THE PLOT AGAINST HAWLEY.

CHAPTER I.

HOW THE PLOT ORIGINATED. Near noon, the 5th of September, 1852, a man laboring under great excitement was walking hurriedly up Broadway, New

Turning to the right into Bleecker street,

he soon reached a plain three-story and basement brick house, to which he gave himself admittance. 'Are you there, Ruth ?' he called from

the hall. A step was heard overhead, followed by

the rustling of a dress, and a young lady descended the front stairs. Despite several points of marked contrast, there was a family likeness about the couple that proclaimed them to be brother and sister. 'Why, what's the matter, Luke ?' cried

the latter, starting at sight of the disturbed countenance that met her view. 'Are you 111 211

'I've just recived bad news,' replied the brother, leading the way into the parlornews which has given mea terrible shock.

"Shocked ? You ! What has happened? 'In a word, Clara Aymar is married !'

'Married !' echoed the sister, recoiling. 'Clara Aymar married ! Is it possible ?' 'Yes, married ! the girl I've been laying siege to for years past-the only girl I ever cared a pin for. Imagine the shock this event gives me. I'm nearly crazy."

"Then you really loved her ?" "Loved her ! I must have worshipped her,

or class this thing would not have so completely upset me."

'Oh, as to that, the loss of a thing always gives us an exaggerated notion of its value,' said the sister philosophically, as she sank languidly into an casy chair, and smoothed out a fold in her showy morning robe. 'You are simply shocked, as you say. But by to-morrow you will laugh at the whole matter.' 'Don't Buth !' implored the brother,

sinking heavily into the nearest chair. 'Clara Aymar is more to me than my life ! My love for her is a delirium ! It's no such passing fancy as you suppose, but an everlasting passion-a rage-a flood of molten lava! And I've counted all along upon marrying her. True, she has reject-ed me twice, but I thought she'd change her mind-"

'She was in no way committed to you ?' 'No, of course not. She has never given nie any encouragement. But I am none

the less surprised. I supposed that everything was favorable enough to my wishes. I knew that she was still young to marryan orphan-without money and without friends-presumably without suitors ; and since he was relieved of that burden. He's I flattered myself that she couldn't always poor, therefore, as you say-poor as Job's remain insensible to my attentions."

'You reasoued wisely enough, of course, Luke ; but reason never decides these matters.' declared the sister, with a sort of contemptuous compassion. 'A whim-a chance meeting-a smile or a word-a moment's and butter. In short, he'll have to go to weakness-any trifle-these are the things sea again ?' by which marriages are brought about. But who is the bridegroom ?'

'Ah ! that's a point that will touch you a little, I think. Can't you guess who he doubt.' 58 2

'I haven't the least idea.'

'Well, then, he's Will. Hawley.'

The sister sprung abruptly to her feet, clasping both hands to her heart. The changing colors of her brother, his agitation, his auguish, all passed to her own features.

"Will. Hawley !' she gasped. 'Oh, you don't mean it, Luke !' 'But I do though. It's God's truth.

Clara Aymar and Will. Hawley are husband and wife.' A heavy fall succeeded. The sister had

fainted. She lay upon the floor as one 'Did she think that much of Hawley ?'

muttered the brother, astonished. 'I didn't Ohio, on account of his father's illness-' supposenastened to bring a pitcher of water

ship. But why Clara should prefer Haw-ley to me I can't imagine,' added Pedder, drawing himself up haughtily. 'Hawley 'And that one ?' has neither name, nor money, nor posi

'Nor can I see why Hawley should premarriage.1 fer Clara Aymar to me !' said Miss Pedder, vulsed, his glances wild and restless, his whole mien indicative of keen anguish. as she glanced at her reflection in one of

'I'd no idea that you thought so much of Hawley,' observed the brother, as he strove to calm his painful emotions. Miss Pedder moaned. Her eyes filled

with tears. 'I thought all the world of him,' she murmured.

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murnured. A long silence fell between the couple. 'Well, well, they're husband and wife,' at length muttered Pedder hoarsely. 'And this, I suppose, is all there is to be said.' Miss Pedder compressed her lips until they bled staring at her berther with a they bled, staring at her brother with a fixedness amounting to ferocity.

'No ! no !' she breathed fiercely. 'The

She clutched at her heart again, as if sufficienting.

