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The Foster Brother:

The Orphan of the Wreck. CPAPTER XXIII.

ON THE TRACK.

' He never came home last night?" he

ejaculated.
"Never," repeated Matthew; and forthwith he acquainted Harry with with the
particulars of the discovery that morning
that George was missing.
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"Good Good! what can it mean!" he faltered. "What could possibly happen to him to prevent him from returning? But not a moment is to be lost. He may have fallen over some bank, and be unable to move. Oh, heaven, if has lain in such a state all night!"

They started away at a rapid pace across the park, to the arbour where the meeting had been held on the previous evening, and from theace they took they at the former night rushed into Harry's mind at the point when George had gone towards the clump of trees to recover calmness, and noticing that there a large patch of snow lay on the ground, he went towards it in the hope of seeing George's footstep. He was not disappointed. There were several clear, well-defined footmarks to be discerned, marks made by a neat, well shaped boot, which they would have no difficulty in recognising anywhere.

"Here Matthew," cried Harry, "look "Here Matthew," cried Harry, "look "Ear-rings" "Fine Gold Necklets "Finger Rings" Studds" Studds "Finger Rings" "Fine Gold Necklets "Fine Gold Nec

made by a neat, well shaped boot, which they would have no difficulty in recognising anywhere.

"Here Matthew," cried Harry, "look well at the shape of that footprint, for it is George's, that you may know it wherever you see it. We may be able to track him by it."

"I see, I see," said Matthew, bending over one of the more perfect prints, and studying it attentively. "There's nae doot I'll ken it again, Maister Harry, it's sae particularly neat and genteel; and see, there's a diamond figure in the center of the sole made by sparrables."

"So there is," exclaimed Harry. "That is our infallible guide. Now, let us proceed, and pray heaven we may trace him."

"Amen," ejaculated Matthew, ferently and the contraction of the contraction of the contraction of the contraction."

Amen," ejaculated Matthew, fer-ly, and away they went on their

arch.
On the wide open ground of the park es mow had entirely disappeared, so at there was no chance of coming upon footprint there; nor had they any means knowing the exact route which George ad here taken. Not until he reached a farther side of the park and entered the field beyond had they any hope of ding a trace of him. Accordingly they sted no time here, but made for the tax which was nearest the ravine and irect route to the cottage, as that h which George had most likely

gsed.
From this gate a footpath went along e foot of the field, and by the side of a unug plantation, where the snow still y on the unsunned grond. And here, their unspeakable joy, they discovered ore than one of the footprints' showing unistakeably that George had gone this average of the control of the footprints' showing unistakeably that George had gone this average had gone the gone of the footposition of the gone of th

unmistakeably that George had gone this way.

When the path had skirted the plantation it croised a large pasture field where no snow patches remained, and where consequently no trace could be had. Then it led along the side of the fence of a turnip field, where the snow still lay here and there, and once more they came upon the marks.

"Well, he has arrived safely at this point at anyrate," remarked Harry, in a tone of satisfaction. "From here we can see the line of the ravine; he had not therefore far to go, and I don't remember any dangerous place between this and your cottage."

"There's only the ravine itsel'," suggested Matthew, "and nae doot there's twa or three ugly bits about it, which if he chanced to miss his way and fa' owre, he micht weel break a limb."

"But the night was not dark. He could not well miss his way," returned Harry.

"Ane wad think no, but yet, whet for

ine wad think no; but yet, what for "Ane wad think no; but yet, what for did he no come hame?"

Ah, that was the sad truth to face, and the fact, which was 'too patent, was so indicative of serious misfortune that they pressed on with renewed alacrity, each silently concluding in his own mind that George had in some way or other come to grief in the ravine, and that there they should find him, and Harry shuddered in agony lest the calamity which had overtaken him should be great.

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