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BY H. LENNON.

"Dearest, I am afraid you are dull here
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keep you company," said Mrs. Danvers to
her niece, a girl of eighteen. "What will
you do this stormy afternoon—no callers,
the piano out of tune, and your grand-
father laid up with gout?"

It was a somewhat dreary prospect for
a young girl used to a large family and
lively home, and Florence Danvers had
been feeling rather as if she had wandered
into a forgotten corner of the world; but
now her grandmother's question roused
her, and she tried to answer cheerfully:

"Oh, granny dear, don't mind me; I'm
all right; it is very kind of you to be
troubled with me while the children get
over their scowliness; it is a pity it looks
so gray out-of-doors, but it does not rain,
and I think I will just take a walk and see
what the sea is like; it will freshen me
up, and then I will come in and do my
needle-work."

"Don't go far, dear," said Mrs. Danvers,
"for it is hardly fit for you, the wind is so
high."

But Florence was out of the room before
the old lady's sentence was finished, and
in another two minutes was making her
way to the cliff down, and her cloak held
tightly round her in a fierce contest with the wind.

As further thoughts were rather gloomy,
"Another month down here, how can I
survive it? If only mother had let me
visit at the Leights instead; I should not
be so afraid of the wind as I am now. She
used to herself; but the old folks are quite
happy together without me, and, in fact, I
rather worry them; I have to amuse me.
There is nothing to do here, and I am
not with my music, or indeed I would far
rather have stayed at home; I am not
afraid of the fever, and I could have sat
with little Laura, now nurse is so worn out.
But here one seems to do no good with
one's life; I have only to eat and drink,
and take a walk and go to bed. And
Florence heaved a deep sigh.

She had been reading a good deal lately
upon the life, and lives of others. This
she was in a hurry now that she was
just released from the school-room to try
and do better, to be very useful in the
world, and then, when she could not do
it, she thought, what a banishment to Sand-
ham, her grandfather's place. Nothing to
do indoors or out. She could not help
wondering why God had allowed her to be
sent there, when He knew how anxious
she was to do some good in the world. So
she wandered on till she felt chilly, and
mended her pace. By-and-by, for some-
thing to do, she beat her steps toward the
lonely cottage of an old woman who lived
at the Point, as the place was called, where
the cliffs took an abrupt turn westward.

Bridget More was well-riden, and al-
ways glad of some one to chat with. This
time, however, Florence was amazed and
distracted to find the usually cheerful old
Irishwoman sobbing most bitterly over a
scrub of paper, which she pushed into
Florence's hand, as she entered, being un-
able to speak. It contained a few lines
from the surgeon of the infirmary in the
nearest town.

"Your son, Robert More, has been
brought here suffering from concussion of
the brain, having fallen off the cliffs near
the town."

"Cheer up, Bridget," said Florence,
cheerfully. "He may not be so bad. My
father fell off his horse last year, and he
had concussion of the brain, but he got well.
I will ask my grandfather to send to the
infirmary to see how he is. But how
shall you manage without him? Who will
attend to you now, Bridget? You must
have a little girl from the village."

And Florence began to wonder who
could be found to wait on the old woman.
But Bridget tried to stop her sobs while
she said:

"It isn't Robert frets me, Miss Danvers;
I don't so much mind that—the lad's had
many a crack on the head afore now; but
it's the light, miss. He ought to be here
to see to it, and I can't stir to do it." And
she wept and sobbed afresh.

Robert, the old woman's son, had charge
of the light-house which stood on a rock
easily reached at low water. His duties
were very simple, consisting merely of
supplying the light with oil. That morn-
ing he had chanced to break the vessel
containing the reserve of oil, and he had
gone to the town in quest of more. But
he had met with his accident. On the
cottage table stood the broken jar, with a
small remnant of oil in the bottom.

"He said the light went out to-night,"
sobbed the poor woman, "and this bad
weather there'll be vessels on the rock
afore morning, and my Robert will have
to bear the blame, and he'll be in bed."

"Isn't there enough oil to keep the
light burning till morning?" asked
Florence, pointing to the jar.

"Aye, sure; but never a soul has been
near me since the bit of a child dropped
the note and ran off, and me tied to my
bed like a log."

"Let me fetch a man from the village,"
said Florence.

But the old woman shook her head.
"The time wouldn't serve," she said;
"this wind, if a body ran straight for
their lives, they could only just get there
and back along the tide comes."

"I will go," said Florence. "There is
time for that; I know all about it; Robert
showed me how he put out the lamp
the day grandfather and I went over
there; and she took the pitcher in hand.
"The key, Bridget? Ah, I see it," and he
took the old woman's key and unlocked
the door, and she followed him, and he
quickly followed one another, Florence had
left the cottage, carefully guarding the
oil can.

The path wound down the cliff, then
skirted its base, and finally passed along
the ridge of rock running some fifty yards
out to sea. This last was very slippery,
and as she was very nervous, she slipped,
and she was covered by water at high tide.

Florence went bravely on, however, only
once stopping to gain breath, when the
wind caught her hat and blew it far away.
She did not attempt to recover it, for she
already heard the roar of the advancing
tide, and saw the white breakers approach-
ing far too near the lighthouse.

As quick as she could she pressed on—
at last she reached the lower, and the
door, and made her way up the steep
stairs. As she said, she perfectly under-
stood the simple process of feeding the
lamp, and her work was soon done.

When she left the light-house, locking
the door behind her, her heart felt ten
times lighter than it had done before, but
before a sense of shame came over her
at the remembrance of her late discom-
fort.

"I almost reproached God for sending
me to Sandham," she thought, "and I
had the work for me to do. How wicked,
how foolish I was!"

But Florence had little time for reflect-
ing on her past conduct, as she was very
unpleasantly called to the present, by a dash
of spray in her face and a rush of water at
her feet; the tide had so advanced that
every now and then a wave leapt over the
ridge she was passing along.

Evidently there was no time to be lost;
she tried to hasten on, but the wind bat-
ting her with its cold, salty, scented air,
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