The Foster Brother:

The Orphan of the Wreck.

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WHAT RENNETH AND THE PISHERMEN FOUND ON THE BOCKS.

This judicious mode of procedure had a good effect, for though he was drawing very near, the maniac did not stir, but sat with his attention divided between the child and Kenneth. The latter fortunately remembered that in his pocket were a few sweet biscuits, a stock of which he usually carried there for the delectation of his own little girl, and, bringing forth one of these, he held it up in hand, smiling still as he went forward. He had come quite close now, and still the man did not move, but gazed at Kenneth as steadily as his restless eyes would permit, and seeing nothing but pity and kindnees on the youth's face, he permitted him to hold the biscuit forward. The little fellow, who had at length ceased to cry, had also been steadily watching Kenneth's approach, and at sight of the biscuit stretched forth a fat, chuby hand to take it. No sooner had his little fingers closed on it than he put it to his mouth and ate greedily, his protector watching him as he did so with evident satisfaction.

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Kenneth could only gaze in wonder at the child's marvellons beauty—on his plump rosy checks, his dimpled chin, his bright blue eyes, his glossy curling hair of a rich golden hue, and the extreme prettiness and delicate refinement of his features. As an artist Kenneth noticed these things at one intuitive glance, and all the more because of the contrast between the face of the child and that of the man which was bent over it.

What a terrible face that was, with fear and horror stamped upon it, till they gave it a look not human and yet a glean of humanity did at fitful moments straggle through the vacuity of the sufflers face as he saw with what eager satisfaction the child devoured the food which had been given him—giving token that the last link which bound him to humanity had not been wholly severed, though alas! the chain in its entirety had been grievously, if not hopelessly, shattered. The child having with ravenus eagerness devoured the bisenit, Kenneth took another from his pocket and held it up in his hand, when instantly the little chuby arm was streteled forth to grasp it.

"Come to me and you shall get it," said Kenneth, in his pleasant, musical voice.

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The little fellow stretched out both lowed Kenneth to take bina in his arms and sit down with him on the rock, where he crouched down at their feet and jil-bered with rapid and unintellible rapid-ity.

The see and biseuit was caten with the tame voracity as the usert, and, during the tew memorals taken by the child to consume it, Kenneth was lasy thinking Low he would proceed in the endeavour to get the man into the boat, and so ashore. Great caution he knew would be requisite to effect this object, for, were the maniac's fears again excited, he might in his frenzy ponnece again upon the child, and leap with him, into the sch. Without being a large-sized man, he was fruncy knit, and the strength inspired by fandnes would be such as their utmost efforts could not eep with.

As they sat thus, the others looking on from a little distance, Kenneth east stealthy glances as the inaniae, to notice how he was comporting himself, and to his satisfaction saw that he had become quiet, his features had grown caliner, the burning beightness inshis eyes had faded, and a dull, drowly film had grainered over themas if he were going to skeep.

As for the child, he had nested close in the child, he had nested close into Kenneth's bosom, and seemed satisfied to remain there.

"And what is your name, my dear little fell, w?" asked Kenneth, in a whisper, ben hing down till his face tonehed the viewty, but cold cheek.

"Googy," lisped the child, in reply.

"Chorgey—ah, indeed. And who is that?" continued Kenneth.

"Dat's Walley."

"Walley?" repeated Kenneth, unable to understand this name as he had done the child? own.

"Yes, Walley."

"Walley pap ?"

"No. Dust Walley."

"1es, Walley,"
"Is Walley papa?"
"No. Dust Walley."
This was all the information that could be elicited, for though Kemoth asked more questions about the ship and the wreet, the little fellow was anable to answer, him. He longed to ask him about the dead lady, but his heart failed him, for he doubted not she was the child's mointer, and he forced to work a

child's mother, and he feared to evoke a burst of infantile griet. Making a quiet signal for the fi her-men still, he rose with the child in his arms and moved away in the direction of the boat. The maniac rose too, and gazed scarchingly into the other's smil-"said Kenneth;" "come, and I

"Cease," said Kenneth; ""ceme,and I will carry Georgy."
Without a jesture of remonstrance, the man cheyed, and kept close by Kenneth's side till they reached the spot where the boat was fastened. The youth-sid down and stepped into the code, the maniac following him, and scating himself beside him near the bow, quiet and docile. Drownsiness was increasing upon him, and Kenneth saw that in a very short time he would be fast askep.

Some minutes clapsed: then the face of Dan Kirkley was seen peering over the lodge with an expression of silent inquiry.

"Hush!" counselled Kenneth, "Make-

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"Hish!" counselled Kenneth, "Make-nelse; he is almost asleep,"
Dan nodded, and waited where he lay a minate or two more, by which time cancine's head had dropped upon his east, his eyes closed, and his stentorian cathing proclaimed that slumber was gan.

can. Kenneth removed some of the wrap-se which still enveloped the child, and ead them gently over his naked adders.

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"Now he whispered, "get the men to carry the body into the boat, and we shall make for the bench."

Dan nodded again and vanished, and at the end of ten minutes the fishermen reached the spot, bearing the dead body, which in silence they lifted over the side and laid in the bottom of the locat.

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This proceeding did not disturb the sleep of the maniae; but the child who was also going to slumber in Kenneth's arms, roused up, and, at the sight of the pale, up-turned face, he uttered a sharp, wailing, cry, and exclaiming, "Oh, ma! ma!" he struggled to descend. Kenneth gently vised to restrain him, but he only struggled the more, and fearful lest the noise shey alrouse the sleeper, he set him down, when, with another cry, he threw himself on the breast of the dead, flung his little arms round the cold neck, and kissed again and again the pale passive lips that, alas, could not return the endearing caress.

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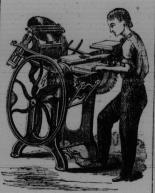
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