BARNABY RUDGE

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CHAPTER XLIX.

The mob had been divided from its first assemblage into four divisionsthe London, the Westminster, the Southwark and the Scotch. Each of these divisions being subdivided into Hugh. Nobody shall wrest this flag various bodies, and these bodies be- away. ing drawn up in various forms and figures, the general arrangement was, except to the few chiefs and leaders, as unintelligible as the plan of great battle to the meanest soldier in the field. It was not without its method, however, for, in a very short space of time after being put in motion, the crowd had resolved itself into three great parties, and were prepared, as had been arranged, to cross the river by different bridges, and make for the House of Commons in separate detachments.

At the head of that division which had Westminster Bridge for its approach to the scene of action, Lord George Gordon took his post, with Gashford at his right hand, and sundry ruffians of most unpromising appearance, forming a kind of staff about him. The conduct of a second party whose route lay by Blackfriars, was intrusted to a committee of management, including perhaps a dozen men, while the third, which was to go by London Bridge and through the main streets, in order that their numbers and their serious intentions might be the better known and appreciated by the citizens, were led by Simon Tappertit (assisted by a few subalterns, selected from the Brotherhood of United Bulldogs), Dennis the hangman, Hugh, and some

The word of command being given, each of these great bodies took the road assigned to it, and departed on its way, in perfect order and profound silerce. That which went through the city greatly exceeded the others in number, and was of such prodigious extent that when the rear began to move, the front was nearly four miles in advance, notwithstanding that the men marched three abreast and followed very close upon each other.

At the head of this party, in the place where Hugh, in the madness of his humor, had stationed him, and walking between that dange ous companion and the hangman, went Barnaby, as many a man among the thousands who looked on that day afterwards remembered well. Forgetful of all other things in the ecstasy of the moment, his face flushed and his eyes sparkling with delight, heedless of the weight of the great banin the summer breeze, on he went, proud, happy, elated past all telling whirling on above them, until it was This speech being a little more temcreature in the whole assembly.

'What do you think of this?'' asked Hugh, as they passed through the crowded streets, and looked up at the doubtless here and there with honest spectators. "They have all turned part of the very scum and refuse of the show like Barnaby. All eyes are turned on him. Ha, ha, ha!"

Don't make that dih, brother, ready for action, I hope, eh? You,

and looked vacantly from his questioner to Hugh.

"He don't understand your way, sgid the latter. "Here, I'll explain it to him. Barnaby, old boy, attend

"I'll attend," said Barnaby, lookcould see her somewhere.

"See who?" demanded Dennis in a not have no love here."

me at the head of this large show? She'd cry with joy, I know she unceasingly, and each new outrage would. Where can she be. She never sees me at my best, and what do

"Why, what palaver's this?" asked Mr. Dennis with supreme disdain. knot through the lobby to the door bers among us, I hope.'

"Of his what?" said Mr. Dennis with a strong oath.

'His mother. "And have I combined myself with

this here section, and turned out on Thus the members were not only atthis here memorable day, to hear men talk about their mothers!" growled Mr. Dennis with extreme "The notion of a man's sweetheart's bad enough, but a in and without, was so great that man's mother!"—and here his disgust those who attempted to speak could was so extreme that he spat upon the ground, and could say no more.

Barnaby's right," cried Hugh with in state, to a grand house all hung round with gold and silver banners, House partially and cautiously opand everything else you please, where she'll wait till you come, and want

for nothing.' Ay!" said Parnaby, his face beaming with delight; "have you in That's a good hearing. That's fine! Kind Hugh!

But nothing to what will come, bless you," retorted Hugh, with a wink at Dennis, who regarded his new companion in arms with great astonishment.

'No, indeed?" cried Barnaby. "Nothing at all." said Hugh. "Money, cocked hats and leathers, red coats and gold lace, all the fine things there are, ever were, or will will belong to us if we are true to that noble gentleman-the best man in the world-carry our flags for a few days, and keep 'em safe. That's

'Is that all?" cried Barnaby with glistening eyes, as he clutched his pole the tighter; "I warrant you I keep this one safe, then. You have put it in good hands. You know me,

"Well said!" cried Hugh. "Ha, ha! Nobly said! That's the o,d stout Barnaby, that I have climbed and leaped with, many and many a day-I knew I was not mistaken in Barnaby-Don't you see man," he added other side of Dennis, "that the lad's natural, and can be got to do anything, if you take him the right way. Letting alone the fun he is, he's worth a dozen men, in earnest, as you'd find if you tried a fall with him. Leave him to me. You shall

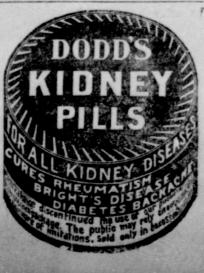
soon see whether he's of use or not." Mr. Dennis received these explanatory remarks with many nods and winks, and softened his behavior towards Barnaby from that moment. Hugh, laying his finger on his nose, stepped back into his former place, and they proceeded in silence.

