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ways are not our ways, neither His thoughts our thoughts, yet will we trust Him though He slay us." "Know you aught of this woman?" I

"I know what all men know," he ans wered. "I know that she was on her way to Bedford to visit her father, who is a man of substance in Bedford, as well as in London, and that while coming hither she was taken by the minions Monk, and dragged to gaol."

"From whence did she come?" "From the south, somewhere." "But had she no protector?"

"She had none. She was taken during the night.' "But surely she could not travel from the south on foot."

'Nay, she rode a good horse."

I wanted to ask other questions, but I was afraid, for I knew not wno the man was, and I dared not trust him so far as to lead him to think I knew anything

you are mistaken in believing that a war-rant is out against her father. It is not true. It hath been proved that Master Leslie had neither part nor lot in the at-tempt to murder Monk, and in proof of my words he may be seen in Bedford town, although in sore grief that his daughter is now awaiting such a fearful

"But he would have sheltered her, ay, and have sought to hide her, had she reached his house," I said.

"Did not the early Christians hide each other in Rome?" he asked. "And did not men hide their faithful friends in the time of Mary?'

"But they were innocent?" "And is not she innocent?"

At this I did not speak, although there seemed but little doubt, as I gathered from

seemed, too busy in supplying drink to those who came hither to drink the king's health to be able to care aught for the needs of a traveler such as myself. At length, however, I obtained some boiled beef and bread, and with this I had to be careful a contract of the super thereof is as severe as an oyster. Men have won-is as severe as an oyster. Men have won-

Little notice was taken of my coming, until it became known that I had come from London town, after which I became until it became known that I had come from London town, after which I became a person of great importance, and was plied with many questions. These I ans-plied with many questions. These I ans-wered freely enough. First because juy answer could arouse no suspicion, and second because I thought I should there-by lead my questioners to talk about the second because I thought I should there-by lead my questioners to talk about the woman who was imprisoned at Bedford Gaol. In this I found I had conjectured rightly, and when, presently, I found that one of those who talked with me was no less a person than the governor of the gaol, I rejoiced greatly that I had not accepted the hospitality of Master John Bunvan.

Know you aught of her, young mas-ter?" "Ah, but it is a feather in my cap," said this man whose name I found to be John Sturgeon, "and I doubt not that been seen not twenty miles from where the king landed but yesterday." "Ay, poor child, I fear me that this led her to think she would be safe here. For you are mistaken in believing that a war-rant is out against her father. It is not from any one. "And how may that be, Master Stur-

"And how may that be, Master Stur-geon?" I said. "Think you the king will have so little to do when he arrives at Whitehall that he will pay heed to the Whitehall that for what you have called a imprisonment of what you have called a not?"

