

SELF-RAISED

BY
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"Well, Miss Claudia, child—I mean my ladyship, ma'am—if this is England, I never want to see it again the longest day as I live."

"Liverpool is not England, Katie." "Live-a-pool, is it?" More like Die-a-pool," grumbled old Katie, as she assisted her lady to change her travelling dress for a loose wrapper.

"Now what have you to eat, my ladyship?"

"Nothing, Katie. I felt as if I could not eat anything cooked in this ill-looking house."

"Nothing to eat. I'll go downstairs and make you some tea and toast myself," said Katie.

And she made good her word by bringing a delicate repast, of which Claudia gratefully partook.

And then Katie, with an old nurse's tenderness, saw her mistress comfortably to bed, and cleared and darkened the room and left her to repose.

But Claudia did not sleep. Her thoughts were too busy with the subject of Lord Vincent's strange conduct from the time that he had at Niagara received those three suspicious letters up to this time, when with his face hid he was walking up and down the streets of Liverpool.

That he sought concealment she felt assured by many circumstances; his coming to this obscure tavern; his choosing to take his meals and smoke his pipe in his bedroom; and his walking out with his face muffled—all of which was in direct antagonism to Lord Vincent's fastidious habits; and finally, his taking a whole carriage in the train for no other purpose than to have himself and his party entirely isolated from their fellow passengers.

Lord Vincent came in early, and, thanks to the narcotic qualities of the ale, he soon fell asleep.

Claudia had scarcely dropped into a doze before, at the dismal hour of three o'clock in the morning, they were roused up to get ready for the train. They made a hurried toilet and ate a hasty breakfast, and then set out for the station.

It was a raw, damp, foggy morning. The atmosphere seemed dense and as white as milk. No one could see a foot in advance. And Claudia wondered how the cabmen managed to get along at all.

They reached the station just as the train was about to start and had barely time to get into the carriage that had been engaged for them before the whistle shrieked and they were off. Fortunately, Frisbie had sent the luggage on in advance and got it ticketed.

The carriage had four back and four front seats. Lord and Lady Vincent occupied two of the back seats and their four servants the front ones. As they went on the fog really seemed to thicken. They travelled slowly and stopped often. And Claudia, in surprise, remarked upon these facts.

"One might as well be in a stage-coach," she commented.

"It is the parliamentary train," he replied.

"I have heard that before; but I do not know what you mean by parliamentary," as applied to railway trains.

"It is the cheap train, the slow train, the people's train; in fact, one that, in addition to first and second class cars, draws behind it an interminable length of rough cars, in which the lower orders travel," said his lordship.

"But why is it called the parliamentary?"

"Because it was instituted by act of parliament for the accommodation of the people, or perhaps because it is so heavy and slow."

On they went, hour after hour, stopping every three or four miles, while the fog seemed still to condense and thicken.

At noon the train reached York, and stopped twenty minutes for luncheon. Lord Vincent did not leave the carriage, but sent his valet out to the station restaurant to procure what was needed for his party. And while all the passengers were hurrying to and fro, and looking in at the carriage, he drew the curtains of his windows, and sat far back in his seat.

Claudia would gladly have left the train and spent the interval in contemplating even if it were only the outside of the ancient cathedral of which she had read and heard so much.

Lord Vincent assured her there was no time to be lost in sight-seeing, but promised that she should visit York at some future period.

And the train started again. They began to leave the fog behind them as they approached the seacoast. They soon came in sight of the North sea, beside which they ran for a hundred miles. Here all was bright and clear. And Claudia for a time forgot all her suspicions and anxieties that disturbed her mind, and with all a stranger's interest gazed on the grandeur of the scenery and dreamed over the associations it awakened.

Here lofty "Seaton-Devala" was pointed out to her. And Timemouth, famed in song for its "haughty prioresse," and "Holy Isle," memorable for the inhumanity of Constantine de Beverly.

At sunset they crossed the Berwick bridge and entered Scotland. Claudia was entirely lost in gazing on the present landscape, and dreaming of its past history. Here the association between scenery and poetry was perfect. Nature is ever young—and this was the very scene and the very hour described in Scott's immortal poem, and as Claudia gazed she murmured the lines:

"Day set on Norham's castled steep, And Tweed's fair river, broad and deep, And Cheviot's mountain lone; The battled towers, the donjon keep, The flanking walls that round it sweep, In yellow lustre shone."

Yes, it was the very scene, viewed at the very hour, just as the poet described it to have been two hundred years before, when

"Marmion, Lord of Pontenave, Of Lutterward and Scrivelghay,

Of Tanworth tower and town," crossed with his knightly train into Scotland. There was the setting sun harnishing the brown tops of the Cheviot hills, gliding the distant ruined towers of Norham castle and lighting up the waters of the Tweed. But there is little time either for observation or dreaming in a railway car.

They stopped but a few minutes at Berwick, and then shot off northward, still keeping near the coast.

Claudia looked out upon the gray North sea, and enjoyed the magnificence of the coast scenery as long as the daylight lasted.

When it was growing dark, Lord Vincent said:

(To be continued.)

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