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FRIDAY EVEN'G, SEPTEMBER 20.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

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'Well, Mary,' he said, in a cold, grave tone, 'has reflection yet shown you the duty of obedience?'

'I am not aware, father, that I have aitherto been wanting in that duty,' answered Mary.

'No you have not,' rejoined Mr. Ken dal, 'and therefore I am the more surprised at your present conduct.

'There is possibility of obedience becoming a tone,' remarked Mary. 'It is so now. You are demanding what even a father has no right to exact. The heart is too sacred for any human interference.'

ference.'
'Romance again—still romance,' said
'Romance impatiently. 'When will
you get into the region of common sense
and proper ideas? Of course you think
me cruel and tyrannical—a perfect brute.

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'I think false notions have blinded your better judgement, and made you unjustly severe,' answered Mary. 'I have tried to be patient under the injustice, but it is a hard task. You ought to know, father, that I have the Irish spirit in me, and can ill brook imprisonment.'

'If you had the true Irish spirit you would not require to be imprisoned,' rejoined the squire. 'I wish to heaven you would show yourself more of a Kendal.'

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'So they are—so they are; but these are always joined to a proper pride and regard for the honour of the family. A true Kendal would not condessend to take up with a low unknown, and intriguing adventurer, who—'

'Peace, father!' cried Mary, firing up. 'I will not hear Mr. Hargreave maligned. But for him you would have now no daughter; and as for him being unknown, he has revealed to me his spirit, his mind, and soul. These are high and honourable, and it is these that make a ourable, and it is these that make a

There you go—there you go. That is of course a quotation from one of those vile and cursed novels. But I have not come here to renew a useless controver-

come here to renew a useless controversy. You don't merit the least indulgence; but to show you that I am not so cruel as you imagine, I have come to allow you an hour's walk in the park.—
The continement has, I see, made you pale. But mind, only an hour, and I trust to your honour to return?

Mary bit her pretty lip and remained silent for some moments. She felt inclined to resist an indulgence so imperiously granted; but the temptation of a ramble in the summer twilight was too great to be resisted, and she at length said that she would take advantage of the permission, though it was with an air of indifference and an absence of the appearance of gratitude; for she did not admit that she had done anything to forfeit her freedom.

'Wrap yourself well up.' said Mr. (Kendal. 'The night dews are beginning to fall.'

Mary quietly dressed herself in proper Mary quetty dressed herself in proper walking costume, and when she was ready looked towards her father, who remained in the chamber. He in turn looked towards the open door, and interpreting this as a permission to 20, she walked leisurely out descending the stair and walked into the park by the hall door.

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door.

The hour of twilight had fully come. There were no lingering rays of sunset on the peaks of the high eastern mountains, and the dusky light was deepening over the earth. The huge and ancient trees which were seattered over the park looked like dark indistinct masses, and the belt of fir plantation at the far end seemed a black broad line, clothing the horizon.

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To this point Mary slowly made her way. She had the secret hope in her heart that Hargreave might be lurking there, and that a hurried but sweat meeting, full of explanation, would take placebetween them. It was the only place near the mansion where he could be concealed from observation, and a road led through the centre of it to a gate skirting the high road, at which there was no lodge, so that he could there gain admission without being questioned.

She walked on, her heart fluttering more violently as she neared the plantation, and her eyes bent searchingly among the trees. If he were there, he was sure to come forward at once; for though he was himself unsten, he could easily observe her in the open park.

Accordingly, when she had almost reached the edge of the wood she observed the form of a man moving towards her. The gloom was too great to permit of recognition, but the height, the shape, and general appearance resembled Hargreave. Not doubting that it was he, she went joyously and eagerly forward—they came close to each other, when, to her consternation, she found herself face to face with Malvrin Blantire.

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Blantire.
She started back, and her first impulse

was to turn and flee.

'Where away, my pretty fair one,' said Malvrin gaily. You seem to have changed your mind all of a sudden.

The words brought back Mary's dignity and self-possession. Though she loather the man, she need not be afraid of this comment. Oatmeal, Commental of the man she need not be afraid of this comment.

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