THE CHANNINGS.

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Tom heard the story, which was given him in detail. He told Ketch—and with truth—that he knew nothing about it, but would make inquiries in the morning. Ketch was fain to depart, and Tom returned to the sitting-room, and threw himself in a chair in a burst of laughter.

"What is the matter," they asked.

"The primest lark," returned Tom "Some of the fellows have been sending Ketch an invitation to sup at Jenkins's off tripe and onions, and when he got there he found it was a hoax, and Mrs. Jenkins turned him out again. That's what Master Charley must have gone after."

Hamish turned round. "Where is Charley, by the way?"

"Gone after it there's no doubt," replied Tom "Here's his exercise, not finished yet, and his pen left inside the book. Oh, yes; that's where he has gone"

CHAPTER XLI.

THE SEARCH.

"Tom, where is Charles?"

"He is not in my pocket," responded Tom Channing, who was buried deep in his studies, as he had been for some hours.

"Thomas, that is not the proper way to answer me," resumed Constance, in a tone sententious, for it was from her the question had proceeded. "It is strange he should run suddenly out in the abrupt way you describe, and remain so long as this. It is half-past nine. I am waiting to read."

"The boys are up to some trick tonight with Mr. Coleraft, Constance, and he is one of them," said Tom. "He is sure to be in such."

Constance remained silent; not satisfied. A nameless, undefined sort of dread was creeping over her. Engaged with Annabel until night o'clock, when she returned to the general sitting room, she found Charles absent, much to her surprise. Expecting him to make his appearance every moment, the time may have seemed to her long, and his absence all the more unaccountable. It had now gone on to half past nine, and still he was not come, and his lessons were not done. It was his hour for bed-time.

Tom had more than usual to do that night, and it was nearly ten when he rose from his books. Constance watched him put them aside, and stretch himself. Then she spoke

"Tom, you must go and find Charles I begin to feel uneasy Something must have happened, to keep him out like this."

The feeling "uneasy" rather amused Tom. Premonitions of evil are not apt to torment schoolboys. "I expect the worst that has happened may be a bat royal with old Ketch," said he "However, the young monkey had no business to cut short his lessons in the middle, and go off in this way, so I'll just be after him and march him home."

He took his trencher and flew to wash in the cathedral. He fully expected the boys would be gathered somewhere around it not a hundred miles from old Ketch's lodge. But he could not come upon them anywhere The lodge was closed, was dark and silent, showing every probability that its master had retired for the night to sleep away his discomfiture, the cloisters were closed, and the Boundaries lay calm in the moonlight, undisturbed by a single footstep. There was no sign of Charles, or of any other college boy

Tom halted in decision "Where can he have got to, I wonder! I'm sure I don't know where to look for him! I'll ask at Yorke's! If there's any mischief up, Ted's sure to know of it!"

He crossed the Boundaries, and rang at Lady Augusta's door Ted himself opened it Probably he thought it might be one of his friends the conspirator—certainly he had not expected to find Tom Channing standing there, and he looked inclined to run away again.

"Ted Yorke, do you know any thing of Charles?"

"How how should I know any thing of him?" returned Ted, taking courage, and putting a bold face upon it. "Is he lost?"

"He is not lost, I suppose; but he has disappeared somewhere Were you in the game with old Ketch to-night?"

"What game?" inquired Ted, innocently.

But at this moment, Gerald, hearing Tom's voice, came out of the sitting room Gerald Yorke had a little cooled down from his resentment against Tom since the decision of the previous day, nearly all Gerald's wrath had been poured upon Mr. Pye, because that gentleman had not exalted him to the ministship So great was it that he had no room to think of Tom besides, Tom was a fellow sufferer, and had been equally passed over with himself

"What's the row?" asked Gerald

Tom explained, stating what he had heard from Ketch of the trick the boys had played him, and Charles's absence. Gerald, who really was not cognizant of it in any way, listened with avidity, making his own comments, and enjoying beyond everything the account of Ketch's fast in the supper department Both he and Tom exploded with mirth and Ted, who said nothing, but listened with his hands in his pockets, dancing to it on one leg, then on the other, nearly bursting himself into fits

"What did they take out the cloister keys for?" demanded Gerald

"Who's to know?" said Tom "I thought Ted was sure to be in it"

"Don't I wish I had been" responded that gentleman, turning up the whites of his eyes to give earnestness to the wish

Gerald looked round at Ted, a faint suspicion stealing over him that the deed was less genuine than it appeared In point of fact, Mr. Ted's had been the invented trencher, spoken of as having washed the effect of the message upon old Ketch "I say, Ted, you were off somewhere to-night for about two hours," said Gerald. "I'll declare you were"

"I know I was," said Ted, readily. "I had an appointment with Mark Galloway, and I went to keep it. If you skinned me alive, Channing, I couldn't tell where Miss Charley is, or where he's likely to be"

Fore-enough, in the abstract Tom Channing stopped talking a short while longer, and then ran home "Is Charley in yet?" was his first question

No, Charley was not in; and the household now became seriously concerned It was past ten. By his leaving his lessons half done, and his pen upon his exercise book of which exercise he had not left many words to complete but he had other studies to do it was evident to them that he had not gone out intending to stay. Indeed, if he required to go out in an evening, he always asked leave, and mentioned where he was going to.

