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NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

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'Twist the rope round his legs, can't yez,' said one of the assailants, looking at the fellow who held the rope.

'Will you tell me the meaning of this assault?' he again asked, as he now lay helplessly on the ground, and gazed up at the thick set forms of the three fellows who stood over him.

'Don't be after axin, any questions,' said a deep gruff voice in reply. 'You'll not get at the maining uv it any sooner by doing that.'

Two of them now lifted the youth by the shoulders, and the other seizing his legs, they in this manner began to carry him, not along the toot-path, but into the wood. In the wood were three horses, each saddled and bridled, and fastened to a tree. The men at once untied the bridles, and bringing the largest of the horses to where Hargreave stood, they cut the cords that bound his les, and ordered him to mount. 'Where do you mean to take me?' asked the youth.

'Get into the saddle,' growled he who was evidently the leader.

As this order was issued in a very threatening tone, and enforced by the appearance of a pistol, Hargreave considered that the most prudent thing h could'tlo was to obey; he therefore very quelly put his foot in the stirrup, and was lifted into the saddle.

'This may give me an opportunity to escape,' he thought; but ere the idea had well entered his mind, his legs were bound to a broad firm belt, which passed under the horse's belly. This, of course, destroyed the hope which the moment before he had formed, and the chance of escape was still further cut off by one of the fellows getting up behind him and taking the bridle rein in his own hand. At the same moment the other two got into their saddles, and the cavalcade proceeded at a slow pace out of the wood into the highway, where they turned to the left, in the direction of the high mountains which shut in the valley of Dundarra towards the west.

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Avoiding the village and all public paths where it was possible to meet a straggler, they struck out upon the common, and after crossing that had to tread their way through a thick unenclosed wood which fringed the slope of the mountains.

Unincessary Taxation!

the mountains.

After this the road grew rough and rugged, and the landscape became every moment wilder. Occasionally in the hollows or in cefts of the rocks, patches of stunted shrubs or thick furze were to be found, giving a little covering to the bare sides of the mountain, bot barrenness and sterility were the general characteristics of the steep and rocky slopes, which is the darkness looked still more wild and desolate.

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The party made the toilsome ascent slowly, and in perfect silence. Hargereave was occupied in conjecturing the cause and meaning of his capture, since some private personal purpose was clearly to be served by the outrage, though what that might be he was at loss to imagine. O'Brady was the only man with whom he had come into artagonism since his arrival in Ireland, and yet the hatred which the factor dun tof all to show that he cherisbed, we not of such a strong nature as would prompt him to plan and carry out such a bold nefarious scheme, and one that could profit him nothing; and yet, if O'Brady was not the instigator of his capture, who could it possibly be and what was the purpose in view? Was personal harm intended him? There were, he had heard, violent, lawless men in the country, who not unfrequently committed outrages of a similar, if not worse, character. But in these cases there was always a powerful motive. The victims of such outrageous proceedings had, by the adoption of a certain course, rendered-themselves obnoxious to a faction or a district. But he could not possibly have done so, for he had never emerged out of a quiet obscurity or made acquaintances in the neighbourhood.

For a long time it was in vain that the youth sought to pierce the mystery which surrounded him; the whole business seemed dark and inexplicable. Suddenly, however, a light darted into his mind—might it not be connected with his relation to Mary Kendal? Had their metal love been discovered, and was this the cause why she failed to be that evening at the place appointed? This seemed dark and inexplicable. Suddenly, however, a light darted into his mind—large the violence; was it her father or was it Malviri Blantire? It was the latter he had no doubt, for Hargreave knew only too well how upprincipled and unseroptulous Malvirin was.

Great Heaven! Pe his wardly ejaculated, if the secondrel should force his suit upon Mary. He is expable of any enormity, and these are, no doubt, his myrmidons whom he has employed to get rid of m

SAD END OF A BAD LIFE.—A fallen girl, who said she belonged to Canada, and left it only two weeks ago, was killed one night lately in Detroit. She had taken up her quarters for the night with two young men in a saloon, the owner of the saloon being absent. She had considerable money and it would appear, that they had formed a design to rob her. One of the fellows left the room about one o,clock to get some beer, and during his absence somebody else demanded admittance, which the man in the room favoured, but the woman refused. She went to the window to call the police, the party outside entered the room, she was caught by the legs and thrown headlong to the street, both her wrists and her hip bone being bally broken by tue fall. Her screams attracted a policeman, the men were secured, she was taken eare of, and told her story before she died, which she did about 10 o'clock mext morning.

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