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Guelph Evening Mercury
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NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

In a very few minutes a litter was constructed of the thick branches of the bushes, and the lady was requested to take her seat upon it, when four of the robbers lifted it to their shoulders, and moved away with their light burden.

Another of the fellows was set as guard over the old man, though that was a precaution hardly needed—it being scarcely within the bounds of possibility that he should make his escape.

Andrew and Terry had remained among the bushes, each in charge of a robber, during the time of the foregoing proceedings; but they were now ordered to join the party, and the cavalcade struck at once into a broken and irregular path which wound up the mountain slope.

It boots not that we describe the journey to the robbers' cave, but when it was near sunset they entered the ravine, where at the base of a high rock, was its entrance, half concealed by masses of thick shrubs.

The signal having been given and answered, the lady was lifted from the litter and conveyed through the narrow aperture—her husband manifesting little anxiety as to her fate, but nervously anxious as to his own.

Having been kept a few minutes waiting, the branches were passed aside, and the prisoners, each held firmly by the arm, were led into the dark passage—dark, however, only for a few yards, for presently a bright light streamed from the interior, and they were ushered into the great hall.

At the upper end, under two great blazing lights, sat Captain Jack, upon a seat a little elevated above the floor of the cavern. He was richly dressed, and a smile of sneering scorn played round his hard, though handsome lips.

The old man was led forward, and placed in a seat immediately in front of him; while Terry and Andrew were left behind, still in charge of two of the band.

'You are Mr. Anthony Henderwick,' said the captain in very stern tones.

'Yes, yes, that is my name,' answered the traveller, nervously. 'May I ask why I have been brought here. I am an old, weak man, as you see, and a band of men who say they are your followers, and acting under your orders, took me out of a chaise, and made me walk up the mountain to this place, and I am almost dead with fatigue.'

'Never mind the fatigue,' said the captain. 'Let us stick to the facts which admit of proof. The men who seized you and brought you hither are my followers, and they did act by my orders. What then?'

'May I take the liberty to ask for what purpose your order was given?' inquired the old man, in mild and dubious accent, as if he were preferring the greatest favour.

'Yes,' responded the captain. 'You may take that liberty, if you are perfectly ignorant of the matter, and cannot give even the faintest guess at it. But is it so? Have you never heard of Captain Jack?'

'Yes, yes,' stammered Henderwick. 'I certainly have heard of—that gentleman.'

'And heard no good of him, I'll warrant,' returned the captain, with a contemptuous sneer. 'Say, is it not so?'

'Well, really I—I—must say—that he is not well spoken of—that is, not exactly.'

'He is, in fact, termed a cruel, blood-thirsty robber. Out with it, old man.—Don't mince the matter.'

'But he—he may be maligned,' said the old man hastily. 'You—you are trying to frighten me. You would not harm me. I never injured you. I—'

'You didn't,' thundered the captain, springing from his seat, his eyes flashing fire, and every feature quivering with intense passion. 'Then suddenly he pressed his lips together, clenching his hands at the same time to aid the effort necessary to restrain the rage that was nearly bursting forth, and his limbs relaxing from the rigidity of anger, he sat down again upon the seat. He had conquered himself, and, chafing at his own weakness, was resolved to be the cool and unimpassioned man he generally appeared among his followers.'

'A truce to argument,' he said, 'and listen to my demands. We take prisoners where we can get them, and fix their ransom according to their means. You are our prisoner now, and your ransom I fix at one thousand pounds. The moment the sum is in my hands you are free.'

'One thousand pounds,' echoed the old man. 'Did you say one thousand pounds?'

The Captain nodded.

'Oh, but it is impossible,' sated the traveller. 'I am poor, very poor. I have not as many pence. Search me and you will see.'

'I don't expect you to have it with you,' returned Captain Jack. 'But means will be given you to send for it. There are writing materials; write out a cheque for the sum and I will despatch a messenger to Ballybrogan to receive it. The instant he returns you will be liberated.'

'But good Captain,' whined the old man, 'it is no use for me to write the cheque, or for you to send a messenger, for I tell you I am poor, miserably poor—can hardly afford to live; I have not—'

'Stop,' interrupted the captain, with stern abruptness; 'lying will not avail you here; my knowledge is too accurate and minute for you to deceive me. Your wealth and miserly character I am perfectly aware of. You could find ten thousand as easily as one, but one is the figure I have named, and the figure I abide by; now write.'

TO BE CONTINUED.

An alarming disease is prevalent among the Shakers at West Pittsfield, Massachusetts, which partakes of the nature of fever and measles. A dozen members of one family have been prostrated at once.

A young man was arrested by the New Haven Police on Sunday for being intoxicated, but on producing a marriage certificate which he wished to make use of that evening, was released and directed to the house of his waiting bride.

The finest idea of a thunder storm extant was when Wiggins came home 'tired.' He came into the room among his wife and daughters, and just then he tumbled over the cradle and fell whop on the floor. After a while he rose and said—'Wife, are you hurt?' 'No.'—'Girls, are you hurt?' 'No.' 'Terrible clap, wasn't it?'

Lord Derby said lately to a deputation that waited on him in reference to popular education, that there was an utter impossibility in having education at once cheap and good. Mr. Duff, the talented member for the Elgin burghs, says, on the other hand, that it is just the very thing the country needs, and it can and will have education at once cheap and good.

The inquest on the body of Sergt. Brett, who was shot during the Fenian attack on the Manchester prison van, when Kelly and Deasy were rescued, was resumed on the 9th inst., when, after due deliberation, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of 'Willful murder against William O'Meara, Allen, and other persons unknown.'

A DIFFERENCE.—A member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, Australia, has been convicted of forgery and expelled from the House; and has been sentenced to pay the penalty of his crime. The Member of the Legislature of Canada for Two Mountains was also convicted of forgery, but he was rewarded with a judgeship! Such is the difference in the mode of treating criminals in the old penal colony of Australia and in Canada.

FROM MADOC.—The Madoc Mercury of the 26th inst., says:—'During the last week another rich discovery has been made near the surface, a short distance from the original Richardson mine, yielding, we are informed, as much as six ounces to the pan.' It also says that fine shows of gold have been taken from Lot No. 24, in the 6th concession of Madoc, where the "gold was to be seen in the rock."

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The time required to complete the full course varies considerably, according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men however are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the items of board. Indubitably more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks board in order to make himself completely master of the course; and thus, by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The crudeness that such haste entails is highly detrimental, not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates; and, besides, it brings opprobrium on Commercial Colleges generally. The common practice, therefore, of holding out this crowding system as an inducement to students is most deceptive and highly reprehensible.

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Guelph, 26th October, 1867. dw-1m

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