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THE. FAITHFUL GUEST.

There was something-I forget what to take grandfather and grandmother away from home one day in Octo-her of the year I lived with them in Burn's Hollow. It may have been a funeral or some religious meeting, for they both drove off dressed in their best, in the gig, with old Ajax har-nessed to it, and after I had tucked in grandma's iron-gray silk skirt and ran back to the house for grandpa's spectacles, and had seen the gig vanish in the distance, I felt lonely. Burn's Hollow was a lonesome place at all times; and the handsome rambling mansion, which might have sheltered a regiment, had a ghostly air about it when one walked through the upper rooms alone.

There were but two servants in the kitchen, Hannah Oaks and the Irish lad, Anthony. I heard them laughing merrily together, for, though Hannah was an old weman, she was full of fun, and in five minutes the door opened, and Hannah came with the tray.

"Please, miss," said she, as she set it down, "may I run over to Mapleton to-night? My sister's married daug'tter had a boy last night, they say, and I want to see it nat'rally—it's the first I've ever had of grand-niece or neph-

"Who brought you the news?" asked.

"Anthony, miss," said Hannah. "He met George-that's my nicce's husband-when he was out after the cow, straying as she always is, and he told him to 'tell Hannah she's a grandaunt."

"You may go," I said, "but don't stay late. Grandpa and grandma may be away all night, and I feel nervous. To be sure, there is Anthony, but I never rely on him. Be certain not to stay late." I repeated this injunction with a sort of fright stealing over me—a presentiment of evil, I might say-and something prompted me to add, "Be back by nine." Why, I cannot say, but I felt as if, at nine, I should be in some peculiar danger. Hannah promised, and after doing ail that I required, went away, and I heard her heavy shoes on the garden walk,

Early as it was, I had dropped the curtains and lighted the wax candles on the mantel, and I sat long over my tez, finding a certain companionship in it, as women of all ages will.

I sat thus a long time, and was startled from my reverie by a rap at the door-a timid sort of rap-so that I knew at once that it was neither a member of the house nor an intimate friend. I waited, expecting Authony to answer the door, but finding he did not, went to it myself. -

It had grown quite dark, and the moon rose late that night. At first I could only make out a kind of crouching figure at the bottom of the porch. But when I spoke it advanced, and by the light of the hall lamp I saw a a black man. I had always had a sort of fear of a negro, and instinctively Books, Newspapers and Magazines shrunk away, but as I did so he spoke in a husky whisper:

"This is Massa Morton's isn't it?" "Yes," I replied, "but grandfather is out.

I retreated. He advanced. "Please, miss," he said, "Judge B. sent me here. He said massa 'ud help me on. Let me stay here a night, miss. I's trabbled five days sense I left him. Hidin' like. I's awful hungry, 'pears like I'd drop, and ole massa's arter me. For de lub ob heaben, miss, let me hide somewhere's, and gib me jes' a crost. Massa Judge promise Massa Morton 'ud help me, an' it's kept me up. Missus will, I

I knew that grandfather had given succor to some of these poor wretches before; but I felt that I might badoing wrong by admitting a stranger in his

Caution and pity struggled within At last I said : "You have a note from the Judge,

I suppose, sir." "I had some writin' on a paper," said the mon, "but I's lost it, de night it rained so. Ah! miss, I's tellin' the truff-Judge sent me, sure as I's a sin-I's been helped along so far, and 'pears like I mus' get to Canady. Can't go back noway. Wife's dare, and de young uns. Got clear a year ago. Miss, I'll pray for you ebry day ob my

life ef you'll jes' be so good to me. So will Dinah. Tank you, miss." For somehow, when he spoke of wife and children, I had stepped back and let him in.

It was the back hall door at which the rap had come, and the kitchen was close at hand. I led him thither. W When I saw how worn he was, how The negro ate voraciously, as only a upon Anthony's breast.

starving man could eat, and I left him to find Anthony, to whom I mtended to give directions for his lodging throughout the night.

To my surprise, Authory was nowhere about the house or garden. her across the lonely road to Maple-

It was natural, but I felt angry. Yet I longed for Hannah's return, and listened very anxously until the clock struck nine. Then, instead of her footsteps, I heard the patter of rain-drops and the rumbling of thun- had long contemplated the robbery; der, and looking out, saw that a heavy storm was coming en.

Now, certainly, grandpa and grandma would not come, and Hannah, waiting for the sterm to pass, would not be here for hours. However, my fear of the negro was quite gone, and I felt a certain pride in conducting myself bravely under these trying cireumstances.