It was between two and three o'clock in the afternoon when the three great parties met at Westminster, and, uniting into one huge mass, raised a tremendous shout. This was not only done in token of their presence, but as a signal to those on whom the task devolved. that it was time to take possession of the lobbies of both Houses, and of the various avenues of approach, and of the gallery stairs. To the lastnamed place, Hugh and Dennis, still with their pupil between them, rushtheir own party, who kept them at with marvellous rapidity. the outer door. Their followers folif they had been so inclined. Is rea! pression in describing a great crowd, that a person might have walked up- will!' on the people's heads. In this egge of suffocation climbed to the presently came back again. shoulders of a man beside him and walked upon the people's hats and and a dead silence directly heads into the open street, travers- "I am afraid," he said, this time,

the groend, Through this vast throng, sprinkled windows which were thronged with zealots, but composed for the most out to see our flags and streamers? London, whose growth was fostered ther in that great body, he had no Eh, Barnaby? Why, Barnaby's the by bad criminal laws, bad prison re-doubt His Majesty would send down greatest man of all the pack! His gulations, and the worst conceivable private orders to have their wishes flag's the largest of the lot, the police, such of the members of both brightest too. There's nothing in Houses of Parliament as had not taken the precaution to be already at their posts, were compelled to fight and force their way. Their carriages themen suddenly appeared at the door growled the hangman, glancing with were stopped and broken, the wheels no very approving eyes at Barnaby wrenched off, the glasses shivered to him and coming a step or two lower as he spoke; "I hope he don't think atoms, the panels beaten in, drivers, down upon the stairs, confronted the there's nothing to be done but carry- footmen and masters, pulled from ing that there piece of blue rag like their seats and rolled in the mud. a boy at a breaking-up. You're Lords, commoners, and reverend bishops, with little distinction of person I mean," he added, nudging Barnaby or party, were kicked and pinched you staring at? Why don't you hand through various stages of illusage, and sent to their fellow sena-Barnaby had been gazing at his flag tors at last with their clothes hanging in ribbons about them, their bagwigs torn off, themselves speechless and breathless, and their persons covered with the powder which had been cuffed and beaten out of their hair. One lord was so long in the hands of the populace that the Peers as a ing anxiously round; "but I wish I body resolved to sally forth and rescue him, and were in the act of doing so, when he happily appeared gruff tone. "You ain't in love, I among them covered with dirt and hope, brother? That ain't the sort bruises, and hardly to be recognized of thing for us, you know. We must by those who knew him best. The noise and uproar were on the in-She would be proud indeed to see crease every moment. The air was me now, eh, Hugh?" said Barnaby. filled with execrations, hoots, and Wouldn't it make her glad to see howlings. The mob raged and roared like a mad monster as it was,

ing in among them or coming near

served to swell its fury. Within doors, matters were even I care to be gay and fine if she's not yet more threatening. Lord George -preceded by a man who carried the immerse petition on a porter's We ain't got no sentimental mem- of the House of Commons, where it was received by two officers of the "Don't be uneasy, brother," cried house who rolled it up to the table Hugh, "he's only talking of his moseat at an early hour, before the Speaker went to prayers. His followers pouring in at the same time, the lobby and all the avenues were immediately filled, as we have seen. tacked in their passage through the streets, but were set upon within the very wglls of Parliament. while the tumult, both withscarcely hear their own voices, far less consult upon the course it would be wise to take in such extremity, or a grin, "and I say it. Lookee, bold animate each other to dignified and If she's not here to see, it's firm resistance. So sure as any membecause I've provided for her, and ber, just arrived, with dress disorone of 'em with a blue flag (but not struggling through the crowd in the half as fine as yours), to take her, lobby, it velled and screamed in triumph, and when the door of the



ened by those within for his admission, gave them a momentary glimpse of the interior, they great more wild and savage, like beasts at the sight of prey, and made a rush against the portal, which strained its locks and bolts in their staples, and shook the very beams. The strangers' gallery, which was

immediately above the door of the House, had been ordered to be closed on the first rumor of disturbance and was empty, save that now and then Lord George took his seat there for the convenience of coming to the head of the stairs which led to it and repeating to the people what had passed within. It was on these stairs that Barnaby, Hugh and Dennis were posted. There were two flights short, steep, and narrow; running parallel to each other, and leading two little doors communicating wit a low passage which opened on th in a whisper, as he slipped to the gallery. Between them was a kind of well, or unglazed skylight, for the admission of light and air into the lobby, which might be some eighteen or twenty feet below.

