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CHAPTER XXIV. TREACHERY.

We return to Lowden-to the pe ages of our story resident there, and the neighborhood of St. Abb's.

Several days had passed since the un-expected departure of Jessie and Ralph, and no tidings had been received of either; but meanwhile circumstance were transpiring among themselves destined to lead to important results-one of these being the letter sent by Duncan Dunbar to Randolph Grahame. From this letter the reader must have guessed that Dickson, the farm steward and confidential agent of Adamson, had given secret information to the supervisor regarding his master's smuggling transact tion-had betrayed both Adamson and Jessop, and engaged to disclose their hiding places, and enable the officers to seize the stores of liquor therein con-

The immediate cause of this treachery on Dickson's part was the failure of his suit with regard to Marion Gilbertson, and the evident success attending that of Willy Sommerville. It was now no secret that he and Marion were sweethearts, and that with the cordial approv al of the friends of both. At this Dickson was enraged to a fearful degree, and his anger went forth against all concerned. Jessop and Adamson, even before the appearance of Willy on the scene, had refused to use their inflence with Marion in his behalf, and now they openly expressed approval of her be coming Willy's wife.

They had thwarted him, but he could ruin them and enrich himself in the doing of it-By betraying them to the Excise he would receive the informant's share of the prize that was made, and so avenge the slight that they had put upon him, while he filled his pockets with the wished for gold at the same time.

This resolution he did not carry into effect without deliberate consideration. He knew well the terrible nature of the step he contemplated and the danger he rap. It would make every smuggler in the district his enemy, and many of them he knew, would not seruple to visit him with terrible retribution, but he made up his mind to quit the district and carry himself and his gains out of reach. So having got rid of the objection by fears, he continued to brood over his purpose till circumstances arose

Jessop's lugger, the Venture, came upon the coast, and safely ran her cargo at Eyemouth. Her captain likewise ught intelligence that on the fourth night from the time of his arrival the Delight might confidently be anticipated. A better occasion could not, therefore, arise for carrying out the design he meditated, for Jessop's concealment would be full, and he had taken care that there should be an accumulation of stock in Adamson's hiding place. All these being scized, and Donaldson's luger captured, the ruin of Jessop and dameon would be complete, and the

prize-money realized enormous. It was on the afternoon following the arrival of Jessop's lugger that he left Lowden with the intention of giving information to the supervisor. Like all men conscious of being about to commit a guilty action, he did not take the high road or make as if he were going in the direction he meant to take it all, but struck across the fields towards the sea, and then turned eastwards along the heights. He was in no hurry to reach his destination : in fact he wanted it to the supervisor's house, so he lingered on his way till the sun came near the verge of the horizon, and reached the crest of the cliff which overlooked Coldingham Bay, just as he went out of sight.

He saw two human forms pacing slowly arm in arm close by the distant water's edge. The forms were those of Willy Sommerville and Marion Gilbertson, and they were too absorbed in the enjoyment of their delightful companionship to notice the figure which watched them from the heights.

If Dickson had begun to waver in his purpose, this sight of the lovers in their happiness would have settled him firmly

After walking a considerable distance directly south he came in sight of a cottage standing by itself, and stackening his pace he drew near it at a very cautious and stealthy progress. Once or twice he paused and listened intently, till, hearing nothing, he advanced a few yards further and did the same thing. It was opened to him by a servant

'Can I see Mr. Dnnbar a minute?' he tremuously asked in a low tone The girl answered in the affirmative,

and at once ushered him into the parlor, where sat the individual he sought, 'Here's a braw night,' said Dickson,

as he stood twirling his cap in his hand. 'A fine night,' returned Dunbar, eyeing him keenly, for he did not at first recognize him.

ial visit to Lowden.'

'Ay, I mind well o' that,' retur Dickson, with a sly smile. make muckle oot by your vessit yester

'Nothing at all. The inform ceived had been false. Dickson replied by a peculi ing smile, which the sharp

'Aha!' he said, 'we were on the right ant after all, and lost it, eh? 'I hinna said that,' responded Dick

'Hoots man, don't be afraid. Come and sit down here, and let us have a con-

idential confab. 'Bide a wee, sir,' said Dickson pointng to the window. 'There's a sma' crack there that wad need to be kivered. for onvbody can see in.

