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A Story of Old Manchester.

CHAPTER XX.

THE GHOSTS OF BLACKLEY HALL.—A BRACE OF VISITORS.

When Richard awoke next morning, and was aided by the daylight to look well about him, he examined the wainscoting closely, and sounded it with his knuckles to test if it was hollow; but apparently, so far as he could judge, the woodwork was backed up with walls. Still, now that he could think calmly, his reason told him there must exist some space to account for the knocking. But what was the most odd, he had the chamber as a bedroom from the time when his father had first come to reside at the Hall, and no such thing had ever happened before.

On one side was the room which the late Mr. Richard Radclyffe had occasionally used, and on the other that in which Reuben had slept. The latter, however, was separated from Dick's apartment by a second chamber. But all these three were now vacant.

Richard thought a good deal over what had occurred as he rode into Manchester that morning, and even during the day in town he could not get it out of his mind. At these times he tried to suggest various theories to account for what he had heard; but having no tangible point on which to base an argument, he was as much at fault in the end as when he began.

When night came, he almost expected a repetition of what had occurred on the previous one; but although he lay awake, watchful and on the alert, there was scarcely a sound to be heard throughout the great house. Neither did he on subsequent nights have anything to disturb him—at least for some time to come; but he could learn by the tittle-tattle of the servants that the boggart of Blackley Hall was as active as ever in other portions of the ancient mansion. These stories, however, he listened to with discredit—or, if he believed in them at all, it was with the idea that what was put down to supernatural agency could, like his own experience, be easily explained away, if only the solution to what seemed a mystery could be hit upon.

He tried to convict the lasses of this, for one had actually left her place through fear, and he had heard it hinted that others might not unlikely follow. He had hoped for assistance in calming their alarm from Nurse Buckley, but old Hannah proved to be the most obstinate and superstitious of the whole household. She told Dick at once that she was as certain that there was a real boggart in Blackley Hall as she was of her own existence.

Thomas Ashworth, and his old dame, too, fanned the flame of superstition, greatly to Richard's annoyance. The old couple had always a budget of ghost stories ready, and they had as their a finger ends a full and complete history of the boggart of Blackley Hall in particular, having learnt by rote everything appertaining to its appearance, to the various members of the different families who had dwelt there. Against such odds, and opposed to such superstition, Dick could make no headway, and had to give up the attempt in despair.

But all these tales about ghosts in general, and the alarm created amongst the women folk of Blackley Hall by the reputed boggart of that ancient mansion, was to be driven out of the mind of Richard Radclyffe by an event which was about to happen. It wanted scarcely a fortnight to Christmas, and the nights being at their longest, Dick had not many hours of daylight in Manchester, and, as a rule, it was dark when he rode homewards.

On this especial December day he was detained at the warehouse until nearly six o'clock, but as he had sent a man round to the stables for his horse, he was not delayed by having to walk to the latter. The sky was sombre and heavy looking, and as Richard mounted, the idea occurred to him that snow was in the air. He was right in his surmise, for he had not got well clear of the town before a few flakes began to fall.

It was only a short ride to Blackley, but it was a lonely one after dark. Richard, however, was so accustomed to the road that he thought nothing of this. It was therefore no doubt the desire to escape the approaching downfall of snow, and with no dread of footpads or other evil-doers, that made him put his horse into a gallop; but in spite of the speed at which he rode, a blinding storm overtook him before he reached the Hall, and when he passed through the gates, his hat and heavy overcoat were as white as the ground around him.

One of the grooms, expecting his master, was on the look out to take the horse, and, dismounting, Richard shook the snow from his clothes and hurried into the Hall. The first thing he heard was that two men had been asking for him, and when he made further inquiries, he found that these were the same two persons who had called at the Hall shortly after the disappearance of his brother Reuben.

"Well?" said Richard, with a heavy frown on his brow.

"They're waiting abeawt sumwheer, meester," replied the girl.

"Waiting about!" repeated Richard. "What can they want?"

But the lass was as ignorant as to the business of these people with her master as was Richard himself, and of course could give him no satisfactory explanation.

The circumstance of these two men first calling at the Hall had, as we are aware, caused Richard some little uneasiness, but after a time it faded from his mind. Now it was brought back forcibly to his memory, and as he entered the room where he usually took his meals, a cold, uneasy feeling came over him, and he could not tell why, for there was nothing extraordinary in the fact of two men wanting to see him.

However, he was not kept long in suspense, for presently it was intimated to him that the two men had called again, and were waiting at one of the back entrances to the Hall.

With his curiosity raised, and not in the best of humors, Richard went out to see these strange visitors, for he did not care that they should come into the house. He could scarcely see what these two men were like, but he noticed that one was taller than the other, and thought they had the appearance of ordinary laborers.

"Well, what do you want with me?" asked Richard.

"We want to ha' a bit o' talk wi' yo', master," replied the shorter of the two men.

Richard started at the sound of the voice, for he then recognized in the speaker one of the two persons whom he had seen seated in Boggart Hole Clough on the day of the search.

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