Pedder opened his eyes widely. 'Why, what can we do ?' he queried. 'You wouldn't have me murder Hawiey, I suppose ? That wouldn't make him your

husband. And, on the other haud, it wouldn't do me any good if you were to kill Chara Aymar.1 But there is a way, Luke, of undoing

that marriage.' Pedder started toward his sister, as if electrified.

'Do you mean it ?' he demanded. 'I mean it, and I swear it ! I'll never consent to that girl's having Hawley ! I'll dig a gulf between them as broad as the

I'll undo that marriage, or die !! 'Softly ! Where is Kate ?' He referred to their single servant. 'She's out for the day,' answered Miss

as I did not expect you home until dinner." 'Then no one will hear us.'

He drew a chair nearer to that of his sister and sat down beside her.

'What's your idea ?' he asked, in a whisper. 'My idea is to separate them; to turn

their love to hate; to dig a pit beneath their feet that will remain open forever !! 'But how ?' ance !! 'Will. Hawley is poor, isn't he ?'

with a rippling laugh. 'I knew the thing was feasible. And so in two weeks more 'Certainly; there is no mistake about that. His mother was a helpless invalid our fond bridgroom will be plowing the for the last ten years of her life, and Will, insisted on her using for her comfort every sea again.' penny he carned. It basn't been six months

be off in six or eight days. The cargo is fairly tumbling aboard the *Flying Childers*,

'Then he'll have to leave his darling Clara,' sneered Miss Pedder venomously. abridged to six short days more, you may 'He'll have to absent himself from his be certain. deary in order to earn their mutual bread

Well, yes ; I suppose he will,' assented

Pedder. 'He can get better wages at sea than elsewhere. He'll sail again soon, no

'I thought as much. And the sea is full of terrible dangers! When do you sail again for Australia ?' 'In about two weeks-possibly in ten

days, as the ship's filling up rapidly.' 'Hawley is thoroughly competent to be your first mate ?' Pedder looked wonderingly at his sister

a moment, and then answered : 'Of course. I know of no better man

for the post.' have influence enough with your owners, 1 times as large as Rhode Island.

Jarding-you have seen him-Mr. Jarding tions he made to it, did not once bring his has just been called home suddenly to ships to anchor in any of its bays and harbors.

'From the first step to the last. There's only just one possibility of failure-

'A refusal on Hawley's part to accept the post offered him-a refusal based upon his Miss Pedder turned pale at the thought. 'But he won't refuse,' she soon declared, recovering her equanimity. 'He has long been wanting just such a place. Married or single, he can't neglect his bread and

butter.' 'Well said, Ruth. I think we can count upon him. The post he came here to ask me for is now vacant, and I will according-ly have it offered to him, just as if nothing had happened.' 'Exactly. You needn't speak of his marriage, or seem to know anything about it. You can simply offer him the post to you can simply offer him to you can simply t butter.

"Exactly. You needn't speak of his marriage, or seem to know anything about it, You can simply offer him the post in question, in accordance with the old understanding, and he will accept it. He can't possibly have any suspicion of any-thing wrong. Outwardly and apparently we are all on good terms with one another,

next voyage after this one—' Pedder interrupted the remark by a ges-ture of impatience. He was all eagerness all the book-stores and news-depots. Ask

now-all determination. 'That next voyage after this one will not answer,' he declared. 'Hawley shall ac-company me on my very next trip. To make all sure on this point I will have him measured this new day. In fact I will save here it leaves off here. **Delu Albertisements.** engaged this very day. In fact, I will see

to this now.' He seized his hat and gloves, addressed a few words to his sister, and quietly took his departure down town. The last glances

the couple exchanged at the door were full of jubilant wickedness. The next three or four hours passed slowly to Miss Pedder. She was beginning to fear that the whole project had miscar-

ried at its very commencement, and was fretting herself into a fever, when Pedder suddenly made his appearance. One glance Pedder, arising and planting herself in a at his vivid flashes, at his daueing eyes, at chair. 'There was little to do, you know, his airy manner, was sufficient.

his airy manner, was sufficient. 'We triumph then ?' she cried, throw ing herself into his arms for the dirst time in years. 'Completely ! I saw my owners on the Sunbury, April 27, 1872.

