

The Master of the Mine.

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For the greater part of the night we remained sitting up. The thunder and lightning lasted well on till morning, and when they ceased, it became possible for the first time to realize the frightful violence of the gale. It was, as I afterwards learned, a well-defined cyclone.
With the first peep of daylight, I seized my bat and moved to the door.
"What be'st gawing, lad?" cried my aunt.
"Down to the shore. It's a high spring-tide, and I want to see if the life-boat's rung."
"Na, na," she cried, "stawp yar!" But I only snarled at her fears, and hastened away. No sooner had I left the cottage than the wind caught me, and almost dashed me from my feet; but I stooped my head, and plunged right on in the teeth of the gale. The day was now breaking, with lurid sunken rays, behind my back. Short as the distance was to the seashore, I thought I should never reach it, so terrible was the fury of the blast! More than once I had actually to lie down on the ground, and let it trample over me! And with the blast came hail and heavy rain, blinding me, smiting my cheek like whiplcord, and drawing blood, so that I could scarcely see a yard before my face.
At last I gained the cliff, and here I had much ado to prevent myself from being lifted up bodily and blown away. But I threw myself on my face and looked seaward. Nothing was visible, only driving miste and vapors; but right below there was a blinding witness of the line of breakers, and thence there rose up to me, together with the wild wispes of solid windwrept water, the deafening thunder-roar of the tumultuously surging sea.
Gaining courage, presently, as the light in the east grew clearer, I crawled down the path leading to the shore. As I went, I sometimes flattened like a rag against the rock, by the sheer force of the wind; but I persevered, and at last, with God's help, reached the bottom.
It was high tide: the roaring billows were thundering up close to the cliff, and the shallow creek surrounding the boat-house was as white as milk with the churning of the waters. I then perceived to my consternation, that the gale had struck the boat-house with such force as to sweep the wooden roof away and dash it into fragments against the cliffs. I crept on to the door, which was on the lee and sheltered side, drew forth from my pocket the key of the padlock, opened it, and went in. The great boat lay there unharmed, but dark rain clouds, salt from the angry sea. One of the oars had been lifted out and snapped like a rotten twig, but that was all.
Suddenly, as I stood here sheltering from the gale, I heard a sound from seaward, like the sound of a gun. I started, listening. In a minute the sound was repeated. Yes; it was a gun at sea, and the sound could have only one signification—a vessel in distress!

Quitting the boat-house, I stood on the shore, and strained my eyes against the drifting vapors, and the blinding wind; but I could distinguish nothing—indeed, so great was the rainy darkness, that my vision could not penetrate beyond twenty or thirty yards from the storm-swept shore. But if I needed any fresh assurance that a ship of some sort was struggling with the elements not far away, it came to me in another faint report of a gun, and finally, in the red light of a rocket, which shot up through the black vapors like a shooting-star, and disappeared!

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The Hyarophobia Question.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—All the arrangements have been perfected for the treatment of hyarophobia after the method of M. Pasteur. In three weeks at the outside patients may be tried. The movement is one of more than ordinary interest, and all engaged in it are making the most thorough preparations and experiments. A barn and yard have been secured where dogs suspected of having rabies can be kept and closely watched. Seven dogs showing slight symptoms of hyarophobia have been tied up. Yesterday afternoon one of the dogs gave almost unmistakable evidence of the disease, and if it proves to be really mad a portion of its brain will be removed and used in experimenting.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

PROSPECTS OF AN IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.
London, Dec. 30.—Edward Stanhope, President of the Council, in a speech to day, said: "Englishmen will not allow Irishmen to dictate what policy is best for the welfare and interests of the nation. Many persons are anxious to promote a discussion of the Irish question with the view of securing an alteration of the Constitution, root and branch, but it is to be hoped that the wisdom of the members of the House of Commons will prevent their designs from being accomplished."

MR. TREVELYAN'S VIEWS.
George O. Trevelyan, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech at Stratford this evening, said that there could be no half-way between complete separation of Ireland and absolute Imperial control. Undes it was intended to keep the care of law and order in the hands of the central Government it would be better to repeal the Union Act. He condemned the proposition to give Ireland a Parliament and at the same time allow Irish members in the English Parliament. Mr. Trevelyan said he was willing that a fairly-elected Irish Council be given the control of education, public works and the poor laws, and the additional money be raised by taxation if more than the exchequer supplied should be required.

BIG THINGS EXPECTED.
New York, Dec. 30.—The Times London special says:—In Irish affairs, and in affairs of Parliament, in general, big things are on foot. Lord Randolph Churchill is in Dublin with Justice Fitzgibbon consulting with the Orange Tories, whom six months ago he was denouncing as obstacles to the party. He has persuaded Sir Michael Hicks Beach and some others to agree to dissolve immediately if they cannot carry a vote of confidence on non possumus to Home Rule. Lord Salisbury has not decided to dissolve, but he is drifting that way the more he considers Lord Randolph Churchill's argument that with the cry, "The Empire is in danger," and with the disorganized state of the Liberals, he could this time get a majority. Moreover, as a partizan argument, perhaps, the threat of dissolution will be enough to frighten some of the Liberals who are indisposed to go to the strain and expense of another election. A strong point with Lord Salisbury in all this is the safety of the House of Lords as looked at from the point of view of a mere politician. If Gladstone should be allowed to take office, consolidate the party and send a Home Rule Bill up to the Lords, and it were rejected, the immediate merits of the Bill would be obscured by the Liberals in their protests against an hereditary chamber, particularly if the Bill were rejected more than once, and this is just what Salisbury is anxious to avert. The Irish have decided upon nothing in regard to their course. It is not known whether they will move an amendment to the address until a caucus is held, a day or two before the session. All reports of their intentions are rubbish. Lord Randolph Churchill has notified Mr. Gladstone that when a Home Rule scheme is introduced he will go to Ulster and raise the Orangemen in arms against it. Among the few at Dublin who know of this threat, it is treated as humbug, but it serves to illustrate Churchill's methods. The fact that he will be in command of Tory strategy insures lively work.

Masked Burglars.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 30.—The house of Clinton Miller, a farmer living near Aylmer, was entered last night by masked men. They tied Miller and his wife and stole \$170. Two brothers named McKinnon were arrested on suspicion.
The general store of J. Lumley, of Louis, was burglarized on Sunday, and \$200 worth of goods taken. There is no clew to the perpetrators.
The fund being raised in New York for a monument to General Grant had on the 12th reached \$104,228.

The cost to the country of the Dominion License Act, declared unconstitutional by the Imperial Privy Council, is estimated at \$169,896. At a time when the finances of the country are in a most unsatisfactory condition, and a large deficit staring us in the face, we can ill afford to have this large amount of money thrown away to gratify the whims of the defunct "great constitutional lawyer." It has cost the country a large amount of money to find out what Sir John does not know about constitutional law.

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