 Imprisonment of what you have called a Tay, mar me cut, I repear. They are not, My news seemed to startle him so that you have not lived in London, his voice lost some of its thickness, and live to go under the piper seemes. They are the use of the provide seemed to the pr mouth to mouth, and a word from me will in time to come weigh much with him." even as others had, and if so, there was little fear of being disturbed. I saw that Master Sturgeon was re think you? As a witch? Nay, but as a saucy young spingald. Moreover, she car-ried things with a high hand, and threat-emed Jonathan Wild, the biggest constable in Bedford, to horsewhip him. But her voice betrayed her, for one of the men, although she hath lived much in London, him." "Your name, worshipful master, what might your name be?" "As I said before, a man doth not by this time the liquor had got too strong "As I said before, a man doth not by this time the induor had got too should shout his name to the people when he hath important affairs to perform," I re-plied. "If there is aught I can do for you, young master," he said, "say the word and John Sturgeon is at your command." The here is a perform and the same induor had got too should in his chair, and I saw that he had great difficulty in keeping his film-covered eyes open. A few minutes later he was fast askeep, and I was in Bedford Gaol withand is but little known in Bedford, recognized her face in the moonlight, and then having suspicions, pulled off her headgear, whereupon her hair fell down her back." At this there was much laughter, and many coarse jests. "Ah, well," went on Master Sturgeon, "I never did like Master Leslie, for he sent many a good fellow to Bedford Goal, I had measured my man rightly. Vain as a peacock when sober, and a tool in the bargain when his brains were muddled by Taking the key he had indicated from as a peacock when sober, and a tool in the bargain when his brains were muddled by drink, I saw that I could work my will with him if I played my game care fully. We were passing by a gloomy building as we spoke, and he noted my interest in it. "The gaol, young master the gaol. Would you like to see it? Tomorrow I will be at your service, and I will show you, ay, I will show you the beauteous duughter simply because they were not straight-laced Puritans, like himself. Things are changed now, and mayhap that I shall have even him under lock and key." "How did she get her horse and her atis much devilar, whether it be drunk at The Bull or elsewhere. Byen the osters therefore I fear you will have to groom be dety our horse yourself, As for be debe obtain it. I will else and mayhap the king who lores a prive therefore I fear you will have to groom be dety our horse yourself. As for be able to obtain it. I will else and wind be trial." Although much more was said, there was little of importance; moreover, I the group and fear you will not any not need to the woman whole the trial." Although much more was said, there was little of importance; moreover, I the group and fear you will not any not need to the woman whole the trial." Although much more was said, there was little of importance; moreover, I the load to the woman whole the desting to the trial." Although much more was said, there was little of importance; moreover, I then I doubt much if Ganeser there is due the fing op any not need to the woman whole the did the fing of comment on a back you may see for yourself, and then I doubt much if Ganeser there is any not heed to the woman whole the of General Monk, you to Sir Charles Demann though the might on a bore your good nature; all the summer of your good mature; all the "Thank you, good riferd, I had to take wer. "I trust I may not need to take advantage of your good nature; all the same I am grateful to you, and would like the same I am grateful to you, and would like able to carry more drink than any man in able to carry more drink than any man in "Then would I visit the gaol, and see this woman before I go to bed tonight," I made answer. Bedford, nevertheless I saw that he stag-I saw that my request had startled him. gered somewhat on leaving the inn. As he put on his hat a plan was suddenly Perhaps doubts came into his mind con-cerning my request. Perhaps never in his born in my mind, and without weighing its value I followed him into the street, Mostly the people under his care would be thieving vagrants, or perhaps occadetermining to make my first attempt that very night to obtain the liberty of the woman into whose company I had been "That is the work to which I am called," he replied, "and God hath so been able to point a great multitude to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." We presently passed by a low-pitched me not one whit. My heart stargeon had walked but a few steps when I came to his side. "I am a stranger in Bedford, Master Sturgeon," I said, "therefore the company is a well-known man as yourself is of such a well-known we want who was accused of trying to murder General Monk. will e'en walk a little way with you." "Ah, it is you, Master Stranger?" he made answer, "and you have seen I am a man of no mean import in the town? I do not know why it was, but although my father had not juffing and reverse last operational provide and in the town? if the growards the Dissenters, I felt projudice carainst line. I determined therefore that nothing should induce me to sleep at an house, and when we presently reaches the town of the town? The Ball, and I found the place given over to drinking and revery even as he had use to the town of the town? "Methinsk we shall meet again, young "God hat a purpose in bringing people together, and although when I wend at the way in this drag him down, and the way to Goodhads, which is the the termine that I should meet you, yet I believe God had, a purpose in k, for truly I can see that thu at not far form the sain be some there seemes as the way to Goodhads, which is the the taken of the family liked the place. And the taken of the family liked the place. May the the sain the Ah, well, you are a young man of pene-

"As to that I know not, for, as I have been composed about the coming of the said, he lived much in London, and was great friends with old Noll. But when still were shouting in their drunken revhe did come here, he showed what a elry; but here all was as still as death. rong Puritan he was, going sometimes saw that Master Sturgeon spoke truly hear the tinker, and at others to hear when he said the strong ale had got into strong Puritan he was, going sometimes Master Gaystone, who is as great a Pres-byterian as ever lived. Would you mind taking my arm, young master? My head "You will speak well of me to the king, is clear enough, but I seem to see the road young master," I heard him mumble; "ay and you ought, for there is not in all the

rising up before me.' I took his arm, and confinued to ply

him with questions, for though he stam-mered and hiccuped much, he seemed de-"There be many things known only to God," he replied solemnly, "and God's ways are not our ways, neither His

be content, and after partaking thereof, I found my way into a room where I was told the people of quality had congre-look upon should have married him; but health?" I made answer. "Right? ay, that it is. Besides, no man can tell what a woman will do.'

night, having affairs of importance to transact." another drink. "A man may

act, as a rule, to repeat a woman's pray- presence." ers, yet because it may show that I had reason for believing in the woman's innocence in spite of all that had been said to her discredit, I will even do so. For the woman was praying. "Great Judge of men," she said, "Thou

who art God over all, and hast in all king's realm a more zealous subject of His Majesty. God save the King!" "How many gaolers have you here?" I condition. Thus because Thou under-standest all things I come to Thee with nfidence. Be pleased to set at nought the cunning devices of men, and even as the doors of the prison were thrown open to the Apostles of old time, be pleased to open the doors of my prison. But if it is Thy will that I should suffer, help me to deport myself even as one who trusts in Thy mercy through the merits of Christ, who died for the world." At difficult and the point of speaking; but no word trusts in Thy mercy through the merits of Christ, who died for the world." At difficult and the point of speaking; but no word scaped her lips. "And did Sir Charles Denman accom-any you?" I said. "No," she replied, and there was, as "And is it not right to drink the king's

At this there was a silence, and after waiting a moment I made a slight noise of ale would make me awake again. Well thought of." Without even stopping to lock the doo door, so that she might be prepared for my coming. Then I put my lips to the keyhole, and spoke. "Be silent and fear mot," I said in a whisper. "Who is there?" I heard her say.

