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Faith," Etc., Etc.

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ICONTINUED. I

CHAPTER XVII. The morning report of the following day showed some items under the head of "Alterations" that involved several of the soldier characters of this story. Ex-Sergeant Clancy had been dropped from the column of present "on daily duty" and taken up on that of absent without leave. Lieut. Havne was also reported absent. Dr. Pease and Lieut. Billings drove into the garrison from town just before the cavalry t .mpets were sounding first call for guard mounting, and the adjutant sent one of the musicians to give his compliments to Mr. Royce and ask him to mount the guard for him, as he had just returned and had important business with the colonel. The doctor and the adjutant together went into the colonel's quarters, and for the first time on record the commanding officer was not at the desk in his office when the shoulder straps began to gather for the matinee.



"Never mind! Don't fire!" Ten minutes after the usual time the adjutant darted in and plunged with his characteristic impetuosity into the pile of passes and other papers stacked up by the sergeant major at his table. To all questions as to where he had been and what was the matter with the colonel he replied, with more than usual gendered of some years of having to with professional gravity: answer the host of questions propoundhour of the day-that the colonel would tell them all about it himself; he had no time for a word. The evident manner of suppressed excitement, however, was something few failed to note, and every man in the room felt certain that when the colonel came there would be a revelation. It was with something bordering on indignation, therefore, that the assemblage heard the words that intimated to them that all might retire. The colonel had come in very quietly, received the report of the officer of the day, relieved him, and dismissed the new officer of the day with the brief formula, "Usual orders, sir," then glanced quickly around the silent circle of grave, bearded or boyish faces. His eyes rested for an instant with something like shock and trouble upon one face, pale, haggard, with almost blood-

of Capt. Rayner. Then, dispensing with the customary talk, he quietly spoke the disappointing

"I am somewhat late this morning, gentlemen, and several matters will occapy my attention; so I will not detain you further."

The crowd seemed to find their feet very slowly. There was visible disinelination to go. Every man in some inexplicable way appeared to know that there was a new mystery hanging over the garrison, and that the colonel held the key. Every man felt that Billings had given him the right to expect to be told all about it when the colonel came. Some about the barrack porches and stared at looked reproachfully at Billings, as the occupants. In the first-a livery though to remind him of their expecta- hack from town-were two sheriff's offitions. Stannard, his old stand by, passed | cers, while cowering on the back seat, him with a gruff "Thought you said the his hat pulled down over his eyes, was colonel had something to tell us," and poor old Clancy, to whom clung faithful went out with an air of injured and de- little Kate. In the rear carriage-Maj. frauded dignity.

ing preparations to depart with the had no difficulty in recognizing as the others, and some of the number, connect- official charged with the administration ing him unerringly with the prevailing of justice towards offenders against the sensation, appeared to hold back and peace. Many of the soldiers strolled wait for him to precede them and so slowly up the road, in hopes of hearing secure to themselves the satisfaction of all about the arrest, and what it meant, knowing that, if it was a matter con- from straggling members of the guard. nected with Rayner, they "had him All knew it meant something more than along" and nothing could take place a mere "break" on the part of Clancy; without their hearing it. These men all felt that it had some connection with were very few, however; but Buxton the long continued mystery that hung was one of them. Rayner's eyes were about the name of Licut. Hayne. fixed upon the colonel and searching for a sign, and it came-a little motion of | that Mrs. Clancy had "skipped," and bethe hand and a nod of the head that sig- | tween two suns had fled for parts unnified "Stay." Then, as Buxton and one known. She could be overhauled by telor two of his stamp still dallied irreso- egraph if she had left on either of the lute, the colonel turned somewhat sharp- night freights or gone down towards ly to them: "Was there any matter on Denver by the early morning passenger which you wished to see me, gentlemen?" and, as there was none, they had to go. ture her if she were "wanted," said the Then Rayner was alone with the colonel; garrison; but what did it mean that for Mr. Billings quickly arose, and, with Clancy was pursued by officers of the a significant glance at his commander, left the room and closed the door.

