

-OR-The Fortunes of a Castaway.

> CHAPTER XI. SHED BY THE ANT SEARCH FOR ROBBERS

"We may find it ont yet," he chearing ly added to Job, "for things are more transparent to some eyes than many are willing to believe; but in the meautime we must unite to guard her and shield her

willing to believe; but in the meantime we must unite to gaard her and shield her from every evil." The rejurning of Winnis, who came dancing and skipping joyously into the shop, at that singe prevented any more conversation on the subject, but Job's hand went out, and was warmly enclasped in that of the antiquary in a way that sealed them brothers for all time, and probably for eternity too. Job went home profoundedly impressed, and certain that the antiquary was something supernatural and alightly uncanny; but Beisy whan he bold her all could see nothing wonderful in it. If "some one who was in she ship" had told him of the death scene, what was shere in that to make a song about? and when Job added that it was also some one who "timew nothing about it, and had never seen it," Betsy simply said that that was impossible, and so stilled the matter. They both agreed, however, that, mad as the antiquary was, there were good points about him which made him very loveable, and quite a safe custodian of the secret of Winnie's birth; and so that they had gained rather than lost by his extraordin-ary penetration. A curious circumstance which struck them both was the fact that Elburn, though able, as it seemed, to see right into people's thoughts, was in busi-ness matters a perfect child, and was often cheated and robbed, when an ordinary dealer would have been able to proteed himself. He was so much wrapped in visions, and studies and the substraction to find himself starving of hunger, or to remember that he had sold some article for a great deal less than it had cost him. An impression was abroad that he strange man who had such a col-lection of wonders to sell was a rioh man, and only Winnie and her friends who sav his inner life knew that the idea was an arroneous one. An incident which occurred alex the Elburn had nows to mantart.

and only Winnie and her Triends who saw his inner life knew that the idea was an erroneous one. An incident which occurred after Job's confidential revelation proved also that Elburn had power to panetrate the past, he had not power to discover things threatening his ows welfare which were immediately under his notice, . Winnie had been late in appearing one night for her lesson in fiddling, and while the two were busy in the back shep with mysteries of music, there was no one to look after the shop. The creaking of a board or the sound of a footstep did reach Winnie's ear through all the din, and she at once started and said "There's some one in the shop." Elburn after a brief glance into the dimly lighted shop, decided that there was no one there, and the music went on till it was time for the shutters to go on, and for Winnie to leave for home. While Elburn was slowly performing that task, a slight sound, like a suppressed cough, startled Winnie as she stood in the shop, wrapping herself up before leaving. cough, startled Winnie as she stood in the shop, wrapping herself up before leaving. The sound was so unmistakably human, and withal so certainly within a few inches of the spot on which she stood, that Winnie started round and eyed fearfully a suit of mail standing near her, as if half-expecting tossee it move or give evidence of centaining a living man. There was no one there, as Winnie nearthing her ging forward on a living man. There was no one there, as Winnie ascertained by going forward on tiptoe and peeping into the mail; yet she felt certain some one was near, for though she heard nothing, she almost felt the breathing of a human being. She dropped her music and ran out of the shop in a tremor of fear. "I've got such a fright, Mr. Elburn," fainfly articulated, clutching the anti-

"I've got such a Iright, Mr. Eiburh," e faintly articulated, clutching the anti-have by the arm with a clinging fear which at once roused him out of his dreams to a lively concern for her. "I heard a voice in the shop near that coat of mail that was used at the battle of Ban-markhurn."

nockburn." "A voice? Oh, that's nothing," said the visionary calmly. "I've heard them all my life. You used to think there was

"Not that kind-this is a real one, not the shadow of a voice," persisted Winnie earnestly, "There's some one hiding-

earnestly, "There's some one hiding— maybe a robber !" "A robber?" softly echoed Elburn with a faint smile. "What would a robber get off me, my trembling little one ? My treasures all lie in here," and he touched his forchead softly, "except," he added with a slight glistening of the eyes, "except one that's in heaven." "What there's come one there, and they

What a single generation of the object, clearly "But there's some one there, and they may hart you, or kill you," fearfully per-sisted Winnie. "Oh, do get a light and look for them. I can't go away until you find them and put them out." "Poor trembling little bird," said the antiquary, allowing her to draw him to the shop, "you are more concerned for me than for yourself."

the shop, "you are more concerned for me than for yourself." They entered the shop together, and Elburn slowly lighted a lamp, and was about to explore the dark recesses among the things crowding the shop, when Win-nie, without a word, lifted a slim rapier of the time of Charles I. standing mear her and pressed the weapon into the anti-quary's hand. Elburn smiled at her anxiety to arm him, thinking possibly of the time when some fair lady had as ten-derly armed her gallant with the same weapon; and, with the lamp in one hand and the slim stell in the other, Elburn be-gan his search. Winnie keeping close be-hind; partly from fear and partly from a desire to protect him, and be ready to scream out for help should he be attacked. Every dark corner was searched in vain, but at length the light flashed on the doors of an old cabinet, which were nusually closed and fastened en the outside by a heavy latch of carved brass, but which were now slightly ajar. With the point of the rapier Elburn reached over the intervening objects and throw open one of the doors, when Winnie instantly emitted the scream which had been trembling in her throat. A shock head of matted lasir and a pair of bright eyes were the first things that caught her eyes, and trembling in her throat. A mode head of mattod hair and a pair of bright eyes were the first things that caught her eyes, and the scream was out before she could see that there was nothing particularly ter-rible in the hidden intruder. He was a boy-a mere child of ten or eleven, very ragged and dirty; and having bare feet, and a cap on his head so full of holes that the matted hair escaped here and there by these, and stuck up like horns, as if rejoic-ing in its escape. As for the boy, he ap-peared as much terrified as Winnie, though no cry escaped him, and he glanced from the likhe sword blade quivering in the hands of the antiquary to the grave and surprised face of its owner, as if expecting every moment to have it run through his heart. atted hair and a pair of bright eyes were

