The Foster Brother: The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XVI.

EORGE'S INTRODUCTION TO ARDOGWAN—HE

OVERHEARS AN IMPORTANT CONVERSA
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ACQUANTANCE.

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"My pupils," thought George, as he stepped saide and peeped over the fence. He was right. Three boys were in the paddock, one of them, the elder, seated on an ass, which he was kicking unercifully, while the other two were endgelling it from behind, much to "Neddy's" dissatisfaction, who kicked and did all in his power to throw his rider.

"Ah, I must strive to introduce to them more elevating amusements than that, by and bye," thought George, as he turned away and walked forward to the house.

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"Ha! say you so? What a weight of anxiety do your words remove from me! I don't know how it is, Garrett, but I have been in a strange dread during your absence—particularly to-day. I felt as if something was approaching us, and threatening to—"

"Bah," interrupted Garrett, "what tean approach us so long as Colville does not regain his reason? And of that there are no more signs than have been for all those yoars back."

"But the doctor has always said there is a chance. You can't dispute that."

"Of course I can't dispute it, and that is why I take such a long journey now and again.

"And is the new doctor of the same opinion as the former one?"

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"Fshaw! I don't think there is much room for apprehension," remarked Garret. "If the madness has stuck to him for twenty years, there's precious little likelihood that it will ever leave him. Upon my sunl, I don't think we need concern ourselves any more about it, especially since the other quarter seems quite safe."

"The other quarter," repeated the Captam. "Have you learned anything in that direction?"

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"But the—""
"Oh, I know what you mean. Well, if that rock is still above water there is not the elsest likelihood of him proving a trouble or a danger to us."
"Ah, well, we shall hope so," said the Captain, with something like as sigh, as he turned towards the open window, followed by Garrett.

Then their eyes fell upon George, and as he rose the curtain tell back, leaving his form fully revealed to their view.
"My God!" gasped Natham Garrett, taggering back, as if at the sight of an apparition, and staring at the young man in rigid, ghastly horror.

The Captain was equally startled, though not so, horror-stricken, and he agrily demanded to know who he was, and what he was doing there.

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