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THE HALLOW-EVE MYSTERY. A Legend of the Black Hall.

CHAPTER I. THE BERNERS OF THE BURNING HEARTS

"Their love was like the lava food That burns in Einh's breast of fisme." Near the end of a dark autumn day, not

many years ago, a young couple, returning from their bridal tour, arrived by steamer at the old city of Norfolk; and, taking a hack, drove directly to the best inn.

The gentleman registered himself and his party as Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Berners, of Black Hall, Virginia, and two servants. "We shall need a private parlor and chamber communicating for our own acter of "Edith the Fair." use, and a couple of bedrooms for our servants," said Mr. Berners, as he handed his hat and cane to the bowing waiter. "Certainly, sir. What would you like for tea?" asked the landlord.

"Ch, anything you please, so that it is nice and neatly served," said Mr. Bern-ers, with a slightly impatient wave of his hand as it he would have been rid of his without the least restraint.

obsequitous host. "Ab-ha! anything I please! It is easy to see what alls him. He lives upon love by as she did herself: and she subsequent. just now; but he'll care more about his ly as she did herself; and she subsequent-bill of fare a few weeks hence," chuckled ly had occasion to remember and shudder the landlord, as he left the public parlor at that fact. to execute his master's orders. The bridegroom was no sooner left alone with his bride than he seated her in

the easiest arm chair, : nd began with affectionate zeal to untie her bonnet strings and unclasp her mantle.

"You make my mind a useful append-age, dear Lyon," said the little lady, smiling up in his eyes. "You love me so much. dear Lyon! You love me so much! Yet not too much either! for oh! it is the only happiness of my unhappy life. And she will make you throw me off yet." "Never! no one, not even my wife, shall ever do that. I swear it by all my if you should ever cease to love me, or even if you were ever to love me less, 1hopes of ______ bopes of ______ Sybil glided away. She could bear no I-dare not think what I should do!" she I-dare not think what I should do!" she muttered in a long, deep, shuddering tone. "Why, Sybil, my wife-you beautiful msd creature! You are a true daughter of your house! A Berners of the burn-ing heat! A Berners of the boling blood! A Berners of whom it had been read that it is almost as fatal to be loved nore. Supper-time drawing near, when all the guests would have to unmask, Sybil and Beatrix reexchanged costumes, and went down to the drawing-room together

just as the last quadrille was completed, isaid, that it is almost as fatal to be loved and the company began to march to the as to be hated by _... Suddenly in the midst of their consupper-room. verse they heard the sound of weeping-

low, deep, heart broken weeping. Both paused, looked at each other, and listened. The sound seemed to come from a room

on the opposite side of the passage to their own apartment. eir own apartment. "What 18 that?" inquired Sybil, look-

At last the party proke up. Unly a few of the guests remained all night. These were shown to their rooms, and the oth-ers having gone, as fate would have it, Mrs. Blondelle went into the little receping up to her husband's face. "It Beems to be some woman in dis tress," answered Lyon. "Ohl see what it is, will you?" ention parlor to meet Mr. Berners, who as-

treated Sy Bil. She was herself so happy, that it was extend to her more than a brother's affecreally dreadful to be reminded just then that sorrow should exist in this world at

tion. "Then give me a brother's kiss," she sighed. "That is not much to ask, and I have no one to ask me now. So give But if she could have foreseen the wee that was to come to herself, to her hus. band, and to the object of her sympathy. me a brother's kiss, and let me go,"

she would have held Lyon back, as with pleaded, plaintively. He hesitated for a moment, and then the grip of fate, from the mission on which bending over her, he said: "It is the *first*, and for gour own sake it must be the *last*, Rosa!" and he pressed she now sent him. For the weeper was a beautiful woman

