

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XXXIX  
THE DELIVERANCE OF ANNABEL—A DEED OF POPULAR VENGEANCE—HARRARD HAYES AND DICK MATTOCKS IN DEADLY PERIL.

"Here she is, Jim; come and shake hands with her and convince her that our coming is a reality and no imagination."

"Werry proud and happy, Miss Annabel, to see this meeting," said Jim. Ere he had uttered this greeting, Annabel was on her way across the room to meet him, and seizing both his hands shook them with all her strength, and with such ardour of undisguised joy that the worthy Jim blushed under the honor.

"I can believe it now!" she cried with a hysterical sob. "Heaven has heard my prayer at length. Now let us go. Oh, take me away!"

"Run for the wrappings, Jim," cried Philip.

"All right, sir; I'll be back in a minute," and off he flew with the swiftness of a hare. He had difficulty in pushing his way through the darkness; but he accomplished the task, and soon re-appeared with an armful of woollen shawls, which Mr. Barstead had thrown into the vehicle when they started from the Blue Bear.

Round and round the shivering form of Annabel the shawls were wrapped by the loving hands of Philip, whose touch thrilled her to ecstasy. Then when he considered her sufficiently protected—which was not until the whole armful had been expended, and changed her thin form into a bundle of wool—he lifted her bodily in his arms and motioned to Jim to lead and light the way with the lamp.

Annabel made no pretence of objection to be carried thus in those dear arms. She was not only abundantly content that it should be so, but beyond that her weakness and excitement were such that she really could not have walked down the stairs. Docile as a child, therefore, she suffered him to lift her to his bosom, and when placed there she laid her cheek carelessly against his, and once, in the overflowing fulness of her love and gratitude, and when a turn of the corridor shut out her for a moment Jim and the lamp, she pressed her lips against his with a soft yet vehement earnestness, which increased still more the heaven of bliss to which Philip had been raised.

There was no interruption to their progress till they came to a lower passage, and were within a few yards of the outside door. Here the portly figure of Moll suddenly presented itself as she staggered from the kitchen and stood directly in their way.

One glance was enough to show them that she was drunk. The filmy glare of her eye, the flaming redness of her face, and the reeking smell of brandy, and the bottle which she held in one hand, gave obvious proof of it.

Her appearance was so sudden and so near that Jim, who was in front with the light, was startled, and pulled quickly up. Indeed, he could not do otherwise, for her ample proportions occupied nearly the whole breadth of the passage.

"I don't care what you do," she shouted. "I'm glad you've found it out, for now me and Dick will get away from this beastly hole. But for all that you're a pack of scurvy, yelping curs; and as for the girl, she's a bastard. Oh, I know that well enough, for Barnard Hayes says it. Ha, ha! You won't get the estate for all this—devil a yard of it. Madame keeps it still, and then it comes to the lawyer. D'ye know that?—the lawyer gets it, and he'll make me and Dick right. So that for your finding it out, ye mean, beggarly curs!"

The "that" of which she spoke was a blow delivered on the lamp with the bottle in her hand. It sent it to shivers with a crash, and extinguished the light in a moment, while a quantity of the liquor flew with a squirt into Jim's face.

Jim instantly squared up ready for defence, expecting Moll to follow up the attack in the darkness. She had, however, no such intention, for they heard her stagger back into the kitchen, and, as the open door was near, they passed over the fragments of the lamp, and emerged in the court-yard.

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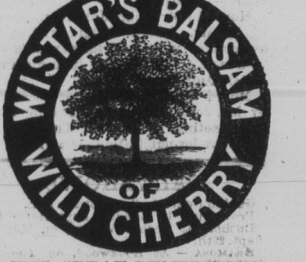
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