

SIR WILLIAM'S

"We are going to have a shower," id Clytic cheerfully.
"Yes," he said succinctly. "If you'll

so good as to stand up one moment, I'll help you on with these."

"Oh, but I could not," she protested;

'von will have nothing!" He knelt on the stern-seat and got the tiller between his knees.

"Quiok, please!" he said, almost curtly in his anxiety. "It will be upon us in a moment, and you will be wet

"And you—" She hesitated, but he had begun to slip the thick, stiff cost on her, and with a shrug of the shoulders she obeyed. The wind caught the sleeves and blew them away from her, and he had to take her arms and

The cap; you must put it on, or your hair will get wet."

Laughingly she took off her hat, the wind blowing her hair almost across

his face, and put on the sou wester.
"There are some strings," he said.
"Can you tie them? Will you let

He did not wait for permission, but tieu the strings under her chin. His eyes were fixed on the knot he was making, and his lips were drawn tightly, so that he looked almost angry and sullen, and his fingers shook, as, necessarily, they touched her warm,

Thank you, thank you," she said in I cannot get wet with these things on;

it would be impossible."
"Keep her out a bit, please," he said gently, as she sank back and took

charge of the tiller again.
"Far enough? How the wind howls!" she said cheerfully. "I have never been on the sea in a storm."

"And I wish you wern't now," he murmured. "I must have been blind not to have seen it coming on!"
"What does it matter?" she said, "excepting that you will get wet through. How dark it has become. It

to you, good as new.

As he spoke a wave—the sea was running with almost incredible wild-ness, considering the short time it had had to get up—struck the boat and sent a heavy spray over her; and the next instant the rain drove across them with the force of a blow. Clytie shook the water from her face and laughed; and she laughed again when the next wave caught them and drenched the boat from bow to stern. Her eyes were sparkling, the rare color was glowing in her face, her lips were apart as if to give free play to the spirit that rose within her, and Jack glanced at her with admiration

and surprise. "You are not afraid?" he said unwittingly.

"Afraid? No!" she retorted, with smile. "There is no danger, is there?

lack responded to her smile. "No Jack responded to her smile. "No, there is no danger—while we keep out here," he said, as quietly as he could in the roar and crash of wind and wave. "Of course, we cannot go[†]in." "Oh, I understand that," she said; "but it will not last long."

Jack could not refrain from casting glance at the sky.
"I hope not," he said. As he spoke

he wriggled out of his shooting-coat and wrapped it round her feet.

"No; I certainly will not permit you to do that!" she said, with a sudden rush of color to her spray-wet cheeks. Please take it back and put it on im mediately.'

Jack shook his head. "You must keep it," he said resolutely. "It is getting cold, and—and you are not

"Not strong!" She opened her eyes on him and laughed as she thrust the coat away. "Why, I am as strong as a woman could be."

"Mollie says not, and I won't risk it," he said, still more resolutely.
"And, besides, what on earth's the use

of the thing to me! I am wet through already, as I have been some hundreds

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of times before. Don't add to my re-merse by refusing to take, as much care of yourself as you can! I feel bad enough about you as it is, Miss Bram-

ley.

She let him replace the coat round her, and said no more. But even in the stress of the moment she noticed

that he had spoken of Mollie without the formal, respectful "Miss."

"I am afraid we shall have to keep her farther out," he said presently.
"We're getting the back current of the wind here, and there are some rocks. Quick!" he commanded sharply, but calmly; and he leaned forward and

calmiy; and he leaned forward and selzed the tiller.

Unwittingly his strong hand had closed on hers, and she felt all the force of his as he pressed down on her own. If she had been nervous, which she was not, the strength of the hand that several the largest crush hers that seemed to almost, crush here would have given her confidence. She stretched her fingers when he had released them, with a sense of protection, of assurance, and glanced at his face with a strange light in her violent. There was silence for ey. There was silence for some time, then: "Oh, Mollie!" she exclaimed, not

loudly, but he hear her.
"That's all right," he said quickly.
"They will think we have waited ashore, at the Head, until the storm

"Of course," she assented with a smile. "Besides, she is not nervous, and takes things that would send some girls into hysterics quite calmly."

