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## Out of the Darkness

"I think you might have written and explained matters a little," began the vicar in a slightly aggrieved tone. "You might have understood that it was impossible for us not to feel anxious."

"I should certainly have written if I had had any good tidings to communicate."

"Ah! that was just what Mary said. Some of us were flattered ourselves that no news were good news; but she would have nothing to say to such lying prophets."

"Mary was perfectly right."

"Then the vicar remained silent."

"I thought you would understand how it was, Austin."

"Well, perhaps I did; but one cannot help being like Pandora's box; and having a little bit of hope at the bottom."

"Ah, that was just my case."

"Do you mean to say," began the

vicar again, after a pause, and letting his knife fall heavily from his hand—"do you mean to say that she has willed away all that property?"

"Every penny."

"That she has left you literally nothing?"

"Nothing at all, Austin."

"Good heavens! What injustice! Not to any of us—not even to Garton?"

"Certainly not to Garton. I was not aware that you expected a reversal in your own favor."

"To tell you the truth, Robert, I have got quite as much as I expected."

"What! her better than any of you. Perhaps, as I said before, I had a lurking hope that it might be found that she had remembered one of us at the last; but I was never so sanguine as you were."

"I always told myself that I had no hope at all."

"Oh, but you had—one could see it in your face. You were too much excited; you looked a different man that morning when you started. I took myself to task afterward that I had not given you a word of warning."

"I do think I needed the warning, Austin."

"But I should have given it to you all the same; and I feel now as though some such word of consolation is due from me, but for the life of me I hardly know how to say it."

"I think you may reserve it, as we are all fellow-sufferers."

"Yes, but then the cases differ. My injuries are the same, certainly; but then I did not permit myself to hope. I knew that there would be no absolving of such an offense as I had committed; but with you it was otherwise."

"I suppose I may be considered the chief mourner?" But the vicar was too much in earnest to comprehend the bitter joke.

"Oh, as to that, there was not much love lost on either side; but I must say that I think you have been shamefully used, Robert." Then Mary got up and came round to her husband.

"Mary thinks that you deserve equal pity," observed Robert, on whom this little by-play was not lost.

"No, she cannot think that."

"Oh, but I do, Austin! I think you made quite as great a sacrifice for me as ever Robert did for Belle. And there is something else that I think—"

"What is that, dear?"

"I think you are both so good and noble that all this loss will be made up to you. I am not a bit afraid of poverty for you, Austin; and were you ten times poorer I would not change my opinion, that I am the happiest woman in the world." No wonder that the vicar felt himself comforted.

"You forget, Mary, that Belle is not equally fortunate," said Robert, still more bitterly. "Remember she has been the comfort of feeling that she's bearing poverty for my sake."

"Ah! I see what you mean."

"I think Austin is lucky in having such a wife; in my opinion he is scarcely to be pitied."

"That is just what I think," interrupted the vicar, with a proud look at his Mary.

"Of course, he has been injured; but then it is the duty of his cloth to forgive all such injury. He has certainly many mouths to feed, but as yet there has been no difficulty in feeding them."

"Mary and I know better than that," replied Austin. "But you are right, Robert; somehow, in one's needs, one always finds the stone rolled away at the right moment."

"Yes, and then you have the happiness of doing the day's work together. I think you will allow that our case is somewhat different."

"Belle is not a bit afraid of poverty, either, take my word for it," exclaimed Mrs. Ord. Then Belle looked up and made a sign for her sister to be silent.

"I am not going to try her courage just yet, Mary. We have been engaged for more than four years now; and, as far as I can see, we shall have four more to wait."

"Oh, I hope not."

"What is to prevent it? Sometimes I think we shall never be married."

"Then Mary saw that Belle gave a long shiver."

"I declare that I am getting quite desperate," Austin knows that I am. And to think that only a designing girl stands between me and my happiness!" And Robert Ord's face darkened as he remembered that interview in Eglstone Abbey.

"My dear Robert, I do not understand you. I thought all the money had gone to some hospital or other?"

"No; I have kept back that part of the last. Don't go away, Garton; the story is too good to be lost. I think you ought all to know what sort of a neighbor we are going to have at Bryn." And then, as they pressed around him, he told them of his talk with Mr. Tracy.

"A designing woman, indeed!" exclaimed Mary, who was rather given to a little rash in her judgment.