'Say you so,' said the supervisor, risng with alacrity. 'Oh, we'll soon put that right.

And, whipping the cloth from the table he fastened it over the inside of the window, in such a way as effectually to shut up the chink.

'Now we are as private as if we were down, my good fellow, and open your

'Ahem,' coughed Dick son, cautio First and foremost, we wad need to hae bargain o' some kind made,

upervisor. 'I will reward you well for any important intelligence.' 'I hae heard,' he went on 'that when

stuff is seized, the informant gets a fixed | dinin'-room ?" share o' what it brings.' 'That is true. The informant gets

the rest goes to the government.' 'Then if I enable ye to seize a lot stuff, the share would fa' to me?

'Undoubtedly.' 'Ye'll no object to gie me your hand o' writ on that ?' 'Not at all.'

And as writing material stood upon the table, Dunbar drew them towards him, and gave a written promise to the effect indicated. This Dickson stowed parefully away in his pocket. 'Now, then,' said the supervisor

n air of expectation. 'Weel, sir, I can reveal tae ve stores and concealments o' the two greatest smugglers heresbouts.

'Ah, your master Adamson is of course

'Villain-I always thought he dipped into the rascally business, though we could make out nothing by our visit. The information we got on that occasion

was of course erroneous. comin', and maybe ye may mind that as Ralph, the gamekeeper. ye cam' in at the gate ye passed a row o' dung carts comin' out ?'

'I do remember that,' said the super-

risor, stroking his chin. 'Weel, the last o' the stuff was in the ottom o' thae carts, and if ye had gaen wi them tae the field, where the little gotton a keg aneath every ane."

'Curse his ingenuity !' cried Dunbar. waxing wroth as he saw how he had been to smeek the old fox now. I suppose you mean to point out to us his concealments?

wi' ye. I'll gi'e ye directions for finding them oot versels.

'First and foremost,' resumed Dickbarnyard. The third and sixth stacks be dark ere he came near the vicinity of in the second row frae the outside are hollow in the middle, and if ye pull away the bottom sheafs on the west side, that will let ye in tae the kegs.'

'Good-good! I'll note that. The third and sixth stacks in the second row. Now !'

'Next, gang down the Lowden Shore, an' nearly opposite the landin' place ye'll see a high rock that doesna look different frae ony ither rock, but it is bifferent for a' that. If you climb up tae the top o't ye'll find a hole that gangs doon into it, and gets wider as it gangs doon till it's as big as the hold o' a lugger. There's the best end o'the cargo in it.' While Dickson was speaking, Dunbar was writing as fast as his fingers could fly over the paper.

'Now,' he added looking up. 'That's a' the places whaur ye'll fin' nything,' responded Dickson. 'There's a cave under the 'headland that ye' can get intae wi' a boat, but there's naething in it jist now, unless you like to wait tili the lugger comes in again on Wednesday nicht.

'What lugger?' demanded Dunbar, hastily. 'Not Donaldson's ?' 'Ah, juist Donaldson's.'

'By Jove, that's work for Grahame You are certain she will land on Wednesday night ?'

'I'm cock sure. 'Then I must write off to Grahame at once, and will make Wednesday night the grand night of seizure. If we do it sooner they'll find means to warn Donald-'Eh?—no, I really do not—oh, let me thing he'll come into the net. By jove, the see. Yes, I do know you. I remember Dickson, your information is valuable.

sseing you at Adamson's when we paid If we selse all you speak of your fortune

'More-where ?'

'At Eyemouth.' 'Ah, do you know the secret place there? I'd give almost anything to fish them out, I have been so often baffled in See ye hae. Jessop has dodg

fine style. 'Jessop!' echood Dunbar in astonish ment. 'You don't mean to say that he

'Dis he no? Bless ye, Maister Dun bar, he's the greatest amuggler in Ey

asked the Supervisor, turning again to his notehook 'In secret dungeons under the house

nawered Dickson. 'It's a fact as death. There's a secret

assage up through the arch at the harbor. That's where Donaldson's last cargo gaed.'

the table with a force that made the alone on the tow of Hurker. Sit ye candlestick jump. This was a revelation utterly unexpected by him. He and essop were on friendly-even intimate terms, and he never once suspected him of being engaged in such practice.

