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## The Foster Brother:

The Orphan of the Wreck. CPAPTER XXIII.

ON THE TRACE.

So impressed were they with the belief that they would come upon him in the ravine that they hurried forward towards it, without seeking again for the footprints confident they would find them on the brow of the slope, where underthe line of trees they could see the snow lying in almost unbroken whiteness.

Soon, therefoe, were they at the top of the slope, and began to seek about for the footprints. But footprints there were none, except those of hares, which marked the snow in all directions. The surface of the latter was, however, entirely free of human footsteps. No one had been there since the snow fell.

They pushed on till they came to the path which winded down the slope to the narrow bridge of planks which crossed the stream opposite the cottage, and down which George must have gone in order to grain the latter. The snow here lay thickly all the way, and was wholly untrodden. The intimation conveyed by this fact was so significant that Harry and Matthew stood still, and looked in each other's faces the thought they were loath to speak.

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At length Harry, in the saddest of tones, gave utterance—
"He has never reached this point."
"That's owne true." groaned Matthew.
"He must have taken the wrong turn, and gone too far up;" said Harry.
"Yes, that maun be it," assented Matthew; "sae we had better turn."
Down below them, on the other side of the stream, was the hollow in the midst of which the cottage stood, and Ailie, catching sight of them as they stood on the slope, came hastily out at the moment.

ent. For one instant the wild hope flashed rough their souls that she was about call to them that George had come, it a second glanes at her face, as full of itated inquiry, banished it.

"Oh, Mathew—oh, Maister Harry," ied Aille, "is there nae word o' him to ".

hot water and warm blankets ready, lest they should be neered."
"Yes, Maister Harry; oh, yes," responded Allie, and she returned into the cottage, while Matthew and Harry retraced their steps, and soon regained the hrow of the slope.

To test the truth of their suspicions, they had only to proceed along the top of the slope, looking carefully on the snow as they went, in order to see where George's footsteps became visible, as visible they must be if he had come to the ravine at all. So long as these were not to be discovered, so long were they sure that he was not lying at the foot of any orag or cliff beneath them. On they went for a considerable distance, and to their surprise they came to no footsteps, either of George or any other human being. Themselves two were obviously the first who had walked there since the snow fell.

When they had gone so far as to make them both morally sure that the missing one had not reached so far as the ravine, they again came to a standstill to make new conjectures. The theory which they had made themselves believe was correct having turned out erroneous, they were driven to imagine other possibilities.

He had not reached the ravine, what then, had become of him? An accident could scarcely have befallen him on the level ground where last they had seen his footprints; and, if not an accident, what: Harry shuddered again, and this time with a namelees' dread; but he could give no voice to his fearful thought—he merely counselled that they should return to where they had sean the last footprint on the snow, and seek further traces. The idea was precisely what had occurred to Matthew himself, and they immediately set themselves to carry it out by going back on their own footsteps to the place, far from the ravine, though still within sight of it, where the last prihad been discerned by them. After and interesting the counter to have the point whe same upon pain led down to the cott. A shart the ravine at the point whe same upon pain led down to the cott. A shart the ravine at t

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