

THE SATURDAY, GAZETTE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

powerless. To lie and watch from between my closed eyelids was all I could do. Still with hands outstretched, still with the same tottering gait, past the foot of the bed, and toward the fireplace...

He was still groping about with his hands, and it did not occur to me at the moment as altogether opposed to the theory I had so readily adopted that what was in his normal state only a nervousness should be exaggerated in his present condition into almost if not total blindness.

So strong a light, and yet not strong enough to awaken him! A call that I could not account for, and that seemed to be numbing all my faculties, was creeping over me. The fact that I was staring at the light, and that I was staring at the light, and that I was staring at the light...

I raised myself a little in the bed and saw to my increased satisfaction that the chair, the contrivance, was in a loose cover of faded damask, and was apparently endeavoring to sit up. The chair was in a loose cover of faded damask, and was apparently endeavoring to sit up.

"Phah!" I exclaimed, "I must have been dreaming." The words had scarcely passed my lips when something, the like of which I had never heard before—something between a laugh and a wail—an indescribable mingling of pain and mockery—sounded close at my elbow.

"And you expect me to believe that you were in your sober senses when you saw, or imagined you saw, this—what shall I call it—double of myself?" said Mr. Van Decker.

"Well, it is your own look out," he said. "I suppose I was mistaken in my man. I would have been after for both of us if your nerves had been stronger. I told you last night I had been too candid with you. I should have hit upon some other expedient."

"Believe me," I began, "I shall never forget a word about it," he said, "you value my friendship. The time may come when I shall myself reopen the subject, though I think not—I think not. Until then, let it be of you, drop."

I am afraid I took to my work that day a very divided attention. I did not regret my candor, though there were moments—when I was discussing my mutton chop, for example, in my own special snug corner, not unaccompanied by a good tankard of scotch—in which I felt more courageous, if not more skeptical, than the existence of a ghostly visitor, might one not in time become accustomed to it?

I found my host even more cheerful and hospitable than was his wont at breakfast. He ordered the old Dutchman, who combined with other duties those of butler to bring up some champagne and tossed it off, while he hospitably pressed it upon me, with a freedom which surprised me.

"You look as if you did not sleep for a week," he added complacently, "and my wife is good enough company for me—better than most. You'll find every need, and you'll be obeyed, and that night I slept like a top, so soundly, indeed, that when the old fellow came in for his dinner, I was only awakened to the fact of his presence by his anxious appeal to me to accompany him to the dining-room."

"No, no," he said, "I am not a man to be trifled with. I have seen my share of life, and I am not a man to be trifled with. I have seen my share of life, and I am not a man to be trifled with. I have seen my share of life, and I am not a man to be trifled with."

"I made no long business of my talk, being, as you may suppose, anything but easy of mind. I had my mind, rather to my surprise, found the tone she had adopted to me upstairs, I found I was waiting below to meet my wife, who had just come from the bedroom, and she had been to the bed, dragging the sheet, at which I chuckled to myself, to the ground. As I did so, something fell on the floor with a thud. It was my watch, which falling it accented my respect, but I did not notice it. I was sitting on the edge of the bed, and I was sitting on the edge of the bed, and I was sitting on the edge of the bed."

"I had said as much already, Mr. Van Decker. Nothing would induce me, after what I went through last night, to become your tenant."

covering hanging about it in ragged tatters, while at a little distance from it, seated on the ground, smoothing out some crumpled piece of paper, and chuckling and chuckling to himself as he did so, in a manner that made my blood creep as I listened to him, was the object of my search. He looked up as we went in, but he did not cease from his occupation, and for some seconds the silence was unbroken, save by himself. My companion stood huddled together at the door, too much appalled to speak, and I was in a little better case. By way of attracting his attention I drew the curtain from across the further window, and with the light fall upon him. He blinked and shifted his seat somewhat, as if to escape it, but he took no further notice. "Mr. Van Decker, I said, "Don't you know it is past breakfast time and you are keeping me waiting?"

But the words conveyed no meaning to him, no more meaning to him than his own words, incoherent jabbering did to me. "It is no good, master," I said in a broken voice. "He'll have nothing more to say to any one in this world. He has come at the truth after all these years, and he has got his death blow with it. Where did he find it, think you?"

He had dropped on his knees by the side of the table, and he was now holding up for my inspection what I now perceived to be a bank note, the face of which was torn and mangled. "It is the money," he said, "the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night."

"I was never more mutilated than it appeared at first sight; the double whirling of which the money was complete, and the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night."

"It was not without considerable difficulty that I got my poor friend home, and the doctor pronounced upon him by the medical men, whom we lost no time in calling in, was more favorable than I anticipated. His recovery, however, was so complete as to leave any doubt as to his recovery, and the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night, the money which I found in the night."

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