

appearance, with a pale face, on which were traces of tears.

“Oh! if you please, sir, she’s clean gone. I’ve been and looked in her room, and most all of her things are gone too. Oh, dear, oh, dear!” and the girl burst into tears.

Seeing it was vain to question Dixon further at present, the Admiral ascended the stairs himself, and entered Kate’s room. Alas! its confusion showed too plainly the evidences of flight; open drawers divested of their contents, empty boxes, articles of wearing apparel, discarded perhaps as not worth taking, strewed on bed and floor; all, all was too plain. The old man groaned aloud as his eye took in these things, and a tear for a moment trembled on his cheek, but he dashed it away, calling up a stern look into his face as he slowly