Mrs. Rayner, gazing from her parlor windows, saw that all the officers had come out except one-her husband-and with a moan of misery she covered her face with her hands and sank upon the sofa. With cheeks as white as her sister's, with eyes full of trouble and per- Graham," said the major. "His displexity, but tearless, Neilie Travers charge vill be recalled; at least it will stepped quickly into the room and put a | not take effect today. You will be intrembling white hand upon the other's | terested in knowing that his voluntary

trangement as this. I have done simply | was tried." what our soldier father would have done had he been here. I am fully aware of what it must cost me. I knew when I did it that you would never again wel- indifferent to him as ever: he was gazing come me to your home. Once east again, you and I can go our ways; I won't bur- in officers' row. Little Kate's sobs as den you longer: but is it not better that the soldiers were helping her father you should tell me in what way your from the carriage suddenly recalled his husband or you can have been injured by what I have done?"

Mrs. Rayner impatiently shook away

the hand. "I don't want to talk to you," was the blunt answer. "You have carried out her, and she shall come to see you every your threat and-runed us; that's all." "What can you mean? Do you want me to think that because Mr. Hayne's she will go with us. Come, Katie, child!"

Lence may be established your hus- And he bent tenderly over the sobbing band was the guilty man? Certainly your manner leads to that inference, though his does not, by any means." "I den't want to talk, I tell you. You've had your way-done your work.

You'll see soon enough the hideous web of trouble you've entangled about my mehand. Don't you dare say-don't you dare think -and now she rose with odden fury-"that he was the-that he lost the money! But that's what all oth-

"If that were true, Kate, there would be this difference between his trouble and Mr. Hayne's: Capt. Rayner would have wife, wealth and friends to help him bear the cross; Mr. Hayne has borne it five long years unaided. I pray God the truth has been brought to light."

What fierce reply Mrs. Rayner might have given, who knows? but at that instant a quick step was heard on the piazza, the door opened suddenly, and Capt. Rayner entered with a rush. The pallor had gone; a light of eager, half incredulous joy beamed from his eyes, he threw his cap upon the floor, and his wife had risen and thrown her arms about his neck.

"Have they found him?" was her breathless question. What has hapened? You look so different." "Found him? Yes; and he has told

verything." "Told-what?" "Told that he and Gower were the

en. They took it all." "Clancy-and Gower! The thieves, do you mean? Is that—is that what he confessed?" she asked, in wild wondernent, in almost stupefied amaze, releasng him from her arms and stepping back, her eyes searching his face.

"Nothing else in the world, Kate. I don't understand it at all. I'm all atremble yet. It clears Hayne utterly. t at least explains how I was mistaken. But what—what could she have meant?"

Mrs. Rayner stood like one in a dream, her eyes staring, her lips quivering; and Nellie, with throbbing puises and clasping hands, looked eagerly from husband to wife, as though beseeching some ex-

"What did she mean? What did she mean? I say again," asked Rayner, pressing his hand to his forehead and gazing fixedly at his wife. A moment longer she stood there, as

though a light-a long hidden truthwere slowly forcing itself upon her mind. Then, with impulsive movement she hurried through the dining room, threw open the kitchen door, and startled the domestics at their late break-

"Ryan," she called to the soldier servant who rose hastily from the table, 'go and tell Mrs. Clancy I want her instantly. Do you understand? Instantly!" And Ryan seized his forage cap and vanished.

It was perhaps ten minutes before he eturned. When he did so it was apparent that Mrs. Rayner had been crying copiously, and that Miss Travers, too. was much affected. The captain was pacing the room with nervous stride in mingled relief and agitation. All looked up expectant as the soldier re-entered. He had the air of a man who knew he bore tidings of vivid and mysterious interest, but he curbed the excitement of his manner until it shone only through asperity of manner—the asperity en- his snapping eyes, saluted, and reported

"Mrs. Clancy's clean gone, sir." "Gone where?"

