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Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVEN'G, SEPTEMBER 20.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

'I—I—w. what has happened?' faltered her father, who was considerably bewildered by her manner, and a little conscience stricken likewise.

'Father,' she rejoined, 'an evasion or equivocation ill suits your open generous nature, and I will not pain myself by seeing you in a false position. Let us, therefore, face the truth openly and at once. You consented that Malvina Blantire should forcibly carry me off and make a mockery of the most sacred institution of heaven, by bringing a priest to caricature the ceremony. The bare plot would have succeeded, the irreparable wrong would have been inflicted, if the spirit of a poor betrayed one had not appeared, and forbade the mockery to proceed.

'A spirit!' faltered the squire.
'A spirit from the other world,' repeated Mary. The spirit of Norah Cushaleen, and she came to forbid her seducer from marrying another.
'Pooh, pooh, Mary, this is some trick of the fancy,' said her father; 'some freak of the imagination, some more romance.'

'Malvina Blantire did not think so,' rejoined Mary. 'The blood forsook his blanched face, and stood at his guilty heart, and with a cry of terror he fled. Mr. O'Brady and Father Daley did the same—all three fled and left me alone; I fell on the floor of the chamber in a swoon, and when recovered, the spectre had vanished; but I have reason to bless the interposition, for it saved me from a fate a thousand times worse than death.'

'Your story is most extraordinary,' said the squire.
'Not more extraordinary than true, father,' returned Mary. 'I will not reproach you for your share in the intended evil. It is, indeed, terrible to think that an Irish father would consent to the sacrifice of his own child. Heaven itself has interposed to prevent the dreadful crime, and in the very prevention it has made a discovery which should make you very thankful and open your eyes to the true character of the man to whom you would have entrusted your daughter's happiness.'

'Possibly you are mistaken in supposing that Malvina is the betrayer of the girl,' said the squire. 'But suppose he is, it is a fault of young hot blood, and no doubt he is sorry for it, as is indeed proved by his strong emotion at sight of the spirit. We have all erred in youth, but that often proceeds from good than from bad qualities.'

'And do you not look with detestation on the man who betrayed a poor innocent girl to ruin, to death?' cried Mary, regarding her father with utter amazement. 'Would you still have that man for a son-in-law, would you force your daughter to dishonour as well as misery?—Great Heaven! would you, for the sake of an empty name, see your daughter the wife of a libertine?'

'Oh, you look at those things in so odd a light,' remarked the squire; 'no-body but yourself would view them in the same way. But we'll let the subject drop for the present. Meanwhile, your imprisonment is at an end, only I trust to your honour that you will not abuse your liberty—that you will not clandestinely meet that fellow Hargreave.'

Mary looked at her father with a long, keen searching glance; then she sighed heavily, and answered—
'I promise.'

'That's a good girl,' cried the squire, rubbing his hands. 'I know you are a sensible girl, and rejoice to see you coming round to a right state of mind.'

'Do not make a mistake, father,' she gravely observed. 'My feelings and sentiments are precisely the same, and

'There, there,' he interrupted. 'Go down and get breakfast, and I'll be in the parlour immediately.'

Mary sighed again, rose from her seat and went slowly down to the sitting room.

CHAPTER XX.—A TERRIBLE ALTERNATIVE

—MARY KENDAL ENTERS ON A HEROIC ENTERPRISE

Several days passed, during which Mary was left in peace and tranquility, at least in so far as Malvina Blantire was concerned. Once or twice she caught a glimpse of him coming up the avenue towards the castle, when she immediately withdrew to her own room, and remained watching at the window till she observed him depart. On these occasions he remained for a considerable time and she was in terror lest her father should send for her to join them. But the dreaded message never came, and she drew a long sigh of relief when she perceived him ride away and disappear among the trees.

These visits caused her not a little apprehension. They showed that her father's intention was not abandoned—that he still entertained the idea of her marriage with the detested Blantire. But her mind, in its silent contemplation, gathered more strength for her resolution of resistance. She felt that she could brave any amount of suffering—by death itself—rather than be forced into the arms of the base, degraded and unscrupulous man who, for the most obvious mercenary considerations, sought to obtain her as his wife.

As day succeeded day, her anxiety and suspense regarding Hargreave increased. If Terry and Andrew had succeeded in liberating him, he would, she was assured, present himself boldly before her father; and Andrew had confidently assured her that, if he did so, he would fully satisfy the squire, and cause him at once to prefer him to the representative of the house of Blantire. This statement, so stoutly made by the honest Scotchman, had caused Mary's heart to beat with delightful emotions, and indulge in the pleasing dreams of conjuncture. Could Hargreave be other than he appeared, she thought to herself. Could his social position be higher than it seemed. If it were so, this could not make her admire him more highly, or love him more devotedly; but, inasmuch as it might remove her father's objection and terminate his opposition, she readily trusted that it might be the case.

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Agent, Guelph.
Guelph, August 3, 1867 daw-1y

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Further information may be had of any member of the Faculty.

W. T. ATKINS, M. D., President.
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Toronto, 13th Sept., 1867. s.t.h.d.—w2ia

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Flannels	0 40	0 32	0 20	Hats	0 62 1/2	0 50	0 30
Striped Shirtings	0 20	0 16	0 10	Caps	0 50	0 40	0 25
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Cassimeres	2 25	1 80	1 10	Hosiery	0 25	0 20	0 12 1/2
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THOS. W. COOPER, County Engineer.
Guelph, 25th Sept., 1867. wtd.

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W. M. McLaren

Guelph, 22nd Aug., 1867.