subject, and they sent for Hawley. He at first offerred some objections, as was natu-ral, but the high wages, the great step upward, the kindly interest we all manifested,

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South Pole. It is a hundred miles in length by fifty in 'He must be your first mate, then. You breadth, and is consequently three or four

"Why, the post is already vacant. Mr. that its discoverer, during the two expedi-Its coasts are so wild and dangerous

A fair breeze was blowing from the north, and the ship was carrying every stitch of her canvas, including studding-

sails. Her crew-both watches-were busy about the deck, and her passengers, a score in number-had gathered in groups, mostly forward, and were gazing with great in-terest upon the wild, rugged shores before them, so far as the fog suspended upon those shores permitted them to become vis-

Will Hawley beside him. 'I mean to get our water aboard before

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and bathe the white features, and then set himself to chafing the elenched hands.

Capt. Luke Fedder was twenty-seven years of age, with an originally light com-plexion, which had reddened with generous living and bronzed with exposure to wind and sun. His form was of the average size and height, and his features of the most ordinary type. He was singularly selfish and unscrupulous, but of gentlemaniy manuers, being well educated and used to good so ciety. His ability as a navigator was fair for a man of his age and experience, but he owed his position as commander of a fine Australian clipper, more to respect for his late father and to sympathizing favor than to his own merits.

Miss Ruth Pedder was two years young-er than her brother, and consequently twenty-five years of age, although she owned to only twenty. She was tall, thin, and a little inclined in her outlines, as in her tempor, to angularity. She was not par-ticularly bright, but she was bold and unscrupulous, and possessed a flerce energy which was enpable of compensating in any emergency for lack of genius.

The father of the couple had been a prominent ship-owner and merchant. But in his latter days the senior Pedder had been very island where you have left Hawley ; unfortunate, and had finally been broken up completely-a result hastened, it was whispered, by the wild ways and financial irregularities of his son. The old man's failure had soon been followed by his death. and already-for such is fame !-- he was generally forgotten.

'How odd it is '' ejaculated Capt. Ped-der, as he rubbed his sister's cold hands. 'She madly in love with Will, Hawley, and I crazy after Clara Aymar! And now Will, and Clara are married, and Ruth and I are left out in the cold."

Under the vigorous treatment he had adopted, Miss Pedder soon recovered her senses.

'Are you sure they're married ?' she demanded

'Perfectly. I learned the fact half an hour since from Hawley's commander-Captain Greggs was at the wedding. It took place last Friday evening-the verv evening after Hawley's return from his last voyage to Rio. It was a quiet affair. Only a few friends were invited. But let me ask you a question. Did Hawley ever propose to you ?"

do so. He has been here often enough-"

for a berth in my clipper. I promised to once there, you can have Hawley seized by think of him at the first opening, and I some thursty agent, while he is ashore upon really meant to help him, for 1 knew in a business, or you can send him ashore under general way that you liked him."

'I thought he'd realize that you could be of service to him,' explained Miss Pedder. sailor, and then sail away without him-' 'I thought he'd remember that mother left. me this house and a few thousand dollars wild exultation. 'I see how to manage the to do as I pleased with. I was conscious, affair from its beginning to its end' too, that I possessed a fair share of personal attractions. And as I supposed him to be hateful marriage ?' entirely heart-free, I took it for granted that I should get him. His attentions seemed marked enough-'

seemed marked enough--' 'He treated you politely, of course,' in-torrupted Pedder, 'and he couldn't have well done less, after asking me to befriend Rot he never made any formal de-Rot he never made any formal de-

'No, he didn't. As mate of a Rio ship, he was away seven-eighths of the time, and I didn't expect a regular courtship. But I took it for granted-

Pedder made and impatient gesture. 'We've deceived ourselves,' he muttered. 'We've been carried away by our feelings.

were merely visits of business and friend- whole project clearly ?"

'Good ! That's fortunate. You must recommend Hawley for the vacant place to like that of an hour-glass, it being nearly your owners and get them to engage him. The thing can be done ?' cut in two by a couple of large bays; but these two divisions are unequal in size, the

Without the least doubt. It was understood, you know, as I just now remarked, the southern. that I was to help Hawley at the first opportunity. We'll accordingly suppose that he sails with me, as first mate, the next voyage. What then ?" "You must leave him-not dead, but a

prisoner, on some desert island between re and Australia !

