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"He asked if I was her granddaughter," replied Alice, laughing. "It was funny to see how indignant she was. She drew herself up like a duchese, and looked at him. 'I never had a child, my lord, she said, and he looked foolish. 'Dear me, no, I forgot. I beg your pardon,' he stammered, and he got out of the room without asking any more questions. I liked the young gentlemen better. I could talk to them!'

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"Fine young fellows they were then. Mr. Godfrey—Lord Merrion that is now—was always most to my luking. His brother seemed a stupid, mooning sort of a fellow."

"That he wasn't," Alice said, warm ly, "Mr. Godfrey was the noisiest, and the most full of fun and nonsense, but his brother was the most gentlemanly. I used to go in constant fear of the younger one. He terrified me out of my wits almost with all sorts of pranks, but the other one treated me as though I were a little lady instead of the housekeeper's poor relation. A true gentleman was Mr. Cuthbert Merrion."

"It is odd how the race seems to be

true gentleman was Mr. Cuthoert Merrion."

"It is odd how the race seems to be dwindling away." Richard Adair remarked. "An old lady I knew in the village there—a Mrs. Romer—was full of all sorts of prophecies and forebodings to Merrion Royal. She had an old rhyme prediction that after twins there would be no heir to the title and fortune, and there is none."

"No. It seems queer, doesn't it? There does seem a curse upon some families, doesn't there? This one has lasted since some civil war where one twin brother killed the other in battle. Fancy twin brothers taking opposite sides like that."

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Fancy twin brothers taking opposite sides like that."

"I can fancy anything of those good old times, Alie, but I can't fancy what has put Merrion so much into your head to-day,"

"That man's face, Dick."

"Did you recognize him, then? Was it a face you knew?"

"My dearest, no. It was more like an ape than a human creature. But that it had clothes on of some sort, I should not have known it for a man. But it looked at me with such curious eyes, and then in a flash I seemed to be in England, and at Merrion Royal with Mrs. Bruce."

"All a dream, born of the heat and your weakness, my darling, Oh! thank Heaven for that," he added, as a breeze something cooler than the stifling atmosphere within blew through the open window. "Do you feel it?"

"Oh, yes," she replied, with a gasp

stifling atmosphere within blew through the open window. "Do you feelit?"

"Oh, yes," she replied, with a gasp for breath. "And—Oh, Dick, it was no fancy. Look there!"

A weird, wild face was peering in at the door. As Alice had said, something more like a monkey than a man but for the white hair which hung in tangled masses over its eyes and down on its shoulders behind.

"Don't be frightened, dear love," the young man said. to his wife, for she was blinging to him in abject terror. "He won't harr you. He looks starved." Starved, indeed. The face was wan, and the eyes distended, and the hands that clutched the doorpost for support were like claws in their horribte leanness. The form was clad in an old collection of rage—part native-cloth, part the scarcely distinguishable remains of European clothing. On the head was a native hat, fastened under the chin with a piece of string.

"Who are you?" asked Richard Adair, as the man etared vacantly around him. "What do you want?" The creature gasped something in a hoarse voice, almost like the bark of a dog, and having spoken, fell down in a senseless heap at their feet.

Whoever he might be, he was a human creature in dire need, and the young man summoned his servants, and made them minister to his wants.

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"I think he's crazy, poor fellow," Richard remarked. "But where the deuce has he been? I've never seen him before. He must have dropped from the clouds."

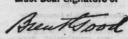
"There aren't any to drop from,
Dick, dear," his wife said, with a
laugh. "I wish there were. Try him
in French. I fancy he's a European."
It was hard to tell, for he was almost
black now, but he had a decidedly

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European shape of head. His hands and feet, too, had nothing of the negro about them, nor the hair, which, though so unkempt and matted, was fine and soft. His face looked like that of a very aged man, but his teeth seemed sound, and his hands, though painfully thin, were firm and sinewy.

Mr. Adair spoke to him in French and then in German, in both of which languages he could converse fluently, but he took no more notice of either than he had done of the English.

"I'll try again by-and-by," he said. "I'll try again by-and-by," he said. "He isn't dying, is he?"

"No, dear. Not now. He's quite worn out, I fancy, and will sleep some time. Perhaps he will speak to us when he wakes up."

The miserable creature had sunk down in a huddled heap, too utterly exhausted to have any thought or care where or how he rested, and putting something under his head they left him to sleep as long as he would.

CHAPTER XXIX.

ON BOARD THE "GOOMPTEE." Speed, speed, thou fleet vessel; thy sails are unfurled,
On, ask me not whither—my home is the world!
—HAYNES BAYLEY.

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Wherever the wretched creature who had so frightened Mrs. Adair had come from he was an utter stranger in the colony. He slept long and so heavily that but for his breathing they would have thought him dead, a move-less, worn-out sleep that seemed to have no feeling in it. They lifted his hands, and they felt like those of a corpes. They pulled him from the place where he had dropped into a more sheltered corner, but he never work.

tribes in the interior of the country sometimes brought down to the coast for sale and barter. Such rags of civilized clothing as he had on seemed to be the remains of garments such as are taken out to Africa by the shipload for trading with the natives, and could give not the slightest clew to their wearer's identity.

When it grew cool, Richard Adair went and made all the enquiries he possibly could, but no one had seen or neard of any such person as he described. Vagrants, such as we know them, are unknown in colonies such as Cape Coast Castle, and this man's appearance was so singular that no one seeing him for a moment could either overlook or forget him. He took many people to look at his strange guest as he lay sleeping on a corner of the veranda, but he was as strange to them as though he had dropped from the moon.

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veranda, but he was as strange to them as though he had dropped from the moon,

"I think he's either English or American," he said to a man who was puzzling over the man's aged-looking face and white hair. "But I fancy he's either crazy or drunk, or both. What's to be done with him when he wakes?"

"Maybe he'll be able to speak then, poor devil," was the answer. "What has he been up to, I wonder? He looks as though he had been through thorns, and over stones, and under water. I don't think he's an old man."

"Nor I."

"Many things whiten the hair besides age. He looks as though he had gone through enough to make him a hundred at least. If he does turn out a lunatic we must take care of him somehow. The state has not provided us with a lunatic asylum. But we must see that he does no mischief."

For sixteen hours the stranger slept like a man who has a lifetime of rest to make up, and then Mrs. Adair, sitting close by the window to get the benefit of the welcome evening coolness before night fell and left all blank darkness, was startled by the stranger once more stand ng before her.

Again with her fear of him was mixed the strange feeling of something familiar, though she could not recognize a feature of the wild, wasteface. Again there flashed into her mind things and scenes of long ago, shifting like the turns of a kaleidoscope, which she vainly tried to associate with the curious object before her.

"Richard" she called, but her hushed was out of hearing, and in terror!

"Richard!" she called, but her hus-band was out of hearing, and in terror she started up, for the man was very close to her.

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