"Nobody knows, sir. She's just lit out with her trunk and best clothes some time last night." "Gone to her husband in town, may-

"No. sir. Clancy's all right; he was caught last evening, and hadn't time to get mor'n half drunk before they lodged him. Lootenant Hayne got him, sir. They had him afore a justice of the peace early this morning"-

"Yes, I know all that. What I want is Mrs. Clancy. What has become of

"Faith, I don't know, sir, but the women in Sudsville they all say she's run away, sir-taken her money and gone. She's afraid of Clancy's peaching on

"By heavens! the thing is clearing itself!" exclaimed Rayner to his gasping and wild eyed wife. "I must go to the less lips, and yet full of fierce detercolonel at once with his news." And mination-a face that haunted him long afterwards, it was so full of agony, of away he went.

And then again, as the orderly retired, suspense, almost of pleading-the face and the sisters were left alone, Nellie Travers with trembling lips asked the "Have I done so much harm, after all,

"Oh, Nellie! Nellie! forgive me, for l

have been nearly mad with misery!" was Mrs. Rayner's answer, as she burst into a fresh paroxysm of tears. "That -that woman has-has told me fearful

There was a strange scene that day at Warrener when, towards noon, two carriages drove out from town and, entering the east gate, rolled over towards the guard house. The soldiers clustered Waldron's-were Mr. Hayne, the major, Rayner arose, and seemed to be mak- and a civilian whom some of the men

Then, too, it was being noised abroad train; it would be easy enough to cappost and brought back under charge of officers of the law? He had had trouble

enough, poor fellow! The officer of the guard looked wonderingly at the carriages and their co cupants. He saluted Maj. Waldron as the latter stepped briskly down. "You will take charge of Clancy, Mr.

confession fully establishes Mr. Hayne's "Kate, it is no time for so bitter an es- innocence of the charges on which he

> Mr. Graham's face turned all manner of colors. He gianced at Havne, who, still seated in the carriage, was as calmly across the wide parade at the windows wandering thoughts. He sprang to the put his arms about her.

"Clancy, tell her to come with us. Mrs. Waldron will take loving care of day. The guard house is no place for her to follow you. Tell her so, man, and

little waif. darlin', go. Shure I'll be happier then." her wet cheeks. She threw her arms around his neck and clung to him in an disengage her clasping arms, but she shrieked and struggled, and poor old Clancy broke down. There were sturdy soldiers standing by who turned their via Florence, Camien, Winnsboro and

major interposed:

"Let her stay awhile; it will be better for both. Don't put him in the prison room, Graham. Keep them by themselves for a while. We will come for her by and by." And then, before them all, he held forth his hand and gave Clancy's a cordial grasp.
"Cheer up, man. You've taken the

right step at last. You are a free man today, even if you are a prisoner for the time being. Better this a thousand times than what you were."

Hayne, too, spoke a few kind words in a low tone, and gave the old soldier his hand at parting. Then the guard closed the door, and father and daughter were left alone. As the groups around the guard house began to break up and move away, and the officers, re-entering the carriages, drove over to headquarters, a rollicking Irishman called to the sergeant of the guard:

"Does he know the ould woman's skipped, sargent? Shure, you'd better tell him. "Twill cheer him, like."

But when, a few moments after, the news was imparted to Clancy, the effect was electric and startling. With one bound and a savage cry he sprang to the door. The sergeant threw himself upon him and strove to hold him back, but was no match for the frenzied man. Deaf to Kate's entreaties and the serreant's commands, he hurled him aside, leaped through the doorway, shot like a deer past the lolling guardsmen on the porch, and, turning sharply, went at the top of his speed down the hill towards Sudsville before man could lay hand on him. The sentry on Number One cocked his rifle and looked inquiringly at the officer of the guard, who came running out. With a wild shriek little Kate threw herself upon the sentry, clasping his knees and imploring him not to shoot.

