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"Yes, Hepzibah. they have insulted me, and so cruelly that I will no longer live among them. I have resolved that we will go to the northern provinces. We have good friends at Halifax, good and loyal to the king whom these anarchists are preparing to defy."

"Even the parson and the doctor, reasonable and law-abiding men as they are, say that the colony should be free," said the invalid, timidly, and stealing her thin hand into her husband's. But he frowned impatiently.

"This is not talk for women or children," said he, coldly. "And you are of those whose conversation should be in heaven. It would better become Parson Holbrook to tell you so, instead of disturbing your mind with matters so unfit for it at any time."

The wife remained meekly silent for a moment, and then, softly pressing her husband's finger, said:

"My love, you will wait until I am gone, will you not, before you leave Pilgrim Vale?"

"Gone, Hepzibah!—gone where?"

The wife looked up, with tearful eyes, but her reply was prevented by the sudden entrance of a young girl, her cheeks flushed and her eyes bright with anger and excitement.

"Father, John Belknap has been in, and told me of the insult they have offered you," exclaimed she. "It is a

"Dolly, Dr. Holcom does not disguise from me the cruel truth known for some time to him and to your mother. She is dying, surely and swiftly. Did you know it?"

The girl hid her pale face between her hands. "Mamma had said it, but I hoped—" Her voice died away, and her father's filled the space.

"Hope no longer. He says two or three months are as much as we may look for, and even that brief respite depends upon quiet and her accustomed comforts. She must on no account be removed even from the room where she now lies. But this people about us will not wait two or three months before they carry out in act the treason they already talk, and I, as the avowed friend of the king, and ready and willing to execute his will in this rebellious province, will very probably fall one of their first victims; or if not personally, I shall surely suffer in property, and be stripped of land and house and even personal belongings. Were your mother able, we should all migrate at once to the still loyal northern provinces; but as it is, you shall go alone, carrying such valuables as we can collect, and remain with your uncle in Halifax until—Perhaps—God's goodness is without limit—perhaps I may bring her with me."

"Must I leave my mother?" cried



"He was grasping for the other arm, when a lithe figure flew with a bound from the top of the house to the deck beside the chair."

shame, a burning shame, and I hope you will show them—"

"Dolly, I am not very strong to-day, dear, and you are speaking loudly and unadvisedly."

It was the mother's gentle voice, and Dolly, who would have joyfully taken the part of Joan of Arc, or even Boadicea, fell upon her knees directly beside her mother's pillow, soothing the invalid, and accusing herself of all manner of evil in forgetting even for a moment the consideration and tenderness owing to her.

Major Cathcart stood looking at the two for a few moments, then quietly left the room, and a little later despatched a servant with a note requesting the immediate attendance of Dr. Holcom. The worthy physician was one of those who had left the church so pointedly a few hours earlier, and the proud man, thus insulted, by no means forgot or forgave the insult, but the feelings of the husband were stronger than all others at that moment, and Hepzibah's words had startled him with a new and terrible idea.

The doctor came, was closeted for half an hour with the major, made a short call upon his patient, and left the house. A little later Major Cathcart summoned his daughter to his private room, and addressed her briefly and almost sternly:

Dolly, in dismay. "What matter for our possessions, compared with the comfort of her last hours! And how can she spare me? and, oh! how could I spare her?"

"Girl, there are perils in a time of anarchy and war of which you know naught—perils for a young and comely woman of which I may not speak. Your mother will be cared for, since it will be the one duty of my life to care for her, and it will be removing a weight from my mind to know that you are safe and shielded from the possibilities of evil. Say no more; it is decided."

Dolly, stout-hearted as she was, dared say no more, for the girl of a century ago was trained to obedience as the first duty of her sex, and to silence and respect for the authority of man as the next; nor was Dolly's father a man to soften the stern and unquestioned rule every head of a household felt bound to exercise in every particular. So the preparations for the young girl's departure went quietly and silently forward, and the schooner *Dolphin*, a small coasting craft partly owned by Major Cathcart, received a cargo so various in its character that neither master, mate, nor the attentive loungers who inspected the process of loading could positively determine her destination.

Not until the very last days before the

Dolphin's sailing major's own daughter was rapidly, even carried aboard saw it at all. article singular young lady's cthy, active, Dorothea Cath large, square, s be found in ol times dishonor sometimes care of white dimi chintz in the mamma. This green moreen, Cathcart's own dear lady had for many a da decision with Major Cathcart to his own stu had occupied many hours, t deftly sewed said to her fa the operation: "There, fat cabin, and I s lest any but use it, and I a sister in M about to visit. "I doubt n suggest many the major, wit care you do n and discretion. "I will tak rels are all r "Yes, and of lading;" a from his pock daughter a sl "Shipped by good order Reginald Cat good Schoor whereof is M present voyag riding at anch grim Vale, an for Halifax, t boxes of sun of the Shippe cart and K marked and gent, and are good Order a aforesaid Por of the Seas Cathcart and signs, he or t said Goods, Curryancy, w accustomed. Master or P hath affirmed all of this Te two bills bei to stand voi "And so G er to her AMEN. "Dated in 15th, 1774.

Dolly rapid familiar form had been to confidential ness, and sh to him, sayin "Barrels Well, and so and housech doubt, altho ners think i "It does n of the schoo my own cha venture," in hastily. "Bu you say not the voyage same sundri fanatic as b got wind o would be m persuade M off the mas goods to founding. careful, for even in the ing the ord you and th of sundries It is a lar woman as y