"The Bramley pluck," he commented absently.
She looked at him with a curious

Are we far enough out?" she ask

She had to raise her voice; and its caim. ringing note sang intoxicatingly in his ears. Intoxicatingly, because like most strong men must be, cause, like most strong men must be, ne was extiliarated by the storm, and her clear unwavering voice was like that of a fellow spirit calling to him, stirring his emotion. He nodded; he could not trust himself to speech. They ould not see the coast-line now; th could not see the constraint low, the vind-driving rain had blotted it out; nothing was visible but the great waves surging round them and ever and again breaking in white spray, rendered dazzling by the surrounding darkness, over the boat and falling in a sheet of wet down the all-protecting

a sheet of wet down the all-protecting oilskins that enveloped Cittle.
"It is magnificent!" she said, in her full, round voice; "but it is lasting longer than I thought. Where are

"Toward Labrador!" he replied grimly. "I'm a pretty kind of man to be trusted with a young girl—lady."
"Oh, come!" she retorted, with a laugh, as she dashed the water from her eyes. "You are not Prospero, you know; you didn't raise the storm, Mr Douglas!

"No; but I ought to have seen that it was coming," he said bitterly. "I ought to know the coast by this time. It's not the first time I've been caught

It's not the first time I've been caught in a southwester. Why didn't I look at the sky? Why did I let let you come? Are you getting wet?"
"I am as dry as the proverbial bone," she replied cheerfully; "and, if I do get wet, what does it matter? As for you, you must be drenched—Ah!"

The cry was wrung from her by flash of lightning that, for a moment, made visible the huge waves through

which they were plowing. over," she said, as if apologizing for her involuntary exclamation. "Oh

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ow wet you look!" She taughed rue fully as she leaned forward, sweeping

the water from her eyes.

"The worst is to come," he said, frankly; for he knew that nothing could daunt her spirit. "I must lowe the sail, or we shall have it torn to ribbone. Give me the tiller. Your hands must be numbed."

He dropped the sail, and seated him-self beside her; sheltering her as well as he could from the wind and the driving rain.
"Strange," she said, close to his ear,

"but I haven't felt so—so happy for a long time. I suppose we women all like excitement, Mr. Douglas; and this is the most exciting moment I have ever nad. where are we now, I won-der? I fancy—it is only fancy, of course—that we have passed Withy-combe."

"No," he said. "We are nearly opposite it. Are you wet? Have the rain and the spray drenched you?"

and the spray dreacned you?"
"No," she replied. "I am sure I am quite dry, but there is a pool of water in my lap. I think I will tilt it out."
With the audacity of inexperience, she rose before he could stay har; a huge wave caught the boat, and she was thrown, hurled, against the side. She struck her head on the gunwale, and slid a limp and helpless form at his feet.

Jack caught at her and lifted her to his breast. In doing so, he released his hold of the tiller and the boat swing round broadside to the mountainous waves. For an instant they were in deadly peril; but, with one arm still encircling her, he regained the tiller and put the boat headways to the bliows, and the peril was averted. Shung on his arm like a lily, her face pressed against his breast, her eyes closed, her lips apart as if her spirit had passed through them for the last time. Jack caught at her and lifted her to

Jack lost his head. He pressed her to him, calling on her name in the accents of the strong man in anguish.

"Clytie! Clytie! My dearest, my darling! Oh, God, I have killed her!" A faint thrill ran through her; the crush of his embrace sent a still warmer glow racing along her veins. She sighed and, insensibly, nestled closer

"Clytie!" he cried hoarsely. "Clytie!" he cried hoarsely. "You are safe. It is all right! I am here—Douglas, Wilfred Carton—oh, my darling, you are hurt—hurt!"

He pressed her to him—it was all he

could do—and murmured, still hoarse-ly, encouragement; and presently she opened her eyes and, with a little shiver, stirred in his arms.

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"What has happened?" she asked.
"Are we—wrecked?"
"No, no," he responded fervently, eagerly. "We are all right. A wave caught you—you were hurt. Oh, Clustet." caught you—you Clytie!"

Clytie!"

She moved slowly, not too readily, until she had slid—there is no other word that will adequately describe the movement—from his arms, and eank into the seat.