'A secret passage, you say,' he excitedly exclaimed. 'How shall we find it 'Do not fear my good fellow,' said the

'Dinna try to find it out at a'. selled Dickson. 'Was ye ever in his big

'Scores of times. 'Weel, close by the side o' the fireone-fourth, the officers one-fourth, and place, at the left hand corner, there is a see a square opening that gangs doon tae tain of what you say? Have you obtainthe dungeons. In that square opening there's an iron frame big enough tae haud four or five folk ; get intae it, and left the handle, and it will convey ye doon amang the kegs. The dungeons are maist fu', for he got in a cargo the ally dropped it.' ither nicht.'

The supervisor's hand actually shook with excitement as he noted down Dickson's last directions. Such a prospect of seizure was beyond his most sanguine dreams, and the vision of fame and substantial reward which it would bring him delivered himself of his budget of infor- his designs on Marion Gilbertson. mation, and stipulated that his share in the business should be kept secret, took tace. 'It will be some hours ere Dunbar his leave, and Dunbar at once sat down and his men come. Can no steps be to concoct measures for procedure on the taken to save you. 'Na, it wasna,' replied Dickson, 'but dolph Grahame—the letter which we your own safety. I will meet the blow Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Stra wherry Majster Adamson is as cunnin' as the lalready know Randolph received, and deil himsel'. He got word that ye were which eventually fell into the hands of

CHAPTER XXV

RALPH'S BETURN - CONSTERNATION AT

'Ralph at last !' exclaimed Enstace, as dung heaps lay on ilka rigg, ye wad hae they sat at dinner in the large under room of the farm house.

They all looked through the window to which Eustace had started forward, done. 'But never mind, if you help us and beheld Ralph coming down the steep road which fronted the dwelling.

Eustace rushed into the passage, the others following, and there they met 'Oh, there's nae need for me to gang Ralph, for he made straight for the front door.

'Your news, Ralph, your news,' cried Eustace, with eager excitement. 'What on, 'there's two concealments in the of Jessie. Where is she? Nothing I hope, has happened to her or the child. 'Jessie is all right,' answered Ralph, but I have important news of another sort. I wish I may be able to bring it out in shipshape fashion as the sailors say. First of all, I have to tell you that I have

just come from Bengarry. 'Bengarry?' exclaimed Eustace, in

imprudent—' 'Wait till you hear, and you won't say o. Jessie and I went direct there from

'Jessie too!' they could not help 'Yes, and the most natural thing for her to do. She is Randolph's wife.

shock through the group of listeners, producing a surprise so great as to keep He told therefore, in as brief a manner as he could find words to express it, the comes and finds the stacks empty and the himself and Jessie at Bengarry—the ter- jove, Eustace, it's a splendid idea." ror and consternation of Randolph, culminated by the sudden appearance of youth. 'I only hope it will be triumph-Jessie behind the screen—the terrible antly accomplished. rage of Mr. Grahame-the shock of apoplexy with which he had been seizedthe hopelessness of his condition-and late to give him warning the desire he had indicated for the prespresenting the letter from Captain Duns- Willy.

Great was the excitement which burst worth trying for.' Willy said not anothforth among the listeners after the siler word, but made instantly for the door, ence produced by their intense surprise when Adamson cried after him—had been over, and Ralph allowed them 'Don't go in by Coldingham,

But I have something more to tell you than that,' he cried, 'and something that wants to be looked after first. And there ain't a minute to lose about it

'What is it?' asked Eustace and Willy n a breath. Something that concerns you, sir,

added Ralph, turning to Mr. Adamson, who had hitherto sat in his chair an interested listener and spectator to the

'Me !' he exclaimed.

'You particularly. Where is Dickson? I did not see him in the field with the

esterday to visit his relations, but will back this afternoon, for we expect to have business on hand tonight.

'I know,' said Ralph, the lugger 'You know that,' exclaimed Ada

with surprise. 'Dickson has gone to see his relations has he? added Ralph, with a significant smile. Then he added, with an emphatic burst of anger, which again roused them. 'The deceitful scoundrel

'Eh? What mean you?' cried farmer, rising involuntarily from his

'He has betrayed you sir,' responded Ralph-'sold you to the excise officers, and Dunbar is coming tonight to seize all you have in your hiding places, while Randolph is to be down with his cutter to capture the lugger.'

