

The Broad Highway

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"Which We Call Life"

(Continued from yesterday.)
"A cold chisel and hammer will be quickest," said I, "come, cut me off this chain—here, close up to the rivets." And, when he had done this, I took his fist and thrusting it beneath my coat, set off, running my hardest, leaving him to stare after me, with his eyes and mouth wider than ever.

CHAPTER XLVI

How I Came to London.

Justly to narrate all that befell me during my flight and journey to London, would fill many pages, and therefore, as this book of mine is already of a magnitude far beyond my first expectations, I shall hurry on to the end of my story.

Acting upon the advice of the saturnalite Jeremy, I hid by day and travelled by night, avoiding the highway. But in so doing I became so often involved in the maze of cross-roads, bylanes, cow-paths, and cart-tracks, that twice the dawn found me as completely lost as though I had been set down in the midst of the Sahara. I thus wasted much time, and wandered many miles out of my way; therefore, to put an end to these fruitless ramblings, I set my face westward, hoping to strike the highroad somewhere between Tonbridge and Sevenoaks; determined rather to run the extra chance of capture than follow haphazard these tortuous and interminable byways.

MURDER

6500—REWARD

Whereas, Peter Smith, blacksmith, late of Stirlingburg, in the County of Kent, suspected of the crime of wilful murder, did, upon the tenth of August last, make his escape from his gaolers, upon the Tonbridge road, somewhere between Stirlingburg and Pembury; the above reward, namely five hundred pounds, will be paid to such person, or persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the arrest, and apprehension of the aforesaid Peter Smith. In the furtherance of which, is hereto added a just and close description of the same.

"Viz.—He is six foot tall, and a sizable roan. His hair, black, his eyes dark and piercing. Clad when last seen, in a worn velvet jacket, knee-breeches buckled at the knees, gray worsted stockings, and matching shoes. The coat torn at the right shoulder. Upon his wrists, a pair of steel handcuffs. Last seen in the vicinity of Pembury.

"Followed? Yes, I was a shadow that was always behind you—following and following you, Stan Vibart, tracking and tracking you to hell and damnation. And you fled here, and you fled there, but I was always behind you; you hid from me among lowly folk, but you could not escape the shadow. Many times I would have killed you—but she was between you and me. I came once to your cottage; it was night, and the door opened beneath my hand—but your time was not then. But—ha!—I met you among trees, as I did once before, and I told you my name—as I did once before, and I spoke of her name of Angela, and cried her name—and shot you—just here, above the brow; and so you died, Devil Vibart, as soon I must, for my mission is accomplished."

"It was you!" I cried, kneeling beside him, "it was your hand that shot Sir Maurice Vibart?"
"Yes," he answered, his voice growing very gentle as he went on, "Angela's sake—my dead wife's—and, fumbling in his pocket, he drew out a woman's small, lace-edged handkerchief, and I saw that it was thickened with blood. He looked at me with his eyes, he continued, "In her hand, the night she died—I had meant to lay it on her grave—the blood of atonement—but now—"

A sudden crash in the hedge above; a figure silhouetted against the sky; a shadowy arm, that, falling, struck the moon out of heaven, and, in the darkness, I was down upon my knees, and fingers were at my throat.
"Oh, Darby!" cried a voice, "I've got him—this way—quick—oh, Darby—My fist drove into his ribs; I struggled up and away and staggered and struck contents of the groaning wretch who lay dying in the ditch. And before me was the pale oval of a face, and I smote it twice with my pistol-but, and it was gone, and I—was running along the road."

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"How—Is Lewis?" I panted.
"What," exclaimed the man, drawing nearer, "is it you?—James! but you're a pig, you are—hallo! he stopped, as his glance encountered steel that glittered upon my wrist; while upon the silence the shouts swelled, drawing near and nearer.
"So—the runners are after you, are they, young fellow?"
"Yes," said I; "yes, you have only to cry out, and they will take me, for I can fight no more, nor run any farther; this knock on the head has made me as good as dead."

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he, and thrust a flat bottle into my hand. The fiery spirit burned my throat, but almost immediately my strength and courage revived.
"Better?"
"Much better," I answered, returning the bottle, "and I thank you—"

"Don't go for to thank me, young fellow, said he, driving the cork into the bottle with a blow of his fist, "you thank that young fellow as once done so much for me—at a Fair. An' now—cut away—run!—the 'edge is good and dark; up yonder—lay low a bit, and leave these damned runners to me." I obeyed without more ado, and as I ran up the lane, I heard him shouting and swearing, as though engaged in a desperate encounter; and, turning in the shadow of the hedge, I saw him met by two men, with whom, still shouting and gesticulating excitedly, he set off, running—down the lane.

And so I, once more, turned my face London-wards.
The blood still flowed from the cut in my head, getting often into my eyes yet I made good progress notwithstanding. But, little by little, the effect of the spirits wore off, a drowsiness stole over me, my limbs felt numb and heavy. And with this came strange fancies and a dread of the dark. Sometimes it seemed that odd lights danced before my eyes, like marsh-fires, and strange voices, unrecognizable in my ears, furiously unintelligible, with laughter in a high-pitched key; sometimes I cast myself down in the dewy grass, only to start up again, trembling, and run on till I was breathless; but ever I struggled forward, despite the throbbing of my broken head, and the gnawing hunger that consumed me.

(Continued tomorrow.)

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R. S. C. Chapter 115.
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