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CHAPTER XXIV. In a remote part of Cragenstone, far from the center of the village, built on a narrow dingle that led from the main roadway and almost hidden by a wild growth of bushes and high trees, stood the prison where Margaret Mayland was confined.

armed followers, would ride back to break down the door and bear the witch away. But as he saw the pallor deepen on the old keeper's face, "rest easy, Matthew; an' have faith in the council."

CHAPTER XXV. As his name was spoken thus loudly and suddenly, Tansun turned deathly white, and great beads of perspiration stood on his forehead.

"I do so solemnly promise," said the young attorney, who had been appointed by the council to question witnesses, stepped forward, taking a place just before Margaret, who if she heeded what was going on gave no evidence of it.

"I also took occasion, as I felt it my duty, to rebuke her for wearing for ornament a papist cross that always, I said, with slow emphasis, "At noon, councilmen, with the same hand that held that cross, being innocent of harm and having no thought of evil, I feel my own disquiet and uneasiness many of the animals were lying sick of an unknown disease."

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attempted to expostulate with her, when of a sudden merriment broke in upon her eyes! The name of "Godfrey" came in a shrill shriek from her lips, an' throwing her arms about him in a fury, she held him as in a vise with the unnatural strength of ten men.

"At the instant he appeared before my vision," the witness continued in a low voice, "I was felled to the ground by a fearful blow, an' when I was able to stagger to my feet but had disappeared. So strange and weird were the scenes that my mind that I thought I would have been taken into custody and now brought to trial on the following charges: Convivance with Satan in rebellion against God, possessing a malignant influence over human beings and supernatural powers to injure them, to read their thoughts, to fascinate and harm by a look, to control the elements and in other ways most wicked to practice the awful crimes of magic, black art and witchcraft. These accusers state," he continued, "that accusers thus have brought such evidence against her as to have her committed to this village. Woman, hath agreed to say in thy defense?"

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the advisability of questioning her further, the witness, regardless of consequences, made her way hastily to Simon Kemper and, sinking into her place by his side, laid her face against his cool breast, sobbing bitterly.

"The crying auditors eyed her curiously, entertaining themselves with coarse comments on her evident fondness for her lover and sneers for her sorrow at the prisoner's predicament. Suddenly there was a loud rapping for council. The council, having decided not to recall Hetty, made the fact known, and when all again was quiet the Widow Dawson, whose child had died of convulsions, was on the witness bench giving an account of that night's experience.

"Time and the constant repetition of this story to the credulous awe struck people of the community had caused it to lose none of its interest, so that the tale the woman related in a low, distant voice was supernatural in the extreme and gruesome in its horrible details. The superstitious listeners, eagerly drinking in every word the widow uttered, expressed their sympathy for her and their fear of the detention of the prisoner, who continued through it all to sit silently with bowed head and clasped hands, by giving vent to louder murmurings of anger and cries for vengeance.

"Other accusers followed, each with a tale of some harm having befallen her after passing or coming in contact with the young mistress of Mayland farm, so that the afternoon was wearing to a close when the last and most important witness, old Adam Browdie, the goldsmith, was called to give his testimony. The old man, whose grief at the loss of Christopher was deep and sincere and who honestly attributed the lady's tragic death to the supernatural powers of Margaret Mayland, contained in the account of his going to his story minutely, giving every detail from the moment the cross was brought to his little cabin to the end, with streaming eyes and quivering voice, growing stertorous and tragical as he described the storm, weeping tears of agony as he told of the finding of the body; then, suddenly winding up his long and terrible tale, he fell on his knees and, raising his arms to heaven, called God's vengeance on the prisoner.

"As he was led, trembling and exhausted, to his seat, loud talking was heard in the audience, those assembled gazing at the pale faced prisoner with hatred in their eyes. The chief councilor rapping for order, a silence fell upon the crowded room that lasted, with an occasional interruption, for a long half hour while the tribunal deliberated.

"At last the chief councilor rose and, walking with solemn majesty to the railing that separated the council from the audience, addressed the prisoner: "Margaret Mayland, rise."

"With a little fluttering sigh Margaret rose and, raising her eyes, looked into his stern, hard face steadily.

"Woman," he said, "although thou hast denied guilt of the wicked crimes attributed to thee, I do announce that, after a patient hearing of all the awful happenings that have occurred in this hitherto peaceful and God loving community since thine advent here, and after having accorded thee a legal trial of such fairness, this tribunal doth find the charges true and doth pronounce thee guilty of the blackest crime on the calendar, allegiance to the devil and rebellion against God. Therefore, Margaret Mayland, even as our Lord hath commanded that the wicked spirits of sinners be burned perpetually after death, so do I, by the king ap-

"[TO BE CONTINUED.] A TRIP TO A STAR. The Ages of Time It Would Take One to Reach Centauri. "Let us suppose a railway to have been built between the earth and the fixed star Centauri," said a lecturer. "By a consideration of this railway's workings we can get some idea of the enormous distance that intervenes between Centauri and us."