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TTT-BUIGH GAZETTE: MONTAT JUNE 14 1869. heighborhood, and much longer still re-membered with horror by the whole It was the occasion of Sybil Berners' all Sybil Berners has murdered aloud, "Hear all Sybil Berners has murdered me." And with the observe more here live the based of the place. This was a young girl; who, with her red clock thrown matilike on the moss, It was the occasion of Sybil Berners' mask ball, and Black Hall, the Black Val-ley, and the town of Blackville were all

And with this charge upon her lips, she iell back DEAD tell back DEAD I Even in that supreme moment Lyon Even in that supreme moment Lyon in a state of unprecedented excitement; for this was the first entertainment of the kind that had ever been given in the lo-calily, and the gentry of three contigious to see who was there—who had Neard while the gentry of the place, the spirit of the this event. n a state of unprecedented excitement; Lind that had ever been given in the io-cally, and the gentry of three contigious counties had been invited to assist at it. The throng at Black Hall was great, and the characters assumed by the mask-ers were various and well sustained.

All were there! guests and servants, dreadful shricks. All had heard the hor-But far the most beautiful, far the most terrible figure in the pageantry of the eve-ning, was that of Sybil Berners! She

And all stood panic-stricken, as they shrank away from one who stood in their had chosen the unprecedented part of the midst.

had chosen the unprecedented part of the impersonation of the Spirit of Fire. It suited well with her whole nature. Her costume was but the outward sign of the inward ferror inward fervor. Sybil had confided the secret of her costume to no one but her husband, who was himself attired as "Harold the Saxon," her face paind, her eyes blazing, her wild her 'I do not believeit! You have had me black hair loose and streaming, her 'I do not believeit! You have had me crimsoned hand raised and grasping a torn away from my husband! Where while Mrs. Blondelle assumed the char-

"O, wretched woman! most wretched woman! What is this that you have done?" groaned Lyon Berners. in unut-bles, who Sybil had not been long in the room before the coquetting of her husband and Mrs. Blondelle drove her nearly to dis-

"No, Sybil! Heaven knows that I do

not; but explain this horrible businessif you can! "The explanation is this," she said em. Seeing the watchful couple seat them selves on a small sofa in one corner of the room, she glided to an ottoman near them, in time to hear Mrs. Blondelle say: phatically. And then her voice arose clear, firm, and distinct, as she continued: "I was in my chamber, which is im-"I was in my chamber, which is im-mediately above that occupied by Mrs. Blondelle. My chamber is approached by two ways, first by the front passage and stairs, and secondly by a narrow staircase running up from Mrs. Blon-delle's room. I do not know how long I had sat there, when I heard a piercing ahriek from some one in the room below "No, Lyon, your wife is not my friend -she is my deadly enemy. She is fierce-ly jealous of your affection for me, though shriek from some one in the room below. Instinctively I rushed down the communicating stairs and into Mrs. Blondelle' room, and up to her bed, where I saw by the light of the taper she was lying. Her eyes were closed, and I thought at first that she had fainted from some fright until, almost at the same instant, I saw this dagger-" here Sybil stooped and picked up the dagger that she had dropped a few minutes before—"driven to its haft in her chest. I drew it out. Instantly the As each couple passed into the supper-room, they took off their masks, and handed them to attendants, placed for door. Thus, when the company filled the room. every face was shown, but Toom, every face was shown, but "Death" was nowhere to be seen. At last the party broke up. Only a few of the strength; she started up and fied shrieking to this room. I, still helding the dagger that I had drawn from her bosom, followed her here. And—you know the rest," said Sybil; and overcome with excitement, she sank upon the nearest chair to rest. Her story had evidently made a very

great impression on the company present. But Lyon Berners s iddenly exclaimed: Good Heavens! that lady's mistaken charge has put us all off the scent, and alcharge has put us all oil the scent, and al-lowed the murderer to escape. But it may not yet be too late! Some clue may be left in her room by which we may trace the criminal! Come, neighbors, and bet up score the premises "

The two women looked at each other

rible accusation. And all stood panic-stricken, as they shrank away from one who stood in their midst. It was she, Sybil, the accused, whose vorw serect accused her more londly then was a longly then being bound ther vorw serect accused her more longly then the girl. "What place this is' concerns you little; I am a gipsy, and my name is Gentiliska: 'why are you hought here.'

there, still in her flery masquerade dress, concerns your liberty, and perhaps your

is he now?" haughtily demanded Mrs.

