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NORAH CUSHALEEN

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This was indeed a formidable difficulty, the only solution to which was a faint one offered by Terry, who drew out a stout pocket knife, and this was the only iron instrument they had amongst them, except indeed a very small penknife, which Hargreave possessed, but which was of course useless for the purpose required.

Andrew took Terry's knife into his hand, looked at it, and then looked at the bars, then shook his head. The matter seemed almost hopeless; nevertheless he tried its power on one of the stanchions. The first effect was to bring off a thick cake of rust, beneath which the iron was uncorroded. Andrew kept sawing away for a quarter of an hour, the others standing by waiting impatiently to know the result. He stopped and looked at the bar There was a bright line across it, which the thumbnail could little more than feel; still it was a certain portion of the bar cut, and represented a part—an infintesimal part certainly, but still a part of its whole thickness. Now there would be at least three bars to cut at top and bottom before a space was cleared large enough to admit of them passing through. They all saw that it could be done by patient, laborious, and long-continued exertion.

'Ah! this latter was the most depressing consideration—the length of time it would require to work their way to freedom. Long before the task was accomplished, Mary Kendal might be made the hopeless wife of Malvrin Blantire.—His wife, and yet not his wife, for Norah lived.

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Yet it seemed the only possible chance for them, and, remote though it was, the object to be attained was worth every effort. They therefore resolved to work at the bars on every safe opportunity, each taking his turn at the slow and fatigning process.

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The hours of night was the time when it was safest for the operation, for then they were sure not to be disturbed, and therefore not discovered; still during the day they did not refrain from the all-important effort. When the jailer paid them his daily visits, they were always warned of his approach by the loud noise he made in removing the grating, and before he had time to make his appearance the operator for the time being had quitted the corner and joined the others at the opposite side of the chamber, where all three assumed a listless, languid, and indifferent attitude.

The succeeding days were days of great excitement and suspense. The incision in the bar was making steady progress, but, oh, it was slow and tedious, and Hargreave was in a very fever of anxiety and impatience.

To keep up appearance Andrew pretended to be much concerned, because no answer had come to his letter, and many an arathema did he hurl against his suppositions sister Jenny in the hearing of the jailer, for her dilatoriness in such an important matter.

The suld jad, he would say, I believe she wants me tae be murdered, that she may be the leddy o' Knockwinnock, and then she'll hae nae difficulty in get ting a man, for she'll be nae langer Jenny then but Miss M'Spurtle.

Hargreave and Terry could scarcely maintain their gravity at these well-acted ebullitions of spleen, but Andrew himself delivered them with an air of sincerity which completely deceived the fellow for whose ear they were intended.

And so the time passed feverishly on, each day adding a little to the progress made by the preceding. At the end of six days both ends of the first bar were cut through, and it was removed.

'Six days hard labour,' murmured Hargreave, as he balanced the rusted stanchion in his hand. 'There are two more—twelve days work yet—whole twelve days, and I have been here nearly three weeks. Oh, my Mary, what may not happen thee ere now? 'Ha,' he added, as a sudden idea struck him, and in

noise.
'Hurrah,' said Terry, rather inprudently loud; 'there goes six days into smithereens. At it again sur, and demolish the other six, and out we go to

Hargreave sprang lightly to his feet, and flushed by his success, made an attempt on the other bar, but without the like result. It was very firmly imbedded in the rock both above and below, and all the strength that the youth could put forth failed to move it.

Andrew tried it next, but to no better purpose. Terry followed, but still the bar clung obstinately to its place. The nature of the aperture made it impossible for two to pull at once.

'Faix, yer honour,' said Terry ceasing his exertions when he had got very red in the face, 'the last six doesn't seem inclined to go into smithereens bad manners to it.'

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'No,' returned Hargreave with a sigh,
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Making up their minds for what was inevitable, they set to work again, and wrought with untiring zeal at the last bar, their excitement and anxiety becoming graiter as the prospect of liberty drew nearer. The stanchion must have been thicker and harder than the other, for though they increased their efforts it was not nearly through by the afternoon of the twelfth day.

Andrew had just sat down after doing his spell of work, and was gently rubbing at his aching wrist and cramped fingers, when he suddenly exclaimed—

Help us, we are a' daft!

'Holy Virgin, is it thrue?' ejaculated? Terry, dropping the knife. and placing his hand to his head.

'Deed it's true,' said Andrew. 'Here we are working like slaves when we might be at liberty. If the bar couldnabe wrenched awa' afore we commenced

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