Accordingly I went up stairs, found in the attic sundry pillows and bol-sters, and carried them kitchenward. "Here," I said, "make yourself a bed on the settee yonder, and be easy for the night. No one will follow you in such a terrible storm as this, and,

he returns home. Good-night," "Good-night, and God bless you, miss," still speaking in a very husky whisper. And so I left him.

no doubt, grandpa will assist you when

But I did not go up stairs to my bed-room. I intended for that night to remain dressed, and to sit up in grandpa's arm-chair, with candles and a book for company. Therefore I locked the door, took the most comfortable position, and opening a volume, composed myself to read.

Reading I fell asleep. How long I slept I cannot tell. I was awakened by a low sound like the prying of a chisel.

At first it mixed with my last dream so completely that I took no heed of it, but at last I understood that some one was at work upon the door.

I sat perfectly motionless, the blood curdling in my veins, and still chip, chip, chip went the horrible little instrument, until at last I knew whence the sounds came. Back of the sitting-room was grand-

pa's study. There, in a great oldfash-ioned chair, were stored the family silver, grandma's jewelry, and sundry sums of money and important papers. The safe itself stood in a closet in a recess, and at the closet the thief was at work.

The thief -ah! without a doubt the negro I had fed and sheltered. Perhaps the next act would be to murder me if I listened. The storm was still raging; but, though the road was lonely, better that than this house with such horrible company. I could

but I could save my own life. hall, and to the door. There, softly as I could, I unfastened the bars and bolts, but, alas! one was above my reach. I waited and listened.

not save my grandfather's property,

Then I moved a hall chair to the spot and climed upon it. In doing so I struck my shoulder against the door

It was but a slight noise, but at that moment the chip of the chisel stopped, I heard a gliding foot, and, horror of sprang towards me, and clutched me with both hands, holding my arms as in a vice, while he hissed in my car:

"You'd tell, would you? you'd call help? You might better have slept, you had; for you see you've got to pay now, and I can't let you live."

gled with an awful surprise; for now negro, but our own hired man, Anthogiven him many a present, and always treated him well.

I plead with him kindly. "Anthony, I never did you any harm; Iam young; Iam a girl. Don't kill me, Anthony. Take the money, but don't kill me, for poor grandma's

"Yeu'd tell on me," said Anothny, doggedly. "Likely I'd be caught. No, I have got to kill you." As he spoke he took his hands from

fiercely.

What had sprung on my assassin, pulses, I forgot my caution. I brought away-the blurred mists that had day. out cold meat and bread, drew a mug gathered over my eyes; as sight reof eider, and spread them on the table. turned I saw the negro with his foot

The fugitive whom I had housed and fed had saved my life.

Ten minutes after-ten minutes in which but for that poor slave's presence I would have been hurried out of life-the rattle of wheels and the tar-Hannah must have taken him with dy feet of old Ajax were heard without, and my grandparents were with

It is needless to say that we were not ungrateful to our preserver; needless, also, to tell of Anthony's punish-

ment. It came out during his trial that he that the absence of my grandparents appearing to afford an apportunity, he had decoyed Hannah away with a lie, and hil in the study. He knew nothing of the negro's presence in the house, and, being naturally superstitous, had actually fancied my protector a creature from the other world, and submitted without a struggle.

Long ago-so we heard-the slave, a slave no longer, met his wife and children beyond danger; and now that the bonds are broken for all in this free land, doubtless his fears are over, and he sits beside his humble Canadian hearth when eventide comes on.

FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

Mr. Cramer, a traveler from the North of Europe, while resting in the city of Loheia in Arabia, was solicited by a great somebody to prescribe for his indisposition.

He recommended an emetic. The patient recovered so rapidly the circumstances spread like a prairie fire. Everybody wanted an emetic. No was of no consequence. It was considered a wonderful medicine, and, therefore, all the people wanted to be vemited by the foreign Rakkim.

One day the Emir Bahr, inspector of the port, sent a horse to Mr. Cramer to be doctored, which was turned over to his Swedish servant, who had been a farrier to a hussar troop at home. The animal was restored. That ran through the multitude. If be could cure horses he certainly could cure men. Practice increased beyond his ambition of doing any more good at the expense of his own comfort or health. A microscope being shown the Emir, he was amuzed at the enlarged size of insects under the instrument. His highness explained to the attendants of the court that insects in Europe were very large, while those small.

Next, the Emir was entertained by a peep through a telescope which was minus one glass, so that objects appeared inverted. Looking at a woman at a distance hardly visible by the unassisted eye, although a ruler, a dweller in a palace and owned camels, stand why she stood on her head; and, put it in the small hog!" above all, it was a mystery not a passage in the Koran could clear up why her clothes didn't fall down instead of keeping close to a her unkler, as though they were nailed to a post!