"He is likely in the hands of the constaarrs. Biondelle drove her nearly to dis-traction. Observing that whenever she came near them, they were on their guard, Sybil exchanged disguises with a me of her guests and intimate friends, to watch her husband and his companion without the least restraint. deed of desperation. He is interview of the this time in possession dealy before him, but for the living wife, they have no right to detain him; but you they would have kept if they had caught of use rest. He looked up, and their eres rest. whom he feit that ne neu univer they would have kept if they had caugut deed of desperation. "Lyon Berners, do you believe me you. The constables were coming here for us, but they would have found you had we not brought you away with us. He looked up, and their eyes met. If had we not brought you away with us.

guilty?" she asked. He looked up, and their eyes met. If he had really believed her guilty, he did not new. He answered briefly and moval the condition of my silence."

"But when will you communicate with my husband, to relieve his dreadful sus-

"As soon as it shall be safe to do so. Our first care must be our own safety, but LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. our second will be yours." Sybil said no more at the moment

but sat looking at the speaker, and thinking of all that had befallen her in UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. the Haunted Chapel.

> CHAPTER IV. THE ROBBER CHIEFTAIN.

He was the m idest mannered man That ever scuttled ship, or cut a throat.

Sybil had passed the day in the robbers' den with her strange companion, who astonished her by stating that the captain of the band had been present at her masquersde. Late in the afternoon, dinner was announced, at which several of the robbers appeared, with Moloch, a gigantic ruffian, at their head. Moloch was the lieutenant of the band, and in the absence of the captain, ruled with brutal away. Becoming inflamed with wine, he took a seat by the side of Sybil, threw his arm about her, and attempted to imprint a kiss upon her lips. Sybil struggled in terror, and the gipsy

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"No, no, no 1" answered the others. "Oh, if Satan were here !" cried the girl, in despair. "SATAN IS HERE | responded a voice

close by. And the robber captain stood among

them as if he had risen from the carth. Moloch dropped Syil, and cowered in

huge form of Moloch stood within the

Paralyzed with horror, Sybil could nei-ther move nor cry out—not even when the monster approached her and laid his profane hand upon her face. The above is all of this story that will be published in our columns. The continuous of the in our columns. The continuation of it from where it leaves off here can be found only in the New York Ledger, which is for sale at all bookstores and news depots. Ask for the number dated June 26, and in it you will find the continuation of this beautiful tale. The Ledger has the best stories of any paper in the world, and

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then left to her fate in that Norfolk hotel.' Sybil was deeply moved by this lady's story, and insisted on taking Mrs. Blon-dell home with her to Black Hall, and Mr. Berners gave his assent to her wishes. Det hoffer the nort and motion to the store of the lightnings of amount. Mr. Berners gave his assent to her wisnes. But before they got ready to set out on their journey, Sybil bitterly repented of the arrangement. Mrs. Blondelle was so the arrangement. Mrs. Berners at the arrangement of the lightnings of anger! "STBIL !!" exclaimed her husband, She waved her hand towards him, as

ther heart, and by the time they reached strong as she turned and stretched out her Black Hall, those fires had become fanned arm to Rosa, who was leaning in affright into an inextinguishable flame. And no Berners had ever been known

o forgive an object of jealousy. Black Hall, the abode of Mr. and Mrs. Berners, was a palatial old Virginia man-Berners, was a palatial old Virginia man-sion, situated in the heart of the Black here again, I will tread down and crush ston, situated in the heart of the Black Valley, a few miles from Blackville, the county town. It had been in Mrs. Ber-ners' family for generations, and was frenowned for the sceners of gayety and hospitality which had transpired beneath its roof.