"A friend," I replied, "be not afraid." Upon this I put the key in the door, and to my delight it opened wide. A moment later I stood within the woman's prison house.

Dim as was the light of the candle, for a moment it dazzled her eyes, so that she could not see plainly, but ere long she made out who I was, and then I saw that she was overcome with astonish "Master Rashcliffe!" she said in a frigh-

tened whisper. "Yes," I made answer. "How came you here?"

"To deiver you mere:" "To deiver you-if I can." For a moment she seemed too over-whelmed for further speech, but present ly I saw that she conquered her aston-

is instant she conquered her aston-issiment, and I thought I saw that half-angry, half-defiant look which I had de tected when I first overbook her on the road outside Folkstone. but that ale is good; I will e'en have "Do you know you run great danger?"

A minute after he sat down in an armchair which stood close to the open fire presence seemed to make me slow of

king or no king," he went on with sleepy

Some were singing the songs which had heard, for although I deem it an ill-judged and even my father will not know of my "I hope no offence, young master," "You have trusty servants, and there are secret places at Goodlands," I said. She gave me a glance which made my heart 'burn, although I knew not why.

"But for an accident I should have taken refuge there," she said. "While I was at Pycroft it was given out that I had been a drunken

ince, be pleased to deliver me. For 1 made my way to Dokring, where I made my way to Dokres, where I made my way to Dokring, w reach my father's house." "But how did you do this?"

"I have many friends." "But why did you make yourself known at Dorking?"

"No," she replied, and there was, as I thought, anger in her tones. "No, he did not.

Why it was I did not know, but I rejoiced at this. "And you do not know where he is now?'

"No, I do not know," she answered. She paused a moment, and although it was a joy beyond the stelling to be with her and hear her speak, it came to me that not a moment was to be lost if I was to lead her to liberty.

CHAPTER XVI.

"There is no time for further questioning," I said, "even although there are many things I would ask you," and then in a few words I told her how I had been panion. "I hope

while I spoke to her concerning this, not would I have escaped two days ago. even to ask a question; nevertheless what

I said convinced her that never again would she have such a favorable oppor-

tunity of escaping, so without any ado we she answered. found our way outside the goal without a

"Do you know you run great danger?" he asked. "Perhaps," I replied, for somehow her

we got outside the prison gates without so much as a single word spoken to us. "And where go we now-Lady Den

recognized in the neighborhood, and en- could distinguish between a drunken deavours were made to capture me. So I brawler and a man of quality.

though there is much license at such a time, yet for the good name of the town I must e'en do my duty." "Ay, I see that, and I will at the first

opportunity I have tell Sir William what

should have hastened, but my companion pressed my arm, and bade me in a whisper

to go slowly. I heard the two men talking together, as though they doubted who we were, but presently they decided to go on their way, and great was my delight as I heard their retreating footsteps. A minute later we reached the river, which was crossed by means of a roughly built bridge. I noted that the river ran slowly here, and was perchance a little more than forty yards wide. On our left

was a dark building, which looked grim and forbidding, standing as it did upon

"That is the town gaol," said my comin a few words I told her how I had been panion. "I hoped when I was taken that able to come thither. She said no word I should have been imprisoned there. Then

"How?" I asked. "I would have crept out by one of the windows, and swam across the river,'

"But how could you have crept out by the windows?"

"There are those within that gaol who would do aught for me" she answered. This she said as we crossed the bridge, eagerly looking around her as she spoke. We still kept straight on perhaps a hundred yards or more when she sudden-

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a bottle and it did her so much good that I got another bottle and by the time it was finished she was completely ured. As for myself, it has saved me from inflammation of the bowels several times. I always keep a bottle in the house and cannot recommend it too highly."

"I finally decided to try Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry. I procured

the time. The doctor gave her up; in fac, I did so myself.

the words spoken to the king that proofs

of her guilt were unanswerable. "Nevertheless," he went on, "although Master John Leslie is a man of station and wealth, he has been much insulted these last three days. Men wag their heads as he passes by, especially those who are godless, and rejoice because they believe the coming of the king will mean godlessness and heentiousness. Ay, and whatever be the state of things in London, it seems as though the devil is un chained. Drunkenness and vice walk naked and not ashamed, while many who I thought were founded in the faith have joined the hosts of those who love not the Lord."