"What do you think of that, Austin?" asked Garton. He had never ceased for one moment to rock himself slowly during the conversation, and as he asked the question his teeth quite gleamed from under his slight mustache. But the vicar made no answer.

"Did you accuse her to her face?"

asked Belle, whose indignation was stronger than Mary's.

"Well, not at first." And then he went on to tell them about the thunderstorm and the strange meeting in the ruined abbey, and how the accusation had been drawn from him; and after that Mary again gave it as her opinion that Miss Maturin must be a very designing person.

"No wonder she was afraid when she met you in the castle garden, Robert."

"Yes, and to think that I was fool enough to pity her; and then there was that want of anger on her part that was enough to excite any man's suspicion."

"She would certainly have defended herself if she had been innocent—do you not think so, Austin?" But the vicar was again silent; he had left his chair and was walking up and down the room with heavy footsteps; it seemed as though he hardly dared trust himself to speak.

"Yes, of course, she would, Robert. I cannot think how you could have been so forbearing."

"Well, I do not know myself, Mary. There was something about her that, in spite of her sin, almost disarmed anger; she looked so wretchedly unhappy."

"I am glad of it; she will find that her ill-gotten riches will only bring misery to her after all. I declare I can hardly believe in such duplicity and double-dealing."

"My dear!" The rebuke came from her husband.

"Let me speak, Austin. I don't wonder at all now that Robert should have felt it so bitterly; it makes it almost unbearable for him and me to have the thought so."

"What has Belle got to do with it? It is all the same to her whether the money goes to a hospital or to Miss Maturin."

"No, not quite, Austin."

"Isn't it, Belle? Well, I should have thought so." And then the vicar resumed his walk.

"And what makes it worse for us all is that she is coming to Bryn." And Mary, who had been rather chilled by her husband's last words, roused herself again to renewed anger. "I cannot imagine how she can have the boldness to show her face among us."

"That is just my feeling," argued Belle.

"She will be visiting the cottages, and putting down her name in the list of charities. Those sort of people always do."

"Very probably, my dear."

"And she will waylay you and pretend to be interested in the schools, and play at being Lady Bountiful; and perhaps even she will come to you for advice, Austin!" And Mrs. Ord opened her eyes very widely.

"Perhaps she will, Mary; and then certainly I shall give it her. I think I can promise you that it will be sound wholesome advice."

"Oh, Austin, you are not joking?"

"No, indeed; I was never more serious in my life."

"Austin has some crochets in his head. I should not be surprised if he is going to prove to us that we are all wrong in our judgment."

"Well, I must say that I do think you are a little too hard on Miss Maturin."

"There! I told you so," returned Garton triumphantly.

"No, no, Garton, don't misunderstand me. Robert looks quite troubled enough without that. I am not at all disposed to be too charitable in my estimate of this young lady. I think it quite possible that Robert's opinion may be right."

"Of course, it is right."

"Yes, it is quite possible; he is generally tolerably correct in his surmises about people; but it is not fair to condemn wholly on circumstantial evidence. I do not think you need treat her as though she were quite a pariah, Mary."

"Now, Austin!"

"Robert may be mistaken, you know."

"Oh, I don't think that at all likely."

"Well, I do not know. Mr. Tracy is as shrewd an observer of human nature as Robert, and you see he defended her."

"Mr. Tracy is an old fool, who is talked over by any soft-spoken woman who likes to take the trouble," interrupted Robert wrathfully.

"Well, he may be, but still he is a clever lawyer, and he was loath to cast the first stone, you see. I say again that we ought not to condemn her entirely on circumstantial evidence."

"I shall hold my own opinion, Austin."

"Well, so shall I, and you see I am disposed to agree with you; but here is Mary talking as though she can say her prayers in the same church with her."

"That is because she takes my view of the subject."

"I do not believe any of us differ from you, Robert; but I can't say I am much struck by either your or Mary's Christian feeling."

"Please don't get up in the pulpit, Austin."

[To be Continued.]

## Cost of Pumping Water Would Be Prohibitive

People Would Not Pay For Street-Watering if No. 3 Sought an Independent Supply.