Mrs. Berners, the last of her race, to give vent to the emotions of her restless, wife, now suddenly threw up her, hands, giealous heart, resolved to reinaugurate the and with a low cry fied from the room. festivities of the olden time, and for that purpose announced a mask ball for the ensuing All-Hallow Eve, and at once set

bout getting all things in readiness. One day while she was absent at Black-""Sybil " he said, "this house is yours ! """Sybil " he said, "this house is yours ! where she was going, and secretly fol-ther, with many exaggerations. The reve-lation seemed to freeze Sybil into ice. "*Ok, my heart!*" she moaned

but not accept and the state of iccirced! Betrayed! Scorned! Laughed it'go as soon as you like, Lyon Berners. It'' and with a wave of her hand abe passed fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, fashion of the day. I too will be in the faunted of by, ", she said, to was contained to sleep soundity. How long as part, but hefore it, and and perhaps, gfter it'. None shall ever all out, and the servants gone time longer. The goint met failed a friend or spared a foe. And oh, let the spore of the cage. And oh, let the spore a failed a friend or spared a foe. And oh, let the spore a failed a friend or spared a foe. And oh, let the spore a failed a friend or spared a foe. And oh, let the spore a by Ros sherself, pale, this first in the day and the servant with sacred love - those warder on the book of her age. And oh locult those triffers with sacred love a the book of her spore a brok as the feets. "I must Exports until I can the servent?" when the door wards a foor, wards and the outer at her feet. "I must exports until I can the servent?" To the open toor, when the door wards are started forms and her the servent? whither? To her open the look of her spore able for the spore the box of her served is the deform heed from sech. They would have decord to the open the book of her spore the box of her spit of the spore of the open the box of her served to the door wards are started forms and the door wards are started forms and the spore of the open the box of her served to the box of her spit of the open the box of her spit of the open the box of her spit of the open the box of her served to the box of her spit of the open the box of her spit of the

learfull abyss-have seen the look of her face they, they would have field from each sorrow, he supported the ghastly and dy the desperation of her roused could all and the basil of the sofa, and then But they saw nothing, knew nothing,

suspected nothing! And thus all the three drifted towards he swful brink of ruin.

CHAPTER 11.

THE FIRST FATAL HALLOW EVE.

irom the vessel which had brought her ifrom Europe, had been robbed of her itewels and money by her husband, and ithen left to her fate in that Norfolk hotel. Subtit was decay moved by this lady a

she said, and her voice rose clear and sgainst the wall-"TO TOU, traitress, who have come between the true husband and his wife—in the morning you must leave way towards a place of concealment, the house you have descrated! for if you known as the Haanted Chapel, where them.

kosa biondene, who had blood spen-bound by the terrible gaze and over-whelming words of Sybil, the wronged

And Sybil dropped her arm and her voice at the same instant, and stood dumb

and motionless. And now, at length, Lyon Berners

of this roof, I leave it too, and leave it for ever!". If Lyon Berners really meant this, or thought to bring his fiery-hearted wife to terms by the threat, he was mistaken in

sunk on his knees beside it. "Who, who has done this?" he wildly demanded, as, almost paralyzed with hor-ror, he knelt beside her, and tried to

stanch the gushing wound from which her life blood was welling. She opened her bloodless lips, now

And Lyon Berners, leaving the shud. dering women of the party in the room with Sybil and the dead, and followed by all the men, went to search the how and the dead. all the men, went to search the house and grounds for traces of the assassin. While the walls of the cavern seemed

rounds for traces of the assassin. But the search proved fruitless. No calmly came up to her, lifted his hat, and But the search proven irnitiess. No said: trace of an intruder could be found, nor said: was there any evidence of robbery. Fur. "Spirit of Fire, I am happy to welcome

trace of an intruder could be found, nor was there any evidence of robbery. Fur-thermore, all the windows were found fastened on the inside. There had been no way of entering the murdered woman's room except by the stairway leading from Sybil's chamber. Captain Pendleton, an old lover of Sybil's and a bother of Baris you to your own appropriate dwelling piace;" and then, without expecting an answer, he turned to Moloch, and said in his smoothest tones: "Be so good as to give me this seat,

