death of my father made me the principal breadwinner of a large family, with only a grammar school education. But I'm not going into that. Thousands of American boys have had the same experience—and made good. I attended night school, and in that way managed to get a high school course. Finally, when I reached examination and got a clerkship in the post-office.

far, so good. Things were running on as smoothly as a summer stream until I met Clara. And then life changed for me. It was not a case of love at first sight. It was something more reasonable than that. It was the result of observation and companionship. The upshot of it all was that I made up my mind that I must have Clara for my wife. With out her, I felt, nothing would ever be the same. I determined to marry

But, unexpectedly, I found two

The first was the dear girl herself. She had no desire to marry at that time. Furthermore, she was not at all certain that she wished to marry opinion." At which Prosser Wil. me. She told me this with a can-liams, narrowing his eyes, looked at dor and simplicity that made me Since this narrative cannot deal in found my company agreeable, but that until I spoke she never dreamt

> chap named Watkins. He came from od family, was studying law, and had fine prospects. He wanted marry Clara, and he treated me as a sort of no account rival. That made my blood boil. It was then that the streak of obstinacy in my composi-tion came to the surface. I determined to marry Clara, even if it were necessary to go back to the method of the caveman and fight him with a stone axe. It was a battle from the start, and he appeared to have all the advantages. He had an agreeable personality—and he had other things. For instance, he would come around with a hired automobile and take her driving through the park, while the best I could offer was the trolley car. He took her to twodollar theatres, while I was inviting her to the movies; and he sent her expensive roses at a time who

> offering consisted of a box of forty-cent candy.
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> But I had something he did not have, and that was my obstinacy. He took the result of the race as a matter of course. I went at it as if my life depended upon the finish. It was perfectly evident that if he did not win Clara he would be satisfied to get some other nice girl. made it plain to her that if I was rejected, it would all but kill me. Once or twice we happened to call at the same time, and on these cacasions I out talked and outstayed him. She repulsed me—gently—once or twice, but I always returned to the attack. Several times she deliberate ly gave him the preference, but my ardor was undimmed. My friends told me that she was making a fool of me, and that I should assert my manhood. I smiled and courted her

more persistently than ever. The fight lasted nearly two years.

My obstinacy won the day—she turned down her promising suitor to marry me-a twelve-hundred doilar clerk in the postal service-and if we didn't live happy ever afterward, it wasn't Clara's fault. She did all in her power to make our union a success. We started off with one bi advantage. We were genuinely fond another, and that helps to smooth many rocks in the monial road. At the end of four years we had two children, and my salary had been raised to fourteen hundred dollars a year. I have heard it said that two can live on the same amount of money as one-and scarcely feel the difference. No I'm going to try and demolish tradition as old as this one. All I have to say is "let the two try it."
They'll find it an interesting adventing the subject included in ernment, had him sent in chains to England. Summary justice was unreservedly—four cannot live on the same amount as one and not feel cuted. But even that stern measure did not silence the tongues of the that Clara felt it, although she never malicious, who declared that the pirate was but a scapegoat, who had that Clara, having made her bed, as

were both having our eyes opened. When I was single, I didn't think twelve hundred dollars a year was any too much for one person. Now I had to divide my fourteen hundred with four, which meant about three hundred and fifty dollars per apiece. Fortunately two of the four

were not very exacting infants, and that helped some. One Sunday afternoon Clara came home looking flushed and unhappy. She was reluctant to tell me the reason, but she finally said she had met Watkins, that he was driving a bandsome limousine, and when he saw her he drew up to the curb long enough to let her know that he had become connected with a firm of cor poration lawyers, and was doing ex-ceptionally well. He inquired about me and sent his best regards. That was all right as far as it went, but that was not all. By dint of much persuasion I induced Clara to tell m all he had said. * was not flattering to me.

"Frank's a good fellow," said Watkins to Clara, "but he'll never be more than a subordinate. He may finally reach sixteen or eighteen hundred dollars, but that will be the limit. He's in a rut and he'll stay there. I know those Government jobs and I think I know your hus-

Honestly, for a while my brain seemed to be going around like a top. I couldn't blame Clara for telling me this, because I had literally forced it from her reluctant lips. And I couldn't blame Watkins much, for there was a whole lot of truth in what he had told the poor girl. it did seem caddish in him, and my first desire was to hunt him up and give him a thrashing. I didn't. Instead I slept over it and when awoke the next day I felt that I owed my late rival a vote of thanks. I'm not impulsive. I think I mentioned that before. So I took two days to think it over and to make inqui On the morning of the third day I said to Clara at the breakfast table

"Clara, I'm going to study law." She looked at me in surprise, and then said hesitatingly 'Why, what do you know about

law ? "Not a blessed thing," I replied promptly, "but I'm going to know something about it pretty soon. I do know that men who are no more gifted than I am have studied law and made a success of it-Watkins for instance.

The dear girl's face flushed and she looked at me appealingly.
"Frank," she said, "you've never heard me complain. I'm satisfied to share your lot whatever it may be."

"I'm satisfied to have you share ny lot," I flung back, "but I'm not lot," I flung back, satisfied with the lot as it stands now. All I ask, my dear, is that you will be patient with me for four or five years. If I don't make good in that time, I'll not have another word to say.'

She came over and kissed me, and that kiss was all the stimulant I needed. I knew she'd stick by me through thick and thin—and she did. But with all of the little woman's loyalty to me, I knew that she had looked forward to better things. She was really cut out to be the wife of a rich man—and she married me. I took her for better or worse—but I determined that day there would be no "worse" as far as I was concerned So, at the age of thirty, with a wife and two children dependent on me, I started in on the hazardous busi-

ness of studying for the law. I had to do a great deal of mental brushing up before I got a start. First, I obtained a list of the requirements for the preliminary law examination from the secretary of the State Board of Law Examiners. For weeks I struggled with my studies that one of the small colleges in the city was giving, in its night school, a special course which covered the needs of those who were preparing for the preliminary law exa enrolled and got along famously I found the English requirements of the law board interesting. For instance, the applicant must have read the following works, and be able to pass a satisfactory examina tion upon the subject matter, the style and the structure thereof, and to answer simple questions on the

lives of the authors:
Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "Merchant of Venice."

The Sir Roger de Coverley Paper

in the "Spectator." Scott's "Heart of Midlothian Thackeray's "Henry Esmond. First three books of Milton's "Para

dise Lost."
Longfellow's "Evangeline. Burke's Speech on Conciliation Burke's Letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol

Autobiography of Benjamin Frank-Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans." Webster's "Reply to Hayne."

Hawthorne's "Marble Faun." A course in American and general history was also requested. In Latin I was expected to know the first four books of Cæsar's Commentaries, the first six books of Virgil's Aeneid, and the first four orations of Cicero against Catiline. The mathematics included ordinary arithmetic, algebra

Wentworth's Geometry. I put in six months on these studies, six of the most strenuous months in my life. It must be remembered that I had the foundations for most of these subjects except Latin and the higher mathe I took the examination of the law

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