Adamson was paralyzed, and could only stand in dumb consternation, staring at the speaker.

'Gracious heaven, Ralph, how have ound brass knob. Press that, and the you learned that ? asked Eustace. 'It muckle grate will swing out, when ye'll is too horrible to be true, Are you cered sufficient proof of it?'

'Proof enough!' shouted Ralph, as he threw on the table a letter he had found in the park, 'There it is; read it. I picked it up after Randolph unintention-

Eustace opened the letter, and hardly knowing what he did, read it aloud The revelation it made was only too complete, and convinced every one, as it had convinced Ralph, of Dickson's perfidy. 'The villain, the double-dyed villain

roared Adamson. 'Oh, the perjured was more than he could contemplate traitor! I know what it is for. It is with equanimity. Dickson having now diabolical revenge for being thwarted in But can nothing be done ?' cried Eus-

forthcoming Wednesday night. His 'Never mind me,' exclaimed Adamson, first care was to write a letter to Ran with generous self-devotion. 'Secure

'Leave you!' cried Eustace. 'Leave Don't wait an hour before buying a your in an emergency like this. Never! bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extrac-'Leave you!' cried Eustace. 'Leave I for one will remain and do my utmost tor. It is safe, punless, prompt in ac-

thus so strangely learned.' strong determination.

'And of course that's the very reason why I travelled in such a hurry,' added Ralph with his usual bluntness. 'The first thing that struck me was that the finding of the letter was a kindness o' Providence meant to enable us to foil their plane

'And we would be both fools and cowards if we make nothing of our advantage, said Eustace warmly. 'Come, Mr. Adamson, every moment is precious. Is nothing possible? Surely some measures may be taken.'

Brave, noble, generous boy! cried Adamson, with deep emotion. We can't save all-that is impossible, but we can perhaps remove what stuff there is on my own premises, and if that is dane I shall escape both fine and imprisonment, for they cannot prove what they seize at Hollow Craig belongs to me. Ah! let me think a few moments, let me think. alarm. 'Have you been there? How We'll save the stuff in the stacks by taking it in carts across the loch, and sinking it there. The kegs in Hollow Craig must be sacrificed, but we'll make some thing of them, too, by a plan which will also baffle Dunbar's greedy hope, and Dickson, teo, for by doing what I have thought of not a farthing of prize money will be realized by either of them. The These last words went like an electric gauger at Cockburnspath is a very decent fellow. I'll send for him and give him information of the stuff being concealed them silent, and to enable Ralph to give in the rock. and by this means I obtain his information without interruption. the informer's share of it. What a sell it would be on the Supervisor when he circumstances attending the arrival of kegs in Hollow Craig already seized. By

'A very master stroke,' returned the

'Poor Jessop,' sighed the farmer, 'must be left to his fate. I fear it is too

'If you can spare me for twa hoors, I'il ence of Eustace-finishing his story by rin doon tae Eyemouth,' exclaimed 'Do so, my boy,' said his uncle. 'It's

'Don't go in by Coldingham, but i

in upon them and interrupted their ex- to carry the news to their friends in the village.' Willy nedded back his appre-hension of this direction, and seizing his Willy nedded back his apprecap from the peg in the lobby, he darted from the house and took the most direct route over the heights towards Eye

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He goes into an office where every-thing is system, order and precision. He is expected to keep things neat and orderly sometimes kindle fires, or do er-rands;—in short to become a part of a nicely regulated machine, where everything moves in systematic grooves, a each one is responsible for correctness in his department, and where in place of ministers to his comfort, he finds taskmasters, more or less lenient to be sure, and everything in marked contrast to his previous life. In many instances the change is too great. Errors become very numerous; blunders overlooked at first get to be a matter of serious moment; then patience is overtaxked, and the boy is told his services are no longer needed. This is the first blow, and sometimes he never rallies from it. Then comes the surprise of the parents, who too often never know the real cause, nor where they failed in the training of their child-

en. What is wanted, is for every boy to have something special to do; to have some duty at a definite hour, and to earn to watch for that time to come; to be answerable for a certain portion of the routine of the household; to be may enter the ranks of business, and be fortified with habits of energy, accuracy, and application, often of more importance than superficial book learning.

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