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

A case which has happened within two weeks reads like some of the horrore, a man came from the study, scenes in the novels of Eugene Sue and Dumas, where perils in dungeon vaults and mysterious underground passages frequently play their parts. Two workmen in a New England factery town went down into a long and desp subterranean passage connected her sober senses. for waking. I'd rather hev let a with the waterways of several mills. A young man in San Francisco chick like you off; but you know me to clear away obstructions. They were found an old deacon he knew "buckwith the waterways of several mills, at work a long time, at a distance from I stared in his face with horror, min- the place of exit, when one of them "What," he exclaimed, "deacon, you noticed that the water was rising rapthat it was close to me I saw, not the idly behind them. They started towards the only place of escape, when, tion." ny-Anthony, whom I had supposed by an unfortunate misstep, one of miles aw y with Hannab. He was them fell, dropped his lautern, and miles away with Haunah. He was them fell, dropped his lautern, and little more than a youth, and I had extinguished their only means of light. Then they went grooping their way along through the black darkness, the rising water swelling up faster and faster until it reached their armpits. At this time they had got to the place of exit, but the wooden ladder by which they had descended had been carried away by the rush of water. Their case was now desperate, for, during the time spent in trying to find the ladder, the water had risen to their necks, leaving but about one foot of wood, and as the teachers wouldn't of space between the surface of the wamy shoulders and clutched my throat ter and the top of the vault. Just I had time to utter one suffocating then, when all hope of escape seemed shrick; then I was strangling, dying, to be cut off—immediate death staring with sparks in my eyes, and a sound them in the face—a surge in the waters of roaring waters in my ears, and swept the floating ladder against the shoulder of one of them. They set it in its place, one of them mounted to with the swift silence of a leopard? the "trap" at the entrance to the vault, What had clutched me from him, and while the other held it fast, and in a wretched; how his eyes glistened, and bow under his rough blue shirt his stood over him with something glitterheart beat so that you could count the ing above his heart? The mist cleared face of the earth, in the glad light of

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A Benver Falls correspondent of the New York World, dated Jan. 13th, writes: You need not be surprised to hear of a massacre some of these five days, similar to the one they had out in California last year. Go where you will in Beaver Falls, the opinion of the people is expressed in very decided terms on the importation of this sort of labor, and it shows conclusively that the business men, property holders, and other residents of the place look upon the Celestials reference was made to sickness. That not only with contempt, but positive hatred. It requires but little conversation for the visitor to learn that a storm is brewing which may burst at any moment into a howling pandemonium of hate.

Another illustration of Darwinism was recently furnished in the case of two newly arrived monkeys from China, which were lodged in a San Francisco bar-room, one of them being kept in a cage and the other left at liberty. During the night the latter homuneulus first considerately handed a bottle of rum to his imprisoned brother, who thereupon became comatosely intoxicated, and then proceeded to get frightfully drunk and disorderly himself, breaking decanters and glasses, throwing an empty bottle at the head of the bar-keeper on that official's entrance, and otherwise comportof their own blessed country were ing himself as his master remarked, "for all the world like a Christian."

A wag inspecting a farmer's last instalment of pork at the Detroit market, recently, picked up a ten-pound stone and deposited it in one of the porkers and then loudly berated the farmer for trying to cheat in weight. slaves, controlled an army, and stocked The farmer looked at the stone, at the I crept across the room and into the a harem with beauties of all countries, crowd, felt the thrust, and growled to he could not for the life of him under- himself : "Hang me, but I thought I

Barnum has euchered the Emperor of Austria! A certain Father Faber, with his wife and wonderful talking machine, was under \$5,000 bonds to appear at the Vienna Exposition, but Barnum shook \$20,000 in his face and he caved. Barnum says two million people will hear that automaton jabber next summrr,

A California weman wants a divorce because she was intoxicated when married, and has produced her husband in substantiation of what she says, as an evidence that no woman would have married him were she in

ing the tiger" in a gambling hell. here?" "Yes," was the reply, "I am bound to break down this evil institu-

A gentleman near Vineland, Wisconsin, entered an orchard to steel some apples, while his friend, who sat on the fence and remonstrated, fell off and broke his neck. There appears to be in this incident a useful lesson for the young.

A Cincinnati lover has just been discharged by his affianced, millionheiress for treading on her pet cat's tail. He vowed it was an accident, but she insisted it was done on poor-puss.

The public schools at Corry got out buy any, they had to split up the Board of Educaton for fuel. The original Rothschild was a pack-

padler, who traveled on foot and retailed chewing gum and hair-pins to the people of his time. In what case is it absolutely impossible to be slow and sure? In the

case of a watch, Hassan Pasha, son of the Egyptian vicercy, is coming to make a tour of America.

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