

be revenged, and declared that no ordinary vengeance would satisfy the insult which he deemed his character had sustained. He remained about the neighborhood, but McKibbee paid very little attention to his threats, and instructed his wife and two daughters to give him no notice. One evening in September last, while Helen and her sister, who is about 16 years old, were returning home from a neighbor's, the road being lonesome and unfrequented, they were met by Haywood, who leaped from a buggy and ordered them both to get it, being so violent in his actions that the girls dared not disobey him. Whipping his horse into a run, he had taken them about two miles, when the elder girl leaped out of the vehicle and made her escape, he being pursued several miles by some farmers on horseback, to whom the girl related the matter of kidnapping. Just how far they rode Helen does not remember, but it was for many hours, and then they stopped only for a short time, and she was taken on board the cars. Haywood impressed it upon her mind that if she called him by that name, made any alarm, or dared to hold any

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her life should be the forfeit. He also tried to flatter her, and between his ferocious threats and his promise of new clothing and fine jewelry the little girl rendered him obedience. Helen remembers passing through Cleveland and her steamboat ride to Detroit, and then she found herself in Lansing, and was informed by Haywood that her home would henceforth be there. During the evening of her arrival she was taken to the north end of the city, and to the house of a resident whose character for integrity, honesty and manly worth has never been questioned until now. She was then told that her name had been changed to Gage, and that she must never tell any person a word about her other name, parents or home. The citizen had several relatives in Lansing, and this Haywood is distinctly related to each one, the fact probably inducing him to put the stolen girl into the hands he did. In a few days Helen was provided with books and sent to the Fourth Ward Union School, her name being upon the record as Gage. When the oldest daughter returned home and related her story, there was immediate excitement. The officers of the law started out in every direction, neighbors turned out on the hunt, and the search was not discontinued until it became apparent that the kidnapper had removed his victim far beyond the reach of the ordinary officers. Then the Police Superintendents of the principal cities, and the County Sheriffs of all Pennsylvania were appealed to, and the father expended a large sum of money within the month endeavouring to gain a clue. The girl had her photograph taken a few weeks before, and one of them was copied and a specimen sent to every point and to every official where there was the slightest hope of success; but every effort failed to track the villain further than to the point where he took the cars. A firm of lawyers, all of the partners noted for being good detectives, was then secured by the father, and they got handbills, advertisements, circulars, and sought in every way to discover the girl's abiding-place; but they got not even so much as a trace. The victim's parents were half crazed with grief, the case gained notoriety throughout the whole State, and, as a last hope, the lawyers determined to appeal to the Masonic fraternity throughout the United States for assistance. This was in May last, after seven months of weary and fruitless search. A circular, containing a close description of the girl and detailing the circumstances