By this time we had entered the town, and I began to look around me for some inn where I could find fodder for my horse and a supper for myself. "Stay you long in Bedford, young mas-

ter? "I hope my stay may be brief," I replied. "Will you show me to the best inn the town affords?"

"The place least free from reproach, and where men of standing gather is The Bull," he replied, "but me thinks even that will scarce be a fitting place tonight for a well-behaved youth, as you seem

to know the name of one who hath proffered such kindness." "My name is John Bunyan," he re-

plied, "and I minister to God's people in this town.' "You are then an Independent preach-

er?" I asked. "That is the work to which I am

"and if you are here next Lord's Day I shall be glad to see you, so that you may hear the Word of Life."

I do not know why it was, but although my father had not influenced me to lean either towards the Episcopal Church or

Kingdom." It was some time before I was able to obtain an other to feed and groom my horse; at length, however, I succeeded in but his wife and children considered them-

obtain an ostler to feed and groom my horse; at length, however, I succeeded in so doing by the promise of extra pay-ment, and then having satisfied myself on this score, I found my way to the Inn sgain, in the hope of supper. But in this is over the bath." it over people who have made the town, but his wife and children considered them-but his wife and children considered them-so doing by the promise of extra pay-ment, and then having satisfied myself on the ?? it over people who have made the town, but his wife and children considered them-solution is wife and children considered them-selves too high and mighty to come." "Master Leslie hath other children, then?" it over people who have made the town, the building. "Master Leslie hath other children, then?" it will write down what I it will not matter; I shall be safe there,

if it please you, young master," he said presently, and I could see that his judg-ment, muddled as it was by drink, was still sufficiently clear to know that my request was not unaccompanied by danger to him

you when we stood together outside Py-croft Hall," she said quietly. "You know of whalt I am accused now?" "Yes." "And you believe it?" "I believe nothing unworthy of you." "But you have heard of the proofs." "Ay, I have heard; but I know nought

led me no longer. The madness of this seeking out a woman of whom I knew so little troubled me not one whit. My heart "You know the meaning of what I told

ated in order to show forth the king's clemency. At the second door I stopped and lis-tened. All was silent as death. Not a sound was heard in the whole dark gloomy building. Even the noise of the revelers from the outside did not reach me here. I did not stop to consider the danger of carrying out the plan that had been born in my mind. I did not consider that if I was caught in the act of seeking to liberate Constance Denman my own liberty would be at stake. I was simply filled with an eager desire to look on her face again, to hear her voice, and to give her liberty. All the fears and doubts which haunted me through the day troub-led me no longer. The madness of this seeking out a woman of whom I knew so

this woman with such a beauteous face was capable of deeds of daring and sacri-asked.

was capable of deeds of daring and sacra-fice. That Joan of Are, the story of whose deeds had so inspired my imagina-tion, years before, was not capable of greater daring than she, and that this wo-town clerk. Now tell me who you are."

my lot to do. I saw now what the man at the inn had meant when he said she ober as the inn had meant when he said she ober a beauy such as I had never seen belore. And yet she was different from the beaus supties of Charles' Court, concerning whom I his his the beauty of a woman who I felt was as the beauty of a woman who I felt was as the eyes of foolish boyhood. Yet alter though many years have passed since then, and although many years have passed since then, and although many harsh judgments have been formed concerning the deed of which but but work and all the innocence of the super link.
mush Her eyes had all the innocence of the super link and all the innocence of the link and all the innocence of the link and the bridge shall be less likely to the super link and all the innocence of the link and the bridge shall be less likely to the super link and the link and the bridge shall be less likely to the super link and the she was accused, I hold fast to what I say. Her eyes had all the innocence of the eyes of a child. Her face was as free from marks of passion and guilt as were the faces of which artists dreamt when they painted pictures of the Mother of Christ. Nevertheless, hers was not the face of a child. It was strong and resolute. There was neither fear nor shunking in her saze

"Constance," she said, "cal me Mistress Constance. Nay, you have doe nought to make me angry. Hark! what's that?" (To be continued

was neither fear nor shunking in her gaze as she turned her eyes to my face. Won-der there was, even amounting to astonas she turned her eyes to my face. We have been as she turned her eyes to my face. We have been able to aston-ishment, but there was more. I saw that ple of authority. "Who are you and where go you?" one

"Who are you and where go you?" I re-

town clerk. Now tell me who you are." "Sir William Bilton is the chief man

in Bedford," said my companion in

whisper. I caught her meaning, and spoke so

oudly as I dared. "If a guest of Sir Wil-

liam Bilton may not walk through the town to see how it behaves on the day

when the King arrives in London without being stopped by the town clerk, it is passing strange," I answered. "Moreover,

I will see to it that he knows concernia

the matter." The man's tone changed in a moment

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