

The Foster Brother;

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER I.

THE PAINTING—THE ARTIST AND HIS WIFE—THE STORM—THE DRIFTING SHIP.

The night was intensely dark, for, besides being moonless, the sky was overcast by masses of black clouds, which rolled in quick succession from west to east, their rugged edges opening occasionally for a moment to show, as they again closed over the stars, how madly they were rushing along. On the highest point of the Little Cambrae the steady gleam from the lighthouse showed through the gloom, for at that time the erection was not as it now is, on the northwest corner of the island, but perched on the top, where its disused tower still remains. This distant, steady gleam was all that broke the immensity of blackness which stretched on every hand, concealing the tempest-tossed sea, whose state of fearful disturbance was only too well told by the dashing roar of the waves as they broke in thunder on the rocks, and by the spray which flew in fitful clouds far up the heights.

Kenneth knew well in what direction the "Wreckers" lay—for the rocks which had received this significant appellation were those which appeared in the foreground of his picture, and with their position and conformation he was thoroughly acquainted. They formed a little island of savage ruggedness little more than half a mile from the land, and in the daytime could be seen from where Kenneth stood with perfect distinctness. On all sides, but chiefly seaward, they presented sharp jagged edges, over which in a storm the sea broke in whitish foam, and in a manner which showed that any unfortunate vessel which struck there would be battered to pieces. So hopeless was any chance of escape, and so often in the course of the century had ships been lost at the spot, that the rocks had come to pass under this ominous name of the Wreckers, and sailors never failed to give them a wide berth when making for the Clyde before a west wind.

Towards this spot, then, Kenneth directed his gaze starting, though vainly, to pierce the gloom and discern the form of the drifting ship. If she was near the spot she showed no light—perhaps the wind or the breaking seas had quenched it. There were lights on the beach, carried in the hands of some of those who had congregated there, and these were moved to and fro as steering signals, but surely with but the faintest hope that the approaching vessel could in such a storm have her course directed by those who navigated her. Still these anxious-hearted fishermen were doing all they could in the way of aid, and they waited there with trembling, beating hearts to learn the issue.

Suddenly, and at the moment Lucy emerged from the cottage wrapped for the walk, a vivid flame shot through the darkness in the very direction where Kenneth was gazing, and the report of a heavy gun was borne to the land. Almost at the same instant a blue light burst up with a great power of illumination, revealing the hull and rigging of the ship, on the prow of which it was placed. For many moments it burned with great intensity, and while the strong light lasted the size and shape and rig of the ship could be seen with startling distinctness.

She was a large vessel, with her sails all torn away. Shelay deep in the water, as if laden with a heavy cargo; and most thrilling sight of all—several forms could be descried on deck clinging to the bulwark and lashed to the masts.

The sight was of but brief duration, for very soon the blue flame went out, and the ship was swallowed up by the darkness. But it was a sight which those who beheld it would never forget—not even the youngest of them, whose memory it would haunt through all their after years.

To those on board as well as to those on shore it must have given a revelation of despair, for it showed the ship to be driving straight against the fatal rocks, up whose black sides the white waves were lashing. In a few minutes it must inevitably strike, and as inevitably be dashed to pieces.

The loud cry of agonizing pity which burst from Lucy's lips when the harrowing sight was presented brought Kenneth to her side, and as he caught her in his arms she clung to him and sobbed hysterically.

"Return into the house, my darling," he cried, as firmly he held her. "This is no scene for you; return, return."

"Oh, no, no," she wailed. "Let us go to the beach. Perchance something may be done to save their lives. Oh, God, pity and secure them!"

"Amen!" groaned Kenneth in response, for he saw that human help could not reach the sufferers. Between the shore and the rocks was nearly a mile of foaming water in which no boat could live. The most courageous would not dream of venturing forth to the assistance of those in jeopardy; and where they had they the slightest prospect of escape.

Seeing that Lucy was resolute in her determination to accompany him to the beach, Kenneth offered no further opposition, but drawing her arm firmly within his arm, they passed down the garden path, and crossing the high road, struck into a winding footpath which, connected to the shore, where the lights were still moving, and where, as they drew near, they saw women rushing about bringing their hands and uttering wild cries of lamentation.

Another wonder of the world.—The Bay Verte Canal, connecting the Bay of Fundy with the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is going to be a big job, and one of a perfectly unique character. Looking at the narrow neck of land, it is easy to say a canal ought to be made, and must be made there, but the more you consider the task the more difficult it appears. Engineers when asked for their opinion shrug their shoulders, and turn away. The tide rises 47 feet in the Bay of Fundy, and how to regulate such a rise and fall of water at the mouth of a Canal so as to allow of navigation, is the question. Some think the only way would be to open the canal and see how the tide would work without locks or flood-gates. If this is tried and the bottom is not rocky, the immense volume of water rushing through will soon open a large permanent channel, and the tides both in the Bay and Gulf will be affected.

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