She was silent for a moment, while he watched, devoured, her with his ardent, anxious eyes. She could see them through the mist, the darkness of the raging storm.

ness of the raging storm.
"I—I must have fainted," she said.
"Something hit me."

"You fell against the side of the boat," he said, hoarsely. "Are you hurt—in pain? If only I had some brandy!

"I am all right," she said, in a very quiet, still voice.
"Thank God!" he brethed, devoutly.

"I was afraid—no, I'll take the tiller Sit there." He placed the cushion for her at the bottom of the boat. "The tor her at the bottom of the boat. "The storm is passing; there is a streak of light in the west. You are sure that you are not hurt?"
"Quite," she said; and she lay al-

most at his feet, her head pillowed on her arm. He could not see he rface; if he had been able to do so, he could not have failed to have seen the exing; her breath—and how he listened to it!—came as regularly, as softly, as child's.

The moments passed, and with them the storm—one of the most sudden and wild that even that coast had ever experienced. The sky grew clearer, the waves sank, the rain ceased and the wind dropped to a moderate breeze. Jack raised the sail and made for Withycombe. Clytle lay quite quiet; she seemed to be sleep-ing; her breath.— how he listened to came as regularly, as softly, as a

It was not until they swept into Withycombe harbor that she stirred and, sitting up, said:
"Are we there?"

"We are," he said, almost gruffly; what words had he allowed to escape him in that moment of anguish, that moment of dread? "Here we are, and here are Lord Stanton and Miss Mol

iffe," he added, as those two persons rushed down to the boat.

"Oh, you poor dear!" exclaimed Moilie, as she flung her arms round Ciytie.

"You wicked gir!! And you, Mr. Douglas! How could you let her go to sea in such a storm?" Yes: it was my fault, Miss Mollie!"

said Jack, remorsefully. "By George, we were on tenter-hooks!" said Lord Stanton. "We came on here by the road."



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Get her get Miss Bramley ho soon as you can," broke in Jack, grim-ly, commandingly. "She is wet —

As Clytle turned, with Mollie's arm round her, she looked over her shoul-der at his drenched figure, but she said nothing.

She was slient until they reached the farm. As Mollie slipped the oil-skins from the slim figure, she ex-

"Oh, you poor dear Clytie! Such a storm! You must have been terrified out of yur life! Now, don't tell me you weren't afraid!" for Clytie had laughed strangely.
"Yes," she responded, with a little

res, she responded, with a fittle shiver; but with her eyes lowered, as if she feared Mollie's loving scrutiny. "I was afraid; and—and I am afraid still!"

"No wender!' 'exclaimed Mollie. "It was awful! There, get into bed! They the fishermen—were saying that Jack Douglas must have been a marvel to have faced such a storm and lived through it. Does your head

"No," said Clytle, but she might have added that her heart did. For certain words, spoken, cried, amid the roar of the storm, still rang in her ears.

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He loved her!

He had not realized the fact until he had held her in his arms, had felt her heart faintly beating against his, in that moment when death seemed hovering on the edge of the storm; when, in a greater storm than that which raged in the heavens, a rush of pity; of love, of agonized anxiety swept over his spirit and bore away the barriers of prudence, and tore aside the veil of ignorance and doubt as to his own feelings.

It had smitten him, this love of his, the first time he had seen her on his return—had it not, indeed, existed in those far-off days, when they played

hose far-off days, when they played as children together?—and it had been growing, growing ever since. He knew why his heart had stirred at sight of her, why he had been so happy when he was near her, why he had thrilled at the sound of her voice; he loved

What was he to do? he asked him-What was he to do? he asked himself, as he paced up and down the jetty that night, long after Withycombe had gone to rest, and no sound broke the stiliness save the splash of the now calm water against the walls of the jetty, and the mournful cry of an owl up among the trees on the heights. Surely no man was ever placed in so unfortunate a position! If he had fallen in love with one of the Withy-

fallen in love with one of the Withy combe maidens, he would have been free to tell her, and to have borne her away to the far-away land, to Parrauna, in which he had made a secure habitation and a home; to have re-mained "Jack Douglas" and lived con-tentedly, happily, to the end of the

chapter.

