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Guelph Evening Mercury
 MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
 OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

The defile now became less rugged as they advanced, and in little more than an hour they came to a bridge which spanned it.

'Praise be blessed, here's a road at last,' cried Andrew.

'Faix but the road isn't for us,' returned Terry. 'Captain Jack doesn't ride in his carriage, and hasn't got an avenue leading to his ill-gotten mansion. The road above us must be the highway from Ballybrogan to Waterford, and we'll soon leave it; and now that we are coming to where there is a chance of meeting our people, we had better be after acting our parts. You are noo Maister M'Spurtle, and I am Jim Malone at yer honour's service.'

'Very well, Jim,' responded Andrew; 'I suppose that's the road up.'

'Not another there seems to be,' said Terry, 'but we've got over worse this blessed day.'

The path which wound up towards the high road was extremely steep, but short bushes grew in profusion upon both sides, and by catching hold of these they easily managed to gain the top, and a few yards more brought them upon the unhegged highway.

It was literally a highway, winding as it did round the side of the mountain at a very considerable altitude. At the point at which our travellers came upon it, it presented a long curve or sweep, and one side could be seen winding like a serpent up the slope.

Just at the bridge it passed through a hollow, and was overhung by thick bushes, under whose covert the prowling fox or other mountain animals might find shelter. To the right the towering peak of Skerryvoe came again into view, and more rocks and ravines stretched up towards it.

The pair stood silently surveying the scene, happy to be again in the upper world, surrounded by the gladsome sunshine, and breathing the air under the blue sky, when suddenly there was a crackling among the bushes behind, and several wild-looking men, clad in skins, leapt down upon the road and surrounded them.

'Hilloo, sirs,' said Andrew, in no way discomposed. 'We wurra jist lookin' for company the noo. This is a braw day.'

'Who are you at all, at all?' asked one, who seemed to be the leader of the party.

'Och murder,' cried Terry. 'Don't be after spakin' uncivil to a stranger, who is travellin' the country for pleasure and is mightily taken wid its beauty.—Sure he's a gentleman, and a rich Scotch Squireen.'

'Rich is he,' returned the spokesman of the party. 'Faix thin, it's meself and those bould boys that are happy to hear it. Sure now, Squire, you that's a rich man won't grudge to value yer body at a mighty big sum.'

'My body sir,' returned Andrew. 'My body is the thing that's o' maist value to me; and I'm glad tae say that it's in rale fine condition the noo. This grand mountain air grees wi' my constitution extraordina.'

'Delighted to hear it, my boy. I am a particular friend of one Captain Jack, who resides in this region, and I have the honour to invite you to spend a few days at his hospitable mansion.'

'Och, murder, Mister M'Spurtle, sur,' exclaimed Terry, in pretended terror. 'We have got into the hands of Captain Jack's gang. Ochone, ochone, if we're not ransomed, we will be murdered in cold blood, and what would they murder us for? I am sure we ha'nd done them a preen's worth o' harm.'

'It's their law,' returned Terry, who feigned fright most admirably. 'They make it their profession to seize travellers, and carry them to their cave; and if they're not ransomed within a certain time, bedad sur, it's all up wid them.—Their law is to hang them, or to kill them in some other unchristian way.'

'Weel, that's a gay hard law,' said Andrew; 'but I kee something o' these kind o' gentry. We ance had gangs o' the same kind in oor ain Scottish Heilants—Rob Roy and others; but that's a' dune noo, and I think this Captain Jack nich't tak up a mair honest trade.'

'Aisy there, sur, if you please,' observed the leader, with a frown. 'Captain Jack and his bould boys won't have their profession run down, and if you are wise enough to take a saine man's advice, you'll not spake an uncivil word about them.'

'Preserve us a'! I was only gie'n my opinion,' remarked Andrew.

'Then perhaps you'll oblige yourself by hidin' yer opinions within yer own teeth. A waggin' tongue has stretched the neck afore now.'

Here a shrill whistle came clear and full from a distance down the slope, and the leader bending a clean eye on the windings of the road, exclaimed—

'By the powers, yonder comes the chaise at last! Let every boy about, go back to cover, and you two, who are now our prisoners, must come wid us; and it ye show yerselves, or make the laste bit o' noise, ye'll find a knife in yer throat the next moment.'

'That wad be a very unpleasant consequence,' said Andrew; 'and as we bawth ha'e muckle respect for our throats, we shall e'en keep a calm sough.'

'Quick!' cried the leader, impatiently. 'We have no time to babble. They may see us.'

He gave a sign to two of the men, who drew each a knife from his girdle, and laid hold the one of Andrew and the other of Terry, and half dragged them among the bushes, where the rest were busy unroasting themselves.

They did not of course make any resistance. Had they been inclined to do so it would have been useless, but as it was, this was the very fate they expected and wished to befall them.

The fellow who had Andrew in charge ordered him to crouch down beneath a

his head-or-even move, on pain of instant death; and as the savage-looking fellow grinned horribly, and looked as if by the meanest what he said, Andrew took care to abide faithfully by his instructions.—It chanced, however, that a small opening in the bushes, just where his head was, enabled him to see along the road and he observed a chaise coming slowly up, with a postillion riding on one of the horses. It was an open veichele, and in it sat an old gentleman and a young lady. On the box sat a big brawny fellow, who had a blunderbuss in his hand, and conspicuously displayed the same.

Nearer and nearer they came to the spot where the robbers lay in wait for them. All was silent as death among the bushes. There was no rustle, no motion—nothing whatever to indicate that a dozen ambushed men were concealed under the foliage.

TO BE CONTINUED.

What the Fenians Want.
 A correspondent, who signs himself "A Fenian," writes to the *Pall Mall Gazette* as follows:—We want not concessions from the British Government; we want Ireland for the Irish, wholly and absolutely; and that we shall have. It is not our game to commit outrage, except in self-defence, and in retaliation for any indignities put upon any of our men by our enemy. But we watch, wait, arm, and prepare for the opportunity that will enable us to destroy the British empire effectually, and to avenge centuries of cruel oppression. If England chooses to precipitate matters by bounding on the masses of her ignorant lower classes against our people, then it will be war to the knife; let her look to her volunteers' depots, her magazines, her manufactures, her docks, her stores, and above all, certain of her governing classes. Just take this simply as our position: We mean to fight, and, if necessary for the freedom of Ireland, destroy England. We wait our opportunity, and meanwhile will take care to avenge the slightest injustice done to any of our people by English law, armed police, and infuriated masses notwithstanding.

The *Chatham Banner* says:—"As the Commercial was the only Banking Institution doing business here, the failure will bear very heavily upon the trade of the neighbourhood, but more particularly on such of our business men whose balances in the Bank were of a considerable amount. We hear of several individuals and firms whose deposits range from \$2,000 to \$18,000, the total amount, on deposit at this agency being something over \$200,000. The loss of this amount, even for a time, will prove very disastrous to the entire trade of the country."

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