A report submitted to No. 3 committee last night by City Engineer Graydon, re the cost of street watering, shows that if the committee attempted to secure its own water supply, the cost to the people would be prohibitive. Mr. Graydon says that the ratepayers would have to pay eight or nine cents a foot frontage to have the street in front of their premises watered, and he declares that if he took into consideration the statements of men who in the past have been street watering contractors, the cost would be eleven or twelve cents a foot.

Chairman Gillean had the report prepared to show that it is impossible for the committee to go into the water supply business, and that it is the duty of the water commissioners to supply the city with water for street watering.

The committee discussed the report for some time. The water commissioners told us we could get all the water we needed for an expenditure of \$10,000," said Ald. Booth.

"That's why I had this report prepared," Chairman Gillean explained. "I want the people to know just where we are at in this matter. We are prepared to go ahead and water the streets at the same cost as in former years, if the water commissioners will get the water for us. But the people would never consent to pay 8 or 10 cents a foot for watering."

The Report.

Mr. Graydon's report was as follows: Chairman and members of No. 3 committee:

Dear Sirs:—The chairman has directed me to make a report on the water commissioners' proposal that the city can get water from the river for street watering purposes. The proposition, though quite feasible, is to the detriment of the city, inasmuch as the cost of last year 22 miles of streets were watered, using from about 350,000 gallons to 400,000 gallons per day.

The street watering extension, east on Dundas street from the water works, on the Hamilton road to Egerton street, on the north it extended as far as Louisa street, and on the south on Wellington street to the river. In London street it extended as far south as Wharncliffe road and Elmwood avenue.

We use about 650 carts of water per day, and a two-horse water cart will cover about three-quarters of a block.

As to Supply.

You could use the well at the London Show Case Company, which is equipped with pump and power, for the northeast section, by laying a pipe from the well to the fair grounds and erecting a tank there. The tank would cost about \$500. The 4-inch pipe, laid 12 inches below the surface, would cost you \$1,250, and the cost of the water pumped to the tank, about \$5 per day. This would supply an area west as far as Adelaide, and all the portion north of York street, but you will readily understand that in this area and at the other areas hereafter mentioned, the carts will have to traverse anywhere from five to ten blocks or more, empty, to get to the loading point, and then cover the same distance loaded (with three tons of water) get to the block to be watered, and in consequence your contract prices would be 50 to 100 per cent greater than last year, and very much inferior watering done.

The southeast portion, from, say William street east, would have to be supplied from the south branch of the river, say at Adelaide street. A pump, gasoline engine, and rough building and piping, would cost about \$1,500, and about \$2 per day to operate.

There is an empty new main on King street from Ridout street to Wellington, that could be used for another portion. You would require about 800 feet of 4-inch pipe, laid at a cost of \$2,000, and a pumping station would cost \$1,500, and operating \$3 per day.

For the north end, say at Oxford street, you would require a pumping station, costing \$1,500, and about \$3 per day for pipe, and \$3 per day for operating the water from William street, west to Clarence street, and from York street south to the river—say \$1,900.

Summary of Cost.

Pumping station at fair grounds	\$ 1,500
Pumping station at Adelaide	1,500
Pumping station at Wellington	1,500
Pumping station at King	1,500
Pumping station at Oxford	2,000
Pumping station at South London	1,900
Operating expenses, 120 days at \$18	2,160
Contracts, say	9,000
Two Inspectors	250
Repairs to carts	200
Hose	200
One new cart	250
Total	\$23,760

Price is Prohibitive.

I have spoken to some of the watering contractors who have had the contracts for the past ten years, and they say it would take two teams for every one now in use, and that they could not water as much street, even with twice as many teams, as they could from hydrants, and say they do not think they would tender under such circumstances.

At the figures I submit the watering would cost \$8 to 9 cents per foot. If the contractors' statements are correct it will cost a great deal more, say 11 to 12 cents.

I would recommend that instead of going to any such great expense, the greater part of which you would never realize on, that you purchase a sanitary street flusher, at a cost of about \$1,300, which I feel certain would give the council and citizens great satisfaction. I would also recommend your acceptance of "Westminster" offer of \$400 for a mile of pavement, as a test.

Wants a Flusher.

The committee acted on the recommendation that a sanitary street flusher be purchased, and decided to place half of the cost of a flusher

(\$700) in its estimates, for the purpose, provided No. 2 committee agrees to pay the other half. It was said by the engineer that the flusher will save the cost of two sweepings of pavements a week.

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