Upon one of these little staircases -not that at the head of which Lord George appeared from time to time, but the other-Gashfeed stood with his elbow on the banister, and his cheek resting on his hand, with his usual crafty aspect. Whenever he varied this attitude in the slightest degree-so much as by the gentlest motion of his arm-the uproar was certain to increase, not merely there, but in the lobby below, from which place, no doubt, some man who acted as fugleman to the rest, was constantly looking up and watching him. est. "Order!" cried Hugh, in a voice which made itself heard even above the roar and tumult, as Lord George

News! News from my lord!" The noise continued, notwithstanding his appearance, until Gashford looked round. There was silence immediately-even among the people in the passages without, and on the other staircases, who could neither see ed straightway, Barnaby having gi- nor hear, but to whom, notwithven his flag into the hands of one of standing, the signal was conveyed

appeared at the top of the staircase.

"Gentlemen," said Lord George lowers pressed on behind, and they who was very pale and agitated were borne as on a great wave to we must be firm. They talk of de the very doors of the gallery, whence lays, but we must have no delays it was impossible to retreat, even They talk of taking your petition in to consideration next Tuesday, but son of the throng which choked up we must have it considered now. the passages. It is a familiar ex- Present appearances look bad for our success, but we must succeed and

"We must succeed and will!" echoit was actually done, for a boy who ed the crowd. And so among their had by some means got among the shouts and cheers and other cries, concourse, and was in imminent dan- he bowed to them and retired, and was another gesture from Gashford.

ing in his passage the whole length "that we have little reason, gentleof two staircases and a long gal- men, to hope for any redress from less dense, for a basket which had we must redress our own grievances, ner he carried, and mindful only of its flashing in the sun and rustling ded from head to head, and shoulder our trust in Providence, and it will to shoulder, and went spinning and bless our endeavors.

> exasperation were at their height h came back once more, and told them that the alarm had gone forth for many miles round, that when the King heard of their assembling togecomplied with, and-with the manner of his speech as childish, irresolute, and uncertain as his matter-was proceeding in this strain, when two genwhere he stood, and pressing past

took them by surprise. They were not the less disconcerted, when one of the gentlemen, turning to Lord I mean, he added, hudging the roughly with his elbow. "What are and hustled, passed from hand to George, spoke thus—in a loud voice that they might hear him well, but quite coollly and collectedly.

You may tell these people, if you please, my lord, that I am General Conway of whom they have heard, and that I oppose this petition, and all their proceedings, and yours. I am a soldier, you may tell them, and I will protect the freedom of this place with my sword. You see, my lord, that the members of this House are all in arms to-day; you know that the entrance to it is a narrow one; you cannot be ignorant that there are men within these walls who are determined to defend that pass to the last, and before whom many lives must fall if your adherents persevere. Have a care what you do.

'And my Lord George," said the other gentleman, addressing him in like manner, "I desire them to hear this, from me-Colonel Gordon-your near relation. If a man among this crowd, whose uproar strikes us deaf, crosses the threshold of the House of Commons, I swear to run my sword that moment-not into his, but into your body!'

With that they stepped back again, keeping their faces towards the crowd, took each an arm of the misguided nobleman, drew him into the passage, and shut the door, which they directly locked and fastened on the inside.

This was so quickly done, and the demeanor of both gentlemen-who were not young men either-was so gallant and resolute, that the crowd faltered and stared at each other with irresolute and timid looks. Many tried to turn towards the door; some of the faintest-hearted cried that they had best go back, and called to those behind to give way, and the panic and confusion were increasing rapidly, when Gashford whispered Hugh.

