NORAH CUSHALEEN HAUNTED CASTLE.

'I'm a Scotchman, mem,' answered Andrew, modestly, 'I am Mainter Har-greave's servant.'
'Oh!' exclaimed Mary. 'And your master—is he here?'
'Deed no, mem. 'They has carried him awa'.'

"Oped no, mem. "They hae carried him awa"."

'Away! Oh! tell me where."

'To Captain Jack's gang, answered Terry. 'Mister Blantire wanted him out of the way till you and him were married, Miss Mary."

'Oh!' she wildly exclaimed, clasping her hands, then he is lost! he is lost! 'Plaise the Virgin, I hope not,' said Terry. 'Me and Mister Donaldson are goin' up the mountains to try our best to get his honour out o' their hands. You see I'm a little bit disquised, and don't expect any one o' the unchristian, theivin' blackguards will know me. So just keep up the brave Irish spirit, Miss Mary, and sw'll come down with a protector that will save yer purty self from that bad hearted man, Malvrin Blantire.'

'My certie, and he'll dae that,' put in Andrew with great emphasis. 'Only let Maister Hargreave win free, and he'll clear the een o' several folk, and gar them look ower their nose at the near-est. Forgive me for speakin' sae freely, Miss, but yer faither himsel', when he kens wha he is, will no object the hee him for a son in law. In a' respects, even according the yer faither's ain notions, he's a thousand times better than the secondral that meant the play ye sic a plisky the night

'Oh, you know of that,' cried Mary, as a strong shudder passed through her frame.'

'We only ken'd by', hearin' the viteans spaikin' about it on the road, after they

spaikin' about it on the road, after they had been frightened wi' a ghaist or something.'

'It was the spirit of your aster Norah,' said Mary, turning to Terry. 'Oh, I know who was the author of her min. It was he—he who would have forced me to be his wife. Her shadowy appearance saved me; for when he beheld the apparition, his guilty heart qualled, and he fled, his accomplices following in almost as great terror. Then I fainted. 'And we got ye lyin' in the chamber,' said Andrew, who thought it best that Mary should not for the present, at least, be undeceived as to the nature of the appearance that had terrified them all.—'We got ye there,' he continued, 'and brought ye awa' without waitin' a moment, for the rascals were comin' back for ye. The'll hae discovered yer absence by this time, and if ye are able tae walk we had better move, for fear they find us oot.'

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Thus admonished, Mary at once rose to her feet, declaring that she was quite recovered; and with a charming sweetness and earnestness, she gratefully thanked them for the invaluable service they had rendered her.

When they reached the beach, they found Hargreave's boat safely moored in the little creek in which it had been left, and entering it, they pulled out into the bay.

By this time Mary's resolution was taken. She would return at once to Kendal Castle, and demand her father's protection against such another outrage. Convinced now that Malvrin was the be trayer of Norsh Cushaleen, she hoped that this discovery would 'induce her father to cease the attempt to torce a union between herself and the betrayer of the wretched girl who, to escape the scorn of the world and her father's upbraidings, sought a grave for herself and the child in the dark depths of the pool.

On the other side of a promontory in the farstretching bay was a little beach or landing placd not far from Kendal Castle. Here was Mary put ashore and her companions insisted on accompanying her at least to the gate of the park. But she resolutely refused the escort.—The morning light was now breaking over the landscape, and she was familiar with the way.

'No,' she heroically exclaimed. 'It

over the landscape, and she was famil-iar with the way.

'No,' she heroically exclaimed. It is a thousand times more important that you speed on your brave and noble errand. And, oh! may heaven prosper

'Ha'e ye ony word for Maister Har-greave?' asked Andrew, with a sly twinkle in his eye.

'Tell him—' Mary nesitated, and a blush overspread her countenance. 'Yes, tell him,' she resumed, 'that I will be true and constant, and will pray fervent-

true and constant, and will pray fervently for his return, and—and—'
She hesitated again and blushed still more deeply, her hands meanwhile being nervously employed in unfastening a ribbon on her bosom.

'This small piece of ribbon,' she continued, holding it out to Andrew, 'will you give it to him as—as a remembrance?'

'I'll do that,' said Andrew, as he took

'17ll do that,' said Andrew, as he took it from her.

She shook them both warmly by the hand, smiled sweetly through her brushes, turned away and was gone.

'She's a fine lassie,' said Andrew, 'a fine, bonnie guid lassie, and worthy o' being his wife.'

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