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"Lock the door, Winnie," said Elburn, still keeping the point of the weapon pointing at the boy, and the light glaring on his face. Winnie quickly obsycd, and returned to his side.
The boy did not look so fearful, and she bear te pity him.
"What are you doing here, sir ?" sternly demanded Elburn, in a tone which Winnie mew perfectly well was so foreign to his nature that it certainly must have been assumed. There was no answer. The bright eyes of the boy still resten fearfully on the point of the rapiers.
"You came in to rob me, I suppose?" The shock head of the boy was to join you and perhaps murder me?"

JOHN HIGINBOTHAM. Fort Macleod, Feb. 5, 1885.

Erin Township Council.

A special meeting of the municipal council of the township of Erin, was held at Johnson's hotel, Hillsburg, on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1885, at which all the members were present. The Reeve in the chair. The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the propriety of readjusting the several polling sub-divisions in the township. After the matter had received their consider-ation,

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 Mon motion by Mr. Kirkwood, seconded by Mr. Modill, the Connel went into Committee of the whole on said by-law, Mr. Robinson in the chair.
 The by-law was filled up as follows:
 Tolling sub-division No. 1 to comprise in the lat and 2nd concessions from lot 1 to 18 both inclusive; and the west halves of lots 1 to 16 both inclusive, and the east halves of lots 1 to 16 both inclusive, and the east halves of lots from 10 to 1 to 6 both inclusive, and the conce shorts from 10 to 1 to 6 both inclusive, and the boto, in the 8th con. from lot 1 to 6 both inclusive; and the boto, in the 8th con. from lot 1 to 6 both inclusive, and the boto, in the 8th con. from lot 1 to 6 both inclusive, and the boto, in the 8th con. from lot 1 to 6 both inclusive.
 Polling sub-division No. 2 to comprise in the 8th con. west halves of lots from 10 to 17 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive.
 Polling subdivision No. 4 to comprise in the 8th con. from 10 to 20 both inclusive, and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive, and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive; and the east halves of 10 to 7 both inclusive, and at east east east to 10 to 7 both inclusive, in th

Inclusive. On the Council resuming the by-law was on . motion by Mr. MoMillan, seconded by Mr. Kirkwood, read a third time and passed, and numbered a thernoon was taken up in looking over former by-laws, with a view of having standing by-laws printed, after which the Council rose. THOMAS YOYNG, Clerk.

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to pieces and conveyed while trained is expedition from Suakim to Berber. They will be thoroughly arined and uked in operations on the Nile. It is estimated that a broad guage railway from Suakim to Berber will cost three million pounds, and require nine months for construction. Rumours are current to-day of a serions disaster to Gen. Buller's force, which is entrenched at Abu Klea wells, but neither the War Office nor any of the news agencies have anything to confirm the reports. It is thought the rumors are stock-jobbing canards. It is expected Gen. Buller's relief trans-ports from Gakdul will reach Abu Klea to-day. It is facard the retreat upon the retreat upon Gakdul will be attended with heavy losses. Water is scarce, the camels are dying from exhaustion, and the ammunition is limited. If the Mahdi's advance should be accelerated the fate of Buller's entire force will be imperilled. Asu KLEA, Feb. 22.—Gen. Buller com-menced a systematic shelling of the Arab lines on 17th inst. Two well-directed shots di the enemy great damage, one erploding amidst a group engaged in plac-ing a howitzer on the summit of a hill, and another removing the wheel of a gun car-riage. Lord Beresford also seriously in-jured the enemy with Gardner guns. Major Wardrop, with 13 men, stole cautiously round the enemy's right and found they only had a few hundred rifle-men on the hills and no reserve spearmen: Wardrop and his men, keeping out of sight, seat volleys at 800 yards on the enemy's flank. Leaving one maa at this point to continue the fire, he took 12 others and pursued the same tactics at three suo-cessive hills, giving the Arabs the im-pression that fresh bodies of British were arriving. The Mahdi's forces became pan of the stricken, ceased firing, and decamp-ed towards Metemma, taking their guns, dead, and wounded with them. A few Arab secuts only were left three miles off to watch Buller's movements. There has been no sign of the enemy since. Buller will advance to Gakdul as soon as rein forcements arrive from Kort **Guelph Business College** -SOLE AGENTS FOR-GUELPH, ONT., The Chicago Lamp Offers young men and women the best facili-es for acquiring a complete training for busi-Six Experienced Teachers and Lecturers are permanently on he teaching staff. The various departments are elegantly fitted up with the most approved pparatus for busi-ness College work. Students may Enter at any Time A 36 page catalogue, giving full information will be mailed free to any address on applica-tion to **M. MacCORMICK**. Principal i3d6wtf ALFRED HOWETT PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR, CIVIL Engineer, éc. Bisputed and boundary lines between lots and farms accurately nan-levels for drains and earthworks cutiland plans of farms and landed estack? Marged, éc. All orders addressed to C. E. Howits, at my office, Gualph, will all y no office each Wedne-dy and Baturday, if not away on profession-duty w ALFRED HOWITT forcements arrive from hort. The birt day and section, the day and section and an arrive from the country promptly attended to and all and it possible by return usit LARDINE FOR

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