"What now!" Hugh roared aloud, sent half a dozen gentlemen, every dered and dishevelled hair, came turning towards them. "Why go back? Where can you do better than here, boys? One good rush against these doors and one below at the same time, will do the business. Rush on, then! As to the door below, lethose stand back who are afraid. Let those who are not afraid, try who shall be the first to pass it. Here

goes. Look down there!" Without the delay of an instant, he threw himself headlong over the banisters into the lobby below. He had

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harmy touched the ground when Barmany was at his stue. The chaplain s assistant, and some members who were improrting the people to retire, immediately withdrew, and then, with a great shout, both crowds threw

portion of the crowd gave way, and Lord George Gordon patched by water for the military, gave the word and the Horse Guards who were forming in the street. Fearful of sustaining a charge in the nar- But, even then, he galloped here and closely wedged together, the throng perse, and although heavy stones poured out as impetuously as they had flocked in. As the whole stream turned at once. Barnaby and Hugh they had no orders but to make went with it, and so, fighting and struggling and trampling on fallen most active, and to drive the people populace were dispersing, and Hugh men and being trampled on in turn back with the flat of their sabres. themselves, they and the whole mass floated by degrees into the open the throng gave way at many points, street, where a large detachment of and the Guards, following up their the Guards, both horse and foot, come hurrying up, clearing the ground before them so rapidly that foremost, who were in a manner cut He advised, therefore, that they the people seemed to melt away as off from the rest by the people closthey advanced.

-To purge is the only effect of many men who dropped into the lobby, laypills now on the market. Parmelee's ing about them now with some effect Vegetable Pills are more than a pur- and inflicting on the more turbulent lery. Nor was the swarm without the proceedings of Parliament. But gative. They strengthen the stom- of their opponents, a few slight flesh will break the most persistent cold gative. They are not the influence of which and restore the air passages to their ach, where other pills weaken it. wounds, under the influence of which and restore the air passages to their They cleanse the blood by regulating a man dropped, here and there, into normal healthy condition. There is the liver and kidneys, and they still the arms of his fellows, amid much no need to recommend it to those mulate where other pill compounds groaning and confusion. depress. Nothing of an injurious na- At the sight of gashed and bloody seek g sure remedy and are in doubt the only light-hearted, undesigning lost to view, without ever once fall-perate than the last, was not so favorably received. When the noise and ers, enters into their composition. then hidden by the press around kle's Syrup.

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mmanding officer rode hastily into pered in his ear.

Barnaby and Hugh stood side by side. for his coming. Some called to him Somebody had thrust into Barnaby's to fly, and some were in the very hands when he came out into the act of closing round him, to prevent street, his precious flag, which, being his being taken, when the pole swept themselves against the doors pell- now rolled up and tied round the the air above the people's heads, and mell, and besieged the House in earn-est. pole, looked like a giant quarter-staff as he grasped it firmly and stant. At that moment, when a second on- stood upon his guard. If eyer man ust have brought them into believed with his whole heart and the crowd opening to let them pass, collision with those who stood on the soul that he was engaged in a just and closing up again so quickly that detensive within, in which case great cause, and that he was bound to loss of life and bloodshed would in- stand by his leader to the last, poor had taken. Panting for breath, het, evitably have ensued,-the hindmost Barnaby believed it of himself and dusty, and exhausted with fatigue,

came riding in among the crowd. row passages in which they were so there, exhorting the people to diswere thrown at the men, and some oars for a few minutes, uncertain were desperately cut and bruised, whether to return or not. prisoners of such rioters as were the As the horses came in among them, advantage, were rapidly clearing the then several homes, and that he and ground, when two or three of the ing round them, made straight to wards Barnaby and Hugh, who had Something More Than a Purgative. no doubt been pointed out as the two

The word of command to halt being them, Barnaby turned pale and sick, iven, the soldiers formed across the But he stood his ground, and graspreet, the rioters, breathless and ex- ing his pole more firmly yet, kept austed with their late exertions, his eye fixed upon the nearest soldier ormed likewise, though in a very |-nodding his head meanwhile, as regular and disorderly manner. The Hugh, with a scowling visage, whis-

e open space between the two bod- The soldier came spurring on, maks, accompanied by a magistrate and ing his horse rear as the people officer of the House of Commons, pressed about him, cutting at the whose accommodation a couple of hands of those who would have roopers had hastily dismounted. The grasped his rein and forced his char-Riot Act was read, but not a man ger back, and waving to his comrades to follow-and still Barnaby In the first rank of the insurgents, without retreating an inch, waited

Then, he and Hugh turned and fied, there was no clew to the course they they reached the riverside in safety. the rumor spread from mouth to After an ineffectual attempt to and getting into a boat with all mouth that a messenger had been des- make himself heard, the magistrate despatch, were soon out of any im-

mediate danger. As they glided down the river, they plainly oeard the people cheering, and upposing they might have forced the soldiers to retreat, lay upon their crowd passing along Westminster Fridge, soon assured them that the rightly guessed from this that they had cheered the magistrate for offering to dismiss the military on condition of their immediate departure to Barnaby were better where they were.

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