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 WEDNESDAY EV'G. NOVEMBER 27.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
 OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

Mike, who all the time had held the torch which had lighted them through their proceeding, now began to look curiously round the lofty arched chamber, which bore many tokens of having been recently tenanted.

"Bedad," he remarked, "but Norah, Cushaleen must have been comfortable intirely in this quare place, an' every body thought that she was lying downed at the bottom o' the black pool. Was this the chamber where she frightened ye all out uv yer senses by coming in like a ghost?"

"The very place," said O'Brady. "Faith and it was a clever trick, and so was that about the boxes. But ye see now, Mike, how they came to be filled with stones when you went to dig them up."

"Thunder and oons, they saw us bury them," cried Mike.

O'Brady nodded.

"Thin it was gold dust after all."

"Haven't any doubt of it. That's why Terry has been giving himself such airs, but I'll get my revenge on him at last. Larry will put him in jail, and I'll see that he does not get out in a hurry."

"That's right air," rejoined Mike. "He once got me locked up by swearing against me, and now it's my turn."

Having gratified their curiosity by examining the chamber, they next proceeded to open the bundle which Terry was about to carry away, and of the provisions which it contained Mike and the factor made a substantial meal, the former chucking all the while over his good luck.

While occupied with this agreeable task of feeding themselves, they were fearfully scared by a large bird flying in at one of the loopholes and flapping its sable wings round the torch, which was stuck in the floor, and which was overturned and extinguished.

"Och, murther, Mither O'Brady, there's the devil!" shouted Mike, rushing for the door; but in the hurry and fright he mistook the direction, and came up against the wall. The factor, who, like all bullies, was a coward, followed hard at his heels, and having caught his coat, hung on by him with nervous tenacity.

"For goodness sake, Mike, find the door!" said the factor, in a vehement ejaculated.

"I can't," replied Mike, who was frantically groping against the wall, O'Brady keeping close behind him, and expecting every moment to be seized by the spirit of darkness.

"Haven't ye got it yet?" whispered the factor, through his chattering teeth.

"Not a bit of me; and never a one of me will," answered Mike.

"Gropo on and you'll come to it," urged O'Brady.

Mike did grope on, but nothing could be felt but the cold wall. Suddenly his hand came upon a smooth projecting stone; there was a clicking noise, the wall receded, and they fell forward—Mike first and the factor on the top of him. Before either of them had time for an exclamation, the wall swung round, and, closing, pushed the factor in the rear till he was fairly doubled up. Uttering a loud roar, he began to kick furiously, and the heel of his boot coming in contact with Mike's stomach, the latter yelled with agony and struck out wildly with his fists, till a random, but tremendous, blow was lodged on the factor's nose, making him see a thousand stars, and drawing the blood in a gurgling stream.

"Murther! murther!" roared O'Brady, kicking yet more vehemently.

"Oh—O—O—curse it," yelled Mike, planting another desperate blow on the factor's eyebrow, which made the latter roll over and allow Mike to rise.

"Mither O'Brady," gasped Mike, wrathfully, "what did ye kick the wind out uv me for?"

"You blackguard, you've nearly murdered me," groaned the factor, gathering himself up.

"You've kilt me intirely," retorted Mike. "But where have we got to? Holy Mother, we're shut in on every side."

"Eh! what?" exclaimed O'Brady, ceasing to caress his bloody face. "Shut in! that's impossible."

"Faix, I wish it was," rejoined Mike; but it's in a closet we are, wid a stone wall all around us. Oh! masha, but this is a business.

The alarming intelligence caused the factor to forget his facial calamity, and he began to grope with his hand round their place of confinement. He was not long coming to the same conclusion as Mike. They were indeed in a place no larger than a closet, with no discoverable door. A solid wall of masonry surrounded them, and a small iron grating let in a little air.

Accident had again conspired to bring about a piece of retributive justice. They had just consigned Terry Cushaleen to a prison cell, but here they were helplessly immured within a solitary ruin, which no one visited, and where they had the terrible prospect of dying of hunger. They had involuntarily fallen into the same trap which had ensnared Lady Blantyre, and from which she had been released by Terry only a few hours before. Mike, in his groping, had pressed the stone that touched the spring, and having fallen inward, when the wall receded, they were thoroughly secured when it swung round to its place.

It was not long till a conviction of the truth was forced on the minds of the two captives. Mike remembered touching the stone, and the loud click at the same moment was indicative of a secret spring. Should they, then, fail to discover the trick in the inside, and so release themselves, they had the terrible prospect of being starved to death.

To men of their stamp this was a horrible contemplation. Bad hearts are never brave. Passion, ferocity and unscrupulousness, fail before the necessity for patient endurance, and both Mike and O'Brady passed the dark hours of that night in abject terror. There was perfect silence in that lonely ruin, broken only by the fitful, dreary rustle of the gentle breeze, as it passed in at the loophole, sounding to their quaking hearts like the motion of some ghastly visitant.

Sleep was not for a moment to be thought of by either them. They were too terrified for that; and, besides, the size of the place did admit of both lying on the floor. A hundred times did they grope all over the wall, in the hope of coming on the spring, but each time they were doomed to disappointment.

With longing eyes did they watch for the entrance of the morning light, to dispel the midnight gloom, and enable them to ascertain their chance of release. Never had either of them felt the hours so long or so dreary; the minutes seemed ages, and O'Brady's watch seemed to tick horribly slow.

At length Mike exclaimed in a joyful tone that he could distinguish the little square grating of their cell. This was more than the factor could do, for he had only one eye to look with, the other being now swelled up as the result of Mike's vigorous blow.

The latter, however, was not mistaken.—The dawn of a new day was really breaking and the light increased with it's usual slow, but certain progress, till even the factor, with his one orb, could see the dim outline of the lofty arched chamber.

The moment the light was strong enough for their purpose, they began eagerly to examine their confined prison. Certain disagreeable things within it convinced them that those who had lately inhabited the ruin had the means of entering it; and this incited them to greater ardour in searching for the spring. For hours they sought, but all in vain, and the conviction forced itself on them that it could only be opened from without.

"This is horrible," groaned O'Brady. "To be starved to death in this infernal hole—"

"Your knife," repeated the factor, with a shudder. "Would ye have us to cut our throats?"

"Sure that would be a sinnable way to do," answered Mike. "We'll bear it as long as we can, and when we can't bear it any longer I'll slice you uv yer pain, Mither O'Brady by sticking the knife in yer heart; and then the flash on yer bones will keep me alive a bit longer, and maybe afore I've dined off the last uv ye, somebody may have the chance to come and let me out."

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R. TORRANCE, Secretary.
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