CHAPTER I.

A gray day that would have looked dull anywhere but by the see. A strong breeze blowing and the gray and blue waters leaping into white combs and points. A landsman might have called it a gale, but to fisherfolk it was only a "wee thing fresh." The gray old house with their red and brown roofs, looking out on the harbor, would also have appeared dull and dirty but for their picturesquely irregular gables and heights. Then the busy figures of the fishwives in their bright-colored and "short gowns" (long jackets); the lounging grouns of the fishermen, and, above all, the bustle of the inhermen, and, above all, the bustle of the inhermen and, above all, the bustle of the inhermen and, above all, the bustle of the inhermen and, above all, the bustle of the leaping waters. Out on the farthest point of the gray walls a group of men and women, with the spray flashing over them and the keen wind biting their checks, stood watching a smack which was tacking to make port.

"Safe enough—Bob Ross is steering," confidently answers a little weather-wizzned-faced old man, by name Dick Baxter.

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"It was worth trying," said Baxter dryly. Suddenly the prow of the boat is turned towards the opening in the walls and comes straight and swiftly along, crosses the bar, down goes the sail, and boat and men are safe in the haven.

There was no cheer although brave work had been done, but an eager inspection of the boat to see who was in it.

"They has gotten them a' but Jock Tamson," said Baxter in a matter-of-fact tone, the circumstance being of too ordinary a nature to call for much feeling; "puir sow! he agen."

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"My man, my man," cried a woman, rushing down the steps to the boat, "whar's he?"
There was no answer and the woman understood. She bowed her head, covered was silent. face with her hands and was silent. n a couple of burly women, with broad ulders and muscular hands, took each an

arm of the mourner.
"Come awa hame, Jeanie," said one quietly, and the voice was tender although the notes were barsh—"ye'll be better

mitted went out to the fishing with as much glee as of old.

After he had seen the rescued men safe to their homes, he turned on the way to his own. Dick Baxter met him. He was a favorite of Dick's, and that was an honor; for Dick was a person of importance in the village. An accident 30 years ago had disabled him from following his craft as a fisherman; but he eked out a living by doing odd jobs at the harbor, and by the tips he obtained from sightners for information about the place and people. This he gave with the air of a proprietor showing his place to his guesta. Amongst fisherfolk he obtained the reputation of being a wise man. He was a pawky one, giving advice in a slow, learned way that impressed the simple although clever people. He pronounced as authoritatively on the position of current politics as on religious affairs and the weather. In short he was an authority in the land notwithstanding the chaff which he had sometimes to endure from the younger men. place to his guests. Amongst fisherfolk he obtained the reputation of being a wise man. He was a pawky one, giving advice in a slow, learned way that impressed the simple although clever people. He pronounced as authoritatively on the position of current politics as on religious affairs and the weather. In short he was an authority in the land notwithstanding the chaff which he had sometimes to endure from the younger men.

In his scaly old blue jersey and corduroy tronsers, and with his thin wizened face, he was always at his post and knew everybody's affairs.

"I was on the look-oot for you, Bob. Hoo did you manage? It was weel done onyway," were just in time—poor Thomson

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noo did you manage: It was weet don't conway."

"We were just in time—poor Thomson had gone and the other three were just dropping of the keel. But you see we got them, and that's all.

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I''Well, it'll do nae harm," answered Ross laughing.

"Is that a' you think o't? Man, I'd gie onything to hase them speak about me in print! But be that as't may, wha do you "A lot o' folk."

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That, was what Dick Baxter had been waiting to tell, and he enjoyed the look on I have a some ane afore his mither."
"In the waste has the new a disturbed him.
"But what can that matter, to me, Dick? I suppose he is free to go wherever he is welcome like other folk."
"Na. doot, and it's jist as as you tak' it, but if was in your place, I'd be there afore ""A was man, where?"

"Where, man, where?"
"As though you didns ken!" exclaimed then I sail you was peerin' for you, and there was a be here the day."
"Thank you, Dick," gaid Ross with evi-

dent annoyance; "but I wish you wouldna"

dent annoyance; "but I wish you wouldna' meddle."

"I didna' ken afore that it was any harm to do a frien' a guid turn," answered Dick Baxter in his most dignified way.

"No harm—I hope."

"I didna' say anything by ordinar," said Dick a little sulkily, and yet with a desire to reassure Ross, seeing him so much put cut. But the "by ordinar" must have had an extensive range indeed in his mind, since he had been praising his young friend without stint to Annie Murray, the only child of Captain Duncan Murray, who was sole owner of the Anchor Cottage and the "Mermaid" steamer. "And she didna' take it that ill," asked Dick pawkily.

"Then it's all right."

And Ross laughed again as he went his way, and that way was Anchor Cottage. He had been sent for by Captain Duncan on a matter of business. But the business was not in Bob Ross's mind as he walked rapidly along with his head bowed against the wind, the spray dashing over the rarapet, and the sun slowly beginning to make its way through the mist.

"I wonder can it be true? Was she thinking o'me? Maybe, maybe, for she's no upsetting like other lasses I ken o'—but what havers is this? The captain is friendly and kindly; but he is proud o' his daughter, proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his teamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his steamer; proud o' his steamer; proud o' his daughter, proud o' his steamer; proud o' his steamer.

would never hear o't when there's a cnies like Cargiil hanging around waiting for her."

At this thought he stopped, teeth closed and feet went down harder and faster on the ground. Again—

"But why should he not think of his own early days and count my chances as guid as his were?"

Here a faint smile of hope crossed his face; but the smile faded into a troubled look.

"I'm thinking he would do it, too, if Carghill werna here with his fineries and his siller that he had no hand in making. Puir auld Bell Carghill—it way a pity you spent your life in hoarding up your bawbees for a loon that's more than half ashamed to call you his mother before his fine friends—ugh! Lord forgive me for thae hard thoughts. If Annie likes him let him hae her."

The healthy nature of the man rose against this envious spirit which had for a moment taken possession of him. He lifted his head and looked fate steadily in the face. She would take him for his own sake, or he would "e'en let the bonne lassie gane."

It was a relief to the man to feel this better mood upon him before he reached the cottage, for he knew that ugly thoughts made ugly faces. It was a relief, too, that the sun had scattered the mist and brightened everything.

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And they led the widow home.
Bob Ross was the first out of the boat, helping one of the three men who had been saved, to land. The others followed, and were first assisted to the much needed dram and then to their homes. The crew proceeded to the inn accompanied by a number of friends eager to obtain more details of the receeve than had been given in the hurried answers to the crowd in the haven. Ross did not accompany them. He gave his stalwart frame a shake, like a huge Newfoundland dog after coming out of the water, and that contented him. He was a man of shout thirty, a handsome follow, tall and sinewy, dressed in a pilot jacket, and hoots over his trousers.

His face was tanned by exposure to the westher, the features good, and the clear grey eyes which looked straight at any man bespoke an honest, open, and fearless sature. He had begun life in his father's fishing smack; but whilst always ready to do his duty in the boat, he had enottinued to attend school more than the other lads of the village, and to make more of what he learned there. The dominie took an interest in him, and helped him to learn navigation as far as it was in that worthy man's power to do it. But his real knowledge was gained by practical experience in his father's smack. So by the time he was 22 he was said to know the road from Newhaven to John o' Groat's—ay from Newhaven to John

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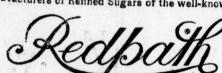
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