

The Foster Brother;

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XXIX.

FRIENDS IN COUNCIL—EVIL NEWS FROM ABOARD—THE SUDDER JOURNEY.

The letter ran as follows:—
"Dear Master George:—Oh, come back without delay, you and Master Harry, an save Miss Lillias from the worst of misery. They are gain to marry her at nine to Duncan Halston, and are keeping her locked up in her own room night and day, for fear she should escape or get speech o' Master Harry. It was Mrs Rendal that learned this. She heard from the servants that Miss Lillias was locked up and nobody allowed to gang near the room—the Captain takin' her food up himself. But she watched, and watched, at the back o' the house, where the window o' Lillias' room looks out, and at last drew her attention. She durst not cry for fear o' being heard, and the window is over high for ordinary speaking. But Miss Lillias made signs o' sair distress, and held up a piece o' paper and a pen, as much as to say that she wad write. See Mrs Rendal slipped awa' among the trees oot o' sight till Miss Lillias did this, and after waiting awhile, Miss Lillias cam' to the window again wi' the paper faultit up. But loo tae get it thrown oot was the trouble, for the window had been nailed on the outside, and a Miss Lillias' efforts couldna move it. Mrs Rendal signed tae her tae break a pce o' glass, but Miss Lillias shook her head as much as to say that wad betray her. At last, after muckle tryin', she cam' up on a creak atween the upper and under sash, through which she tried to push the paper. For a long time it stick and stack, and muckle they feared it couldna be got oot. Miss Lillias shook the window wi' a strength o' desperation, till at last the paper fell outside, and in a jiffy Mrs Rendal picked it up. Kae snare had she read it than she cam' rinnin' wi' tae me, implorin' me tae send it awa' tae you and Master Harry. Sae ye'll find it inside this, and I hope ye will come aff immediately, or it may be ower late.—Your humble servant, MARY ANN GARRISON."

The paper referred to was not to be seen, till George sought again in the envelope and found it there. It was half a sheet of thin notepaper, and the writing was in some cases blurred with haste, agitation, and tears; but George's eyes, quickened by the anxiety of love, made out every word of this passionate appeal:—

"Harry, Harry, oh save me, or I am lost! My father has sworn to force me to this hateful marriage, and I am kept a prisoner till the hour come. Then I am to be taken away and the marriage performed at some distant place, where I can appeal to no one who will hinder it. God knows how soon this dreadful thing is to be done, but it will be speedily, for they fear that you will prevent it, therefore they mean to do it secretly and at once. Oh, Harry, come quick, or you may be too late! Where are you? Where is George? I have learned nothing, spoken to no one, since the night we parted. I am wild with grief, distracted with terror. If you come not to my aid I shall be miserable for ever. Come, oh come, and save your wretched sister."

Lillias.

Vain would it be to attempt to describe the horror, the dismay, the wild distraction of George and Harry at the receipt of these two communications. Let it not be supposed that they were read from beginning to end continuously. No, the reader was interrupted at almost every sentence by exclamations and manifestations of distracted agitation. Harry was like a man insane, and George shaken with anguish.

Two days had passed since the letters were written. Two days—what might not have happened in that time? And two days must elapse ere George and Harry could reach Glenfask, let them travel by the swiftest possible conveyance. No conveyance could be swifter than the coach, and it left Glasgow at six in the morning. It wanted now but two hours to midnight, and how to reach Glasgow by the hour when the coach started was the question.

"I see how you can manage that," said the doctor. "One of the vehicles belonging to the asylum can take you to town."

"Then, for God sake, tell them to yoke it," roared Harry, rushing to where his great-coat hung, and beginning to encase himself in it.

"Why, what would you do?" said the doctor laying an arresting hand on him.

"Do? Why, make ready to go," replied Harry, his eyes blazing with excitement.

"Go at present? You are soon enough four hours hence. We shall have supper immediately."

"We can't wait for supper, Manby. I couldn't eat—not a morsel. Besides, there is not a moment to lose. She says come at once, and, oh God, I have not come at once, and perchance—No, Manby, don't hinder me; I shall go mad if we wait."

"Now, my dear boy, don't make yourself useless," said the doctor, soothingly. "I am as much alive to the necessity of not a moment being lost as you are. But suppose you were in Glasgow this moment, you would gain nothing by that. The coach will not start before six. Why, then, should you wait for hours there?"

"I tell you I cannot rest till we are on the road. Motion alone will make my agony bearable."

"Harry," said the doctor, gravely, "you love your sister; you desire with your whole heart to succor her. Would you, therefore, render yourself incapable of doing so?"

"No—a thousand times no."

"That is just what you will do if you give way to this unreasoning impulse. Suppose I allowed you to have your own way, and depart without supper. You ride through the cold night air to Glasgow; you reach it four hours before the coach departs, and that time you must spend in a cold, fireless room of the inn, or in wandering the still colder streets; you take your seat in the coach without breakfast, and you go on the long journey in this unrefreshed manner. What condition do you imagine you will be in when you get to Glenfask? To-day we have had no regular meal, nor could you count on one, or even on sleep by the way. The consequence would be that you would reach Ardgowan utterly done up, and unfit to take the prompt and energetic measures which may be there and then found necessary. Who knows what that may lead to?—perhaps your sister's destruction."

"Oh, Manby," groaned Harry, "you don't know the frightful torment I am suffering."

"Don't I? Is it less than that endured by George? yet he gives not way to such fatal rashness."

"Manby is right, Harry," said George, in a voice which fully attested the consuming anxiety to which he was a prey.

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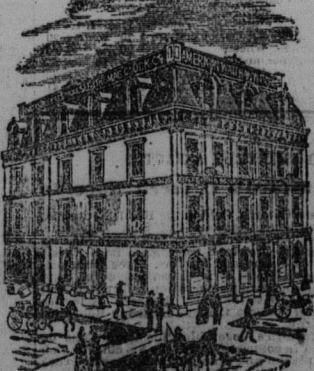


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