But he had fallen in love with Miss
Bramley, the girl to whom his father
had left his fortune and the estates -unless he. Wilfred, married her. The irony of the thing filled him with bitterness. Supposing he were to go to her and say: "I am Wilfred Carton; I have been masquerading as Jack Douglas, a fisherman, a common man; and I love you!" Would she not jump to the conclusion that he was wooing



her because he could not obtain the estates, the money, without doing so? Of course, she would refuse him. And he would rob her of Bramley and the

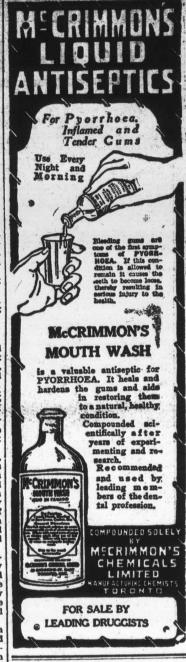
Tack with all his faults was not a wain man, not a coxcomb; your strong man rarely is; and it did not occur to him, for a moment, that during their fairly frequent intercourse of late she might have grown—well, to like him. To her he must seem just a workingman, a workingman with rather more cleverness and better manners than those with which the workingman is usually endowed. He workingman is usually endowed. He had been wearing a mask; but she had been just her own incomparable self, a beautiful woman of infinite charm, of irresistible lovableness. He lit another pipe, biting hard on the stem, and took another quick, feverish stride up and down the jetty. It was evident he told himself, that

feverish stride up and down the jetty. It was evident, he told himself, that she had not heard the words that escaped his lips at the moment he held her in his arms, crushed her, pityingly yet passionately, to his heart. If she had done so she would, of course, have shown her indignation, her resentment of his presumption. Jack did not know that a woman can conceal her feelings with a perfection of ceal her feelings with a perfection of art which is born in her, with that capacity for concealment which is the birthright of her sex. He did not know, or, knowing, remember, that a woman, the veriest girl, can smile when she is racked with physical pain, turn a paigram while her heart is when she is racked with physical pain, or turn an spigram while her heart is wrung with anguish; and he was convinced that she had not heard his passionate declaration of love, his confession of his real name. Of course, she had not heard the wild words which had burst from him; she must have been insensible when he uttered them; for she had shown no resent them is when she had come to, had not them; for she had shown no resent-ment when she had come to, had not overwhelmed him with haughty dis-dain, or treated him with the coldness of outraged pride. No; her eyes stad met his steadily, almost kindly; and they had worn a grateful expression when they had rested for a moment on his as she went up the beach. (To Be Continued).

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children, makes his home on the land in a little cottage.

On Wednesday, January 23, he took the boat and started for Islesboro. Three hours were taken in making the trip of three miles by water. He came back and upon landing and pulling the boat up onto the shore on Mark island he pulled the boat over onto him, pinning him down and breaking his leg. His wife kept looking for her hueband's return and finally, attracted by his groans, found him pinned under the boat. She is a frail woman but with him hanging onto his injured limb, she managed to drag him up to the cottage. There, with the aid of a leather wallet and sticks she set the leg the best she could. There they were practically isolated and help was needed badly.

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Mrs. Collamore, full of pluck and determination to get help, went to the Player summer home. There she managed to set agoing the electric dynamo by which the place is lighted. She turned on every light in that big house and put on also a red light. The lights were run all day Thursday and not until 5.45 Thursday afternoon was the light noticed at Dark Harbor. Telephone calls were sent to the naval station and the tug Zizania started to Dark Harbor to see what was the trouble. Dark Harbor was reached about 9.30 Thursday night. There no one knew what was the trouble at Mark Island. The Zizania cut her way through the ice, in some places 3 and 10 inches thick, for three miles to the island. Captain herman and nine men went ashore. Tshey made their way to the lighted house and there found no one. Groping along in the darkness they were frightened by the sudden uprising of a flock of turkeys fro ma tree. hen they came upon the cottage in total darkness with the door open but no signs of life about. Going in they found the courageous little woman asleep, the injured man half asleep and both children slumbering. The tug went back to Dark Harbor and there found a doctor who was brouight back to Mark Island. The Zizania remained at Mark Island. The Zizania remained at Mark Island. The Jizania remained at Mark Island.

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