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WEDNESDAY EV'G, SEPTEMBER 18.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

By the powers, but this is not uncomfortable for a bridal humber; laughed the priest. 'It's quite claps and sweet, and there's a beautiful cooth aslany body could desire.'

'Our own quarters won't be so snug in the kitchen below, 'remarked O'Brady 'But I suppose we'll manage to put up with it for one night.

'Pot up with if, 'repeated Daley.—'Sure we might put up with ten times worse, where the hustor is good and plenty. It's me dripk that makes the comfort. Come open a bottle, and let us drink to the success of Malvria and his lovely bride.

The factor did not seem to see anything objectionable in this proposition, for he drew from his sample coat pockets a bottle, a cork-screw, sad two glasses. The priest placed a rude seat close to a rough deal table, and the pair sat down to easily there's to Squire Blantire and his bride, 'said 'tather Daley, as with sparkling eyes he held the full glass to his lips. 'Such a bould Irish marriage deserves to be followed by good luck.—Bedad, but it's Malvrin that has the brave dealung spirit in him.'

'Of course he has,' said the factor. 'He wasn't the man to let a needy English adventurer take the prize from between his teeth, or to give up the pursuat because Miss Mary was foolish enough to refuse him. Egad, she'll find herself a wiis to-night whether she will or no.'

And a mighty pleasant woman she'll

And a mighty pleasant woman she'll be in the morning,' said his reverence, with a long guiss."

'I don't know about that,' returned O'Brady. 'Mary Kendal has a fiery spirit in her, and it may be a while ere she gets over being thwarted; out, of course, she'll cool down in time.'

'And look laughingly back on this night's adventure,' added the priest. 'I expect to get many a bumper from her at Blantire Castle, for making her its mistress against her will,'

'She'll be sure to make an awful outcry to-night,' said O'Brady. 'What doyto mean to do when she says—No?'

'Sure, when a women says 'no 'she means yes,' said his reverence with a laugh; 'and that's the female dictionary.'

'I'll read it by— When do you think they'll be here?'

'Immediately,' replied the factor.— 'Squire Kendal was to allow Miss Mary out at dark for a walk in the park, where Blantire was to pounce on her and gall op off at once. A hour's good riding will bring them to the ruin. Come fill up your glass,'

'Faith, and it's myself will,' said the drouthy priest. 'There's nothing like wine for keeping the damp out.'

Norah sat listening in breathless horrorb ebind the door. She heard and understood all. Mary Kendal was that night to be borne from her home, brought to the ruin, and foreibly united to Malvin Blantire, who was already her own husband.

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husband.

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CHAPTER XVII. -THE ABDUCTION OF MARY

If a wounded spirit is hard to bear, a wounded heart—a heart whose love is opposed by injustice and force—is not less difficult to sustain; and so felt Mary Kendal when her father kept her a prisoner in her own room, and treated her with all the rigor and sternness of a jaileer.

The treatment would have melted, ushed, and overcome a timid girl who crushed, and overcome a timid girl who did not possess, in a great degree, the gift of self-reliance, but in Mary Kendal it roused up a spirit of indignant resistance. She peculiarly felt the injustice and unreasonableness of her father's conduct, both in thwarting her love for Hargreave and trying to couspel her to marry Malvrin Blantire. Her ather's firm, unbending spirit dwelt in per likewise, and the harshness which a caused him to manifest produced a repullion of soul which violent measures would a register much inward grief and sorrow. What would Hargreave think of her? That was her constant, ever-recurring question. Would be think her fickle, changeful, inconstant—a dirt, a coquette—a heartless hypocrite, incapable of true love—a trifler with the affections of another? It was most natural that he should think so, since she had failed to keep her appointment, and sent him no message of explanation or token of continued regard.

Oh! how she longed that he might know the truth—that he might know that she was unchanged, and still loved him—that she came not to the trysting place only because she was prevented—that for her love and constancy to him she was shut up in close confinement, and watched with jealous care by an angry and implacable father.

But she had no means of communicating with him. Her window, indeed, looked into the park, but it was in the third story of the mansion, and no one came to her place of confinement except her father, whose visits were paid in stern silence, and as silently received by Mary. All'day, but especially towards evening, she sat at the window, surveying the land-scape, and half expecting that her eye would fall on the form of her lover.—Judging him truly, and maintaining her father, whose visits were paid in stern silence, and as silently received by Mary. All'day, but especially towards evening, she sat at the window, surveying the land-scape, and half expecting that her eye would fall on the form of her lover.—Judging him truly; and maintaining her faith in his honour

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