The lieutenant and sergeant both shouted, "Never mind! Don't fire!" and with others of the guard rushed in pursuit. But, old and feeble as he was. poor Clancy kept the lead, never swervng, never flagging, until he reached the doorway of his abandoned cot; this he burst in, threw himself upon his knees by the bedside, and dragged to light a little wooden chest that stood by an open trap in the floor. One look sufficed; the mere fact that the trap was open and the box exposed was enough. With a wild cry of rage, despair and baffled hatred, he clinched his hands above his head, rose to his full height, and with a curse upon his white lips, with glaring eyes and gasping breath, turned upon his pursuers as they came running in, and hurled his fists at the foremost. "Let me follow her, I say! She's gone with it all-his money! Let me go!" he shrieked; and then his eyes turned stony, a gasp, a clutch at his throat, and, plunging headlong, he fell upon his face at their

Poor little Kate! The old man was indeed free at last. TO BE CONTINUED |

PORTIERES AND POPPING.

Curtained Doorways Are Serious Obstacles in the Way of Matrimony. A few evenings ago I said to my friend Dareal: "Joseph, why haven't you married?" The question seemed abrupt, I admit, but the moment was most propitious. As we sat in the coziest corner of the club room testing a new and recompensing brand of cigars we talked awhile at random, and finally we, too, drifted to the subject of marriage in Buffalo. We spoke of the apparent reluctance of certain young men to do anything but dawdle about the objects of their adoration, and when Joseph said, "Do not blame them, perhaps it is not their fault," I put to him the startling question, "Joseph, why don't you marry?" Joseph took several long pulls at his cigar before replying, but finally said, his eyes fixed on the ascending smoke: "If you wish to know what has kept me from matrimony I will tell you. It is the portiere." I stared. Joseph went on: "In other words, it is because parlors have no doors-because our modern houses are one vast whispering gallery in which the slightest sound is heard from one end to another. It is

years since I have felt sure that I was absolutely alone with a girl-an environment necessary for sentimental demonstrations. But to particularize. It is not long since I became unusually interested in a young woman of my acquaintance. Perhaps I was in love with her. If not, I know that I might have become so. I paid her rather marked attention for nearly a year, but in my numerous visits to her house there was never an opportunity for anything but the most formal conversation. Usually her father sat in the library across the hall in full hearing -if not in view-of us. No chance to shut a door. At the parlor door-portieres; dining room door-portieres; and never an opportunity for that sense of private

for sentimental deeds. "Now, it is my idea that the time when mutual love is first acknowledged should be a supreme moment in life—one to be made the most of, and not to be thrown away by any such insensate proceeding as a proposal by letter, or even to be risked at unpropitious seasons, when interruption is probable or possible. Therefore, I did not tell my love with papa reading his paper in the adjoining room, or with the servant fumbling at the sideboard in the dining room, with only a thickness of curtain between her and us. I did not tell my love while all the doors were wide open and the sisters were active in the upper halls, and I could hear the brother in his room overhead dress-

tete-a-tete which gives a man inspiration

ing to go out. No; I waited for some moment of assured privacy. It never There was a long silence. "Well?" I said at last. "That is all. Last summer the young woman in question made a visit to a provincial town, where she could shut the parlor door. While there

she became engaged and was married last autumn." "And that is courtship as she is con-"And that is courtship as she is conducted in Buffalo," I sighed. "That is the state of things in nine houses out of ten where I pay social visits," said Joseph ten where I pay social visits," said Joseph Dareal. And as I recalled the homes of our wedable but unwedded maids I concluded that Joseph was not wrong, and that what is most needed by our young men is not courage, but "a chance."-

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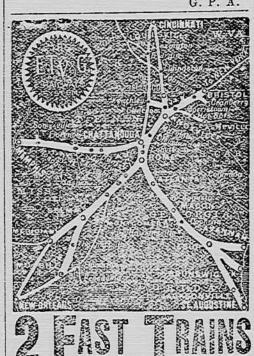
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12:15, P. M., arrive Sumter 1:30 P. M.

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