Conce began to yield to her charms; and if to implore or command silence.
Sybil, for the first time, saw him pay the homsge of admiration to other beauty
This kindled the fires of jealousy in

She waved her hand towards him, as if to implore or command silence.
She waved her hand towards him, as if to implore or command silence.
Sybil's, and a brother of Beatrix, saw is that there was no safety except in instant fight. He whispered Lyon to take Sybil tain in labor, as he left the seat by her back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the back piazza. This was done and then to meet him on the tance.

to her room, and then to meet him on the back plazza. This was done and then the captain unfolded his already matured plans. Lyon adopted them at bace; and under the skillful management of Captain nore uproarious. Sybil became very mach slarmed: and not so much by the plans. Lyon supplied them at place; and more uproarious. Sybil became very under the skillful management of Captain more uproarious. Sybil became very Pendleton and Beatrix, they got out of much alarmed; and not so much by the the house unseen, and were soon on their noisy orgies of these rude revellers, as by way towards a place of concealment, the dreadful gaze of Moloch fixed upon the dreadful gaze of Moloch fixed upon new and unexpected horrors swaited

> CHAPTER III. THE HAUNTED CHAPEL.

The Haunted Chapel to which Mr. and The Haunted Chapel to which Mr. and Mrs. Berners were going was in a dark and lonely gorge on the other side of the mountain

mountain. They arrived safely at the old ruin, where in the course of the day they were joined by Mrs. Berners' faithful sqrvant to where affection for his mistrate had Joe, whose affection for his mistress had

am not strong enough to protect you! You might be cerried off forcibly from my side! I must hide you where no devil may find you to-night!" whispered

the girl. "Oh, do not leave me here alone !" pleaded Sybil. "If I must stay, stay, with me! I do not fear death; but oh ! I

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the chapel, from whose and spectral light gleamed! They bore her down the dreadful steps, and liand her on the deadly floor! The iron door, clanged loudly to, re-sounding through the dismal arches. "We have her now!" muttered a hoarse woice. A hollow laugh responded. "We have her now!" horror!

tently than ever. Alone, helpless, in darkness and solitude, what horrid fate She opened her bloodless lips, now like swoon, she found hered in aspacious must she meter, hered is the solution of such exceeding beauty and footstep drew nearer, hearer i splendor, that for an instant she lost. Oh, Heaven i it was no fancy i The THE FIRST FATAL HALLOW EVE. It was All-Hallow Eve. a night long anticipated with delight by the whole she would do it, and she has done it. and admiration, and then her eyes settled below it, and she has done it. The first fatal Hallow Eve. a night long anticipated with delight by the whole she would do it, and she has done it. and admiration, and then her eyes settled and in the iter iter in the iter i

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The wine passed freely at the robbers' table, and the men grew merrier, wilder, more uproarious. Sybil became very much alarmed; and not so much by the head ful gaze of Moloch fixed upon her from the opposite end of the table, where he sat, and the offensive langtage of Satan's eyes whenever they turned to. wards her. At length, unable to bear the trial longer, she arose from her seat, and cour-tesying to these brigands as she would have done to any set of gentilemen of the ginz gil. "I must take you to another grotto. You cannot occupy mine to night," said the girl, with evident reluctance. "But, ohl why, why may I not stay with yon? I am afraid to sleep alone in this torrible place i" pleaded Sybil. "I have a reason, but I cannot tell it to you now. Yes, I will, too I I will tell you a all risks? Then it is this: My chamber is not safe for your I myself am not strong enough to protect you where no devil may find you to-night!" whisperior the girl. "On, do not leave me here alone !"" pleaded. Sybil. "If I must stay, stay with me i I do not fear death ; but, oh 1 I

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