

SONG OF THE DUST.

From east and west I hurry down, In clouds and gusts appalling; I cover over Charlottetown, On road and sidewalk falling.

ONLY AN IRISH BOY;

THE FORTUNES OF ANDY BURKE.

CHAPTER XIX.

HAFFLING A ROBBER.

Fairfax paused at Andy's threat. He was only a boy, it is true, but he looked cool and resolute, and the gun, which was pointed at him, looked positively dangerous.

'Young man,' he said, 'this is dangerous business for you. If you don't make yourself scarce you won't be likely to return at all.'

'I'll take the risk,' said Andy, coolly.

'Confound him, I thought he'd be frightened,' said Fairfax to himself.

'I don't want to kill you,' he said, with a further attempt to intimidate Andy.

'I don't mean to let you,' said our hero, quietly.

'You are no match for me.'

'With a gun I am.'

'I don't believe it is loaded.'

'If you try to pick up that pistol, I'll convince you, by the powers I will,' said Andy, energetically.

'What is to prevent my taking away the gun from you?'

'Faith,' returned Andy, quietly, 'you'll take the powder and ball first, I'm thinking.'

Fairfax thought so too, and that was one reason why he concluded not to try.

It was certainly a provoking position for him. There lay the pistol on the ground, just at his feet, yet if he tried to pick it up, the boy would put a bullet through him.

It was furthermore provoking to reflect that had he not stopped to parley with Colonel Preston, he might have secured the money which he so much desired, before Andy had come up. There was one other resource. He had tried bullying, and without success. He would try cajoling and temptation.

'Look here, boy,' he said. 'I am a desperate man. I would as live murder you as not.'

'Thank you, sir,' said Andy. 'But I'd rather not have it done.'

'I don't want to hurt you, as I said before, but you mustn't interfere with me.'

'Then you mustn't interfere with the Colonel.'

'I must have the money in his pocket-book.'

'Must you? Maybe I'll have something to say to that.'

'He has eight hundred dollars with him.'

'Did he tell you?'

'No matter, I know. If you won't interfere with me, I will give you two hundred of it.'

'Thank you for nothing then,' said Andy, independently. 'I'm only a poor Irish boy, but I ain't a thief, and I never make a man.'

'Bravo, Andy!' said Colonel Preston, who had awaited with a little anxiety the result of the offer.

Fairfax stooped suddenly, but before he could get hold of the pistol, Andy struck him on the head with the gun-barrel, sending him to roll over, while, by a quick and adroit movement, he himself got hold of the pistol before Fairfax had recovered from the crack on his head.

'Now,' said Andy triumphantly, with the gun over his shoulder, and presenting the pistol in the other, 'have here mighty quick, or I'll shoot ya.'

'Give me back the pistol then,' said the discomfited ruffian.

'I guess not,' said Andy.

'It's my property.'

'I don't know that. Maybe you took it from some thief.'

'Give it to me and I'll go off peacefully.'

'I won't take no robber's word,' said Andy. 'Are you going?'

'I'll give you the pistol. Fire it off first, if you please.'

'You'll shoot me again. You don't catch a vessel asleep,' answered Andy, slyly. 'I've a great mind to make you march into the village, and give you up to the police.'

'This suggestion was by no means pleasant to the highwayman, particularly as he recollected that Andy had shown himself a resolute boy, and doubly armed as he now was, it was quite within his power to carry out his threat.'

'Don't fire after me,' he said.

'I never attack an enemy in the rear,' said Andy, who always indulged in the brogue more than usual under exciting circumstances.

'I make this explanation, as the reader may have noticed a difference in his dialect at different times.'

'We shall meet again, boy,' said Fairfax, solemnly, turning at the distance of a few feet.

'Thank you, sir. You needn't trouble yourself,' said Andy. 'I ain't anxious to make you.'

'When we do meet, you'll know it,' said the other.

'Maybe I will. Go along wid ye!' said Andy, pointing the pistol at him.

'Don't shoot,' said Fairfax, hastily, and he quickened his pace to get out of the way of a dangerous companion.

Andy laughed as the highwayman disappeared in the distance.

'I thought he wouldn't wait long,' he said.

'Andy,' said Colonel Preston, warmly, 'you have behaved like a hero.'

'I'm only an Irish boy,' said Andy, laughing. 'Shure, they don't make heroes of such as I.'

'I don't care whether you are Irish or Dutch. You are a hero for all that.'

'Shure, it's lucky I was round when that spaipeen wanted to rob you.'

'How did you happen to be out with a gun this afternoon?'

'I got my work all done, and Miss Grant said I might go out shooting if I wanted. Shure I didn't expect it 'ud be robbers I would be after shooting.'

'You came up just in the nick of time. Weren't you afraid?'

'I didn't stop to think of that when I saw that big black-guard p'ntin' his pistol at you. I thought I'd have a hand in it myself.'

'Jump into the chaise, Andy, and ride home with me.'

'What, wid the gun?'

'To be sure. We won't leave the gun. That has done us too good service already to-day.'

'I've made something out of it anyway,' said Andy, displaying the pistol, which was silver-mounted and altogether a very pretty weapon. 'It's a regular beauty,' he said, in admiration.

'It will be better in your hands than in the real owner's,' said Colonel Preston.

By this time Andy was in the chaise, rapidly nearing the village.

'If you hadn't come up just as you did, Andy, I should have been the poorer by eight hundred dollars.'

'That's a big pile of money,' said Andy, who, as we know, was not in the habit of having large sums of money in his own possession.

'It is considerably more than I would like to lose,' said Colonel Preston, to whom it was of less importance than to Andy.

'I wonder will I ever have so much money?' thought Andy.

'Now, I'll tell you what I think it only right to do, Andy,' pursued the Colonel.

Andy listened attentively.

'I am going to make you a present of some money, as an acknowledgment of the service you have done me.'

'I don't want anything, Colonel Preston,' said Andy. 'I didn't help you for the money.'

'I know you didn't, my lad,' said the Colonel, 'but I mean to give it to you all the same.'

He took out his pocketbook, but Andy made one more remonstrance.

'I don't think I ought to take it, sir, thankin' you all the same.'

'Then I will give you one hundred dollars for your mother. You cannot refuse it for her.'

Andy's eyes danced with delight. He knew how much good this money would do to his mother, and relieve her from the necessity of working so hard as she was compelled to do.

'Thank you, sir,' he said. 'It'll make my mother's heart glad, and save her from the hard work.'

'Here is the money, Andy,' said the Colonel, handing his young companion a roll of bills.

'I don't like the boy, and I never shall. I suppose he'll be strutting around, boasting of his great achievement. If he had a gun it was nothing to do.'

'I suspect Godfrey would hardly have ventured upon it,' said the Colonel, smiling.

'Oh, of course, Godfrey is vastly inferior to the Irish boy,' remarked Mrs. Preston, ironically. 'You admire the family so that I suppose if I were taken away, you would marry his mother and establish her in my place.'

'If you have any such apprehensions, my dear, your best course is to outlive her. That will effectually prevent my marrying her, and I pledge you my word that, while you are alive, I shall not think of eloping with her.'

'It is very well to jest about it,' said Mrs. Preston, tossing her head.

'I am precisely of your opinion, my dear. As you observe, that is precisely what I am doing.'

So the interview terminated.

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