Pedder looked his astonishment. 'If it can be done,' he said, after a pause, what next ?'

'You must come back and report that he is dead, furnish full details and good proofs, Those details and proofs will not be difficult to manufacture. Then you must be all kindness and sympathy to the young widow, as she will suppose herself to be, and in less than a year thereafter she will be your wife.

'Oh, if this thing were possible !' sighed Pedder, beginning to look relieved.

"Possible? It's as simple as kissing. And the moment you are married to Clara, I will take a trip to Australia for my health, effect his rescue : tell him his wife is dead condole and sympathize with him like an angel ; and conclude the whole comedy by becoming his wife and settling in Australia You'll thus have your Clara, on this side of the ocean, and I shall be happy with Its mo

Hawley on the other." She was smiling now, with every sigh of anticipated triumph.

As to Pedder, he twisted nervously in his cies of lichen, a coarse grass, a plant re-sembling a small cabbage, and a sort of

chair, scarcely venturing to breathe. 'There's just one difficulty,' he muttered -'that of getting Hawley on the desert is-Its

and without his suspecting anything." mers cold and from 'It can be done,' and the hips of Miss the Polar Circles. Pedder came together like the jaws of a

a suitable island ?'

vice. 'There's no difficulty about finding 'Not the least. I saw the island in my

mind's eye the moment you uttered the sant, in their season, and the island is acword, and a glorious one it is for our purpose.

'it will be easy for you to get Hawley upon it,' suggested Miss Pedder thought-fully. 'If it's near your route, you can call there for water. If it's out of your way, you can be blown their by adverse winds, 'No. But I expected that he would soon or be drifted there by unknown currents, or be a so. He has been here often enough...' fetch up there by a mistake in your reck-'Yes, he came several times to ask me oning or a fault in your chronometer. And

> some pretence, such as looking ashore for a deserter from the ship or for a shipwrecked

'And you now see that we can undo that

Perfectly-perfectly. The affair will re-quire a little time and patience, of course,

to and fro rapidly, with the most extravagant signs and exclamations of joy. 'First to get Hawley on his island,' sumed Miss Pedder musingly. 'Next for you to marry the pretended widow. Then

for me to rescue the prisoner and marry him. And finally for you and me to be "We've been carried away by our feelings. The girl's rejection of me was really in-tended to be final, and Hawley's visits here Will. in Australia. You comprehend the

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narrow, and its promonotories are corresoudingly sharp and slender, reaching out into the ocean like fingers. The body of the island indeed resembles that of some huge monster of the antedi-

luvian world, even as its capes and headlands resemble such a monster's unsightly limbs and claws. A more terrifle solitude than this isle of

Desolation does not exist upon our wrecked planet. Neither the snows of Himalaya nor the

sands of Sabara can outvie its terrors. No inhabitant is there, not even a savage -no house, no tree, no shrub, no fence nor road, no field nor garden, no horse, no dog

-not even a snake or a wolf. Lene, blasted and barren, it looks like the skeleton of a land that has perished. It may indeed be that Desolation is the relic-the surviving fragment-of a continent that went down here countless ages ago, with hosts of inhabitants, in some

vast convulsion of nature. It has certainly undergone dreadful visitations ; been rent by earthquakes, pulverized by frosts, lashed and wasted by fierce

Its mountains are only of moderate height, but are capped eternally with snow. Its vegetation is limited to a few dwarfish plants, including some mosses, a spe-

Its winds are raw and piercing, its summers cold and frosty, its winters those of The interior of the island is occupied by

immense boggy swamps, where the ground sinks at every step. The rains in Desolation are almost inces-

cordingly veined with numerous torrents of fresh water, some of which have worn out of the solid rock tremendous cavities and gullies. The only other season than that of the rains, is one of almost constant snow. The fogs of that ghastly region are well worthy of the rains, being of a cloud-like

density, and hovering almost continually over the whole face of the island. The sun of Desolation is usually hidden by a canopy of lead-colored clouds, and appears, on the rare occasions when it is vis-

the stars, the clouds and fogs rarely permit them to betray their existence.

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other marine birds are plentiful in some of its harbors. Seals also abound.

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