The Foster Brother:

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER VIII.

walls."
"Yet one who speaks and acts with thority," retorted Nathan, darting totries in a triumphant glance. "If I a paid servant, there is one piece of trice which I am for doing, and that is ping you andyour brother from usurpg a position to which you have no im. Allow me now to suggest that is interview shall terminate. Mrs. brrar having intimated that she will mage her affairs without you, you have pretext for remaining in her presence, i common sense will tell you, without iner words from me, what else you that to do."

ought to do."

"Quit the place, I suppose you mean?"
said Stephen, livid with rage.
Nathan nodded.
""Taint yours," he observed, "and as you don't show signs of being friendly, why, it would just be better for all parties that you fook yourselves off."
"Friendly!" returned Stephen, exasperated beyond endurance—"friendly to the woman and her bully who came to deprive me of this ample possession?"

sion?"

'Oh, we didn't expect it," said Garret, with the utmost coolness.

'No, and you may expect the contrary.
Yonder puling brat, which, I am glad to see, has not much life in it, is all that you have to build your arrogance upon. The basis is a feeble one, and when it fallsas 'tis likely soon to do—you will speedily learn how I can requite this days humiliation.

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"Well now, Captain," rejoined Nathan with a sneering smile, "as I know you ain't bold enough for murder, I am not afraid that our hold will go as soon as you think. I'll back the boy's life against yours any day; and as you have gone the length of saying what you have said, you can't be surprised if I ask you and yours to walk out of Ardgowan without more ado—and there's the doorway you'll walk through first.

As he spoke he threw open the door of the room, and pointed to them to begone. Speechless with rage, pride, and mortification they stalked out, and made again for the dining room—Nathan remaining in the room which they had quitted.

He closed the door upon their exit, and turning towards his mistress found that she had started to her fect, and, assumed an attitude of wild, excited triumph. His face was expressive of muca the same feeling, and they stood for a minute reading each other's thoughts in their flushed and flashing faces.

"Our game is won at length," she breathlessly whispered.

"It is," replied Nathan, "and sooner and easier than I thought. Yet 'twas well to strike the iron while the heat was there. A less bold course might have brought defeat."

"Have they seen the papers?"

"Yes, and stood out for a bit against them, but the letter did it. Oh, it was a piece of rare luck to have that letter. It made the rest pass current without question."

"And I am mistress here," she ex claimed—" mistress of this mansion, of these grounds, of all this wealth and

these grounds, of all this wealth and grandeur."

"Hush, command yourself, for heaven's sake," he warmly rejoined. "We are secure so far, but don't forget that there is a hold by which we keep the place—the child. His words were truer than I cared to own. The boy Rangoon is not strong, and if—"

"He will grow strong," she vehement-ly returned. "He shall have the best of nursing, the best medical skill; no money shall be spared, Nathan, to bring him health, for are we not rich—rich?"

"Well, money can do a 'great deal to procure health—money and care—but there is no doubt he is naturally weakly, and will take great attention."

"Which I shall not fail to bestow. Am I not his mother? Think not because I am a Creole I have not a mother's heart; or if I had not, think not I will forget what hangs upon his life. Oh, trust me, Nathan, trust me, Did I not stand up to that man."

An Outside Opinion. (From the Montreal Daily Wit.

The prospects of the Reform candidates in Ontario appear to be good, and the same wave of popular retribution that swept the late Ontario Government from same wave of popular retribution that swept the late Ontario Government from power threatens to overwhelm the present Ottawa administration. So imminent is this danger that Sir John A. Macdonald, the Premier, and his trusty henchman Sir Francis Hincks, have undertaken a starring tour through the aforesaid Province, whose newspapers are filled with their speeches, and accounts of their meetings in Toronto, London, Hamilton and elsewhere. By all accounts, however, they don't seem very successful in their attempts to gain the "sweet voices" of Upper Canadians, who have a conviction that has grown in strength ever since the accession of the present Dominion Government, that when it was a question between Ontario and Quebec with its priests, the interests of the former were invariably sacrificed. The way in which Manitoba was dealt with will readily occur to the mind as an illustration of this and, in point of fact, the policy, of the Ottawa Cabinet in this matter, especially the way it discouraged and opposed all attempts to apprehend and bring to justice those who murdered an innocent man for his loyalty, has called down on that Ministry an amount of aprobation which the Knights are vainly struggling to make head against. Sir John, it appears, is now trying to make believe that he was for punishing Riel all the time; but Blake, by offering a reward for the arrest of that culprit and causing him to quit the country, spoiled all his, Sir John's plans! This, we apprehend, is rather too thin and is not likely to blind the people of Upper Canada, who should by this time be wide awake to such dodges.

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