"Haven't you found him?" exclaimed Judith, coming forward as Tom entered "Where in the world can the child be?"

"Oh, he's all safe somewhere," said Tom "Don't worry your old head, Judy"

"It's fit that somebody should worry their heads," retorted Judith sharply to Tom "He never stopped out like this after never! Pray Heaven there's no harm come anigh him."

"Well done; Judy" was Tom's answer. Harm! What harm is likely to have come to him! Helstonleigh has not been shaken by an earthquake to-night, to swallow him up; and I don't suppose any voracious kite has descended from the skies and carried him off in his talons. You'll make a simpleton of that boy till he's twenty!"

Judith—who, truth to say, did look very much after Charley, love him and indulge him—wasted no more words on Tom, but went straight up to Hamish's room, and knocked at the door. Hamish was in it, at his writing table as usual, and Judith heard a drawer opened and shut before he came to her.

"Mr Hamish, it's very queer about the child" said Judith. "I don't half like it."

"What! Is he not come in?"

"No, he's not. And just to look how he has left his books and his lessons about, is enough to prove that something or other must have happened. I declare my heart's all in a quake! Master Tom, he have been out, and can't find no trace of him—though its hard to tell whether he troubled himself to look much. Boys be as careless one of another as so many young animals."

"I will come down directly, Judith."

He shut the door, right in front of Judith's inquisitive nose, which was peering in to see what might be seen. Judith's curiosity in reference to her young master's night employment had increased, rather than abated. Night after night, as Hamish came home with the account books of the office under his arm, and carried them straight to his bed-room, Judith watched him go up with jealous eyes. Constance also watched him; watched him in a far more uneasy frame of mind than could be Judith's. The bringing those books now, in Mr. Channing's absence, was only too plain a proof to Constance that his night work must be connected with them: and a perfectly sick feeling would rush over her heart. Surely there could be nothing amiss with the accounts!

Hamish shut the door, shutting out Judy. She heard him putting things away; she heard a lock turned, and the keys removed. Then he came forth, and went down with Judith.

The difficulty was, where to look for Charles! It was possible that he might have gone to the houses of any one of the school boys, and be there staying: if not very likely, still it was by no means impossible. Tom was despatched to Mr Pye's, who had some half-dozen of the king's scholars boarding in his house; and thence to other houses in the vicinity. All with the like result; all denied knowledge of Charles. The college bell struck eleven, the sound booming out in the silence of the night on their listening ears; and with that sound, Hamish grew alarmed.

They went out different ways; Hamish, Arthur, Tom, and Judith. Sarah was excessively anxious to make one of the searching party, but Judith imperatively ordered her to stop at home and mind her own business Judy ran round and about the college, like any body with; nothing extra on her shoulders, and the border of her mob-cap flying But the old red walls were high, and impenetrable, and silent, telling nothing of Charles Channing She stopped at the low wall, extending from the side of the boat-house to some of the prebendal residences, and glanced over at the river. The water was flowing tranquilly along between its banks, giving out no sign that a young child was drowning, or had been drowned there not many hours before. "No," said Judy to herself, rejecting the doubt, which had come over her as improbable, "he can't have got in there. We should have heard of it."

She turned, and took a survey around She did not know what to do, or where to look. Still, cold, shadowy, it all lay the cathedral, the old houses, and the elm trees, with their birds, at rest now "Where can he have got to?" exclaimed Judith, with a touch of temper

One thing was certain, that it was of no use to wait where she was, and Judith betook herself home again. Just past the house of Lady Augusta Yorke she encountered the head master, who was walking with a quick step towards his home He said "good night" to Judith, as he passed her; but she arrested him.

"We are in a fine way, sir! We can't find Master Charles."

"Not find Master Charles?" repeated the Rev. Mr. Pye. "How do you mean?"

"Why, it happened in this way, sir," said Judith. "He was at his lessons, as usual, with Master Tom, and he suddenly gets up and leaves them, and goes out, without saying a word to nobody. That was at seven, or a bit later; and he has never come in again!"

"He must be staying somewhere, "remarked Mr. Pye.

"So we all thought, sir, till it got late He's not likely to be staying anywhere now. Who'd keep him till this hour, a terrifying of us all into fits! Ketch—"

"Hallos, Judy! Any luck?"

The interruption came from Tom Channing. He had discerned Judy's cap from the other side of the Boundaries, and now came running across, unconscious that her companion was the head master. Judy went on with her communication.

"Ketch, the porter, came to Master Tom an hour or two ago, complaining that the college boys had been serving him a trick to-night. They had pretended to invite him out somewhere to supper, and stole his cloister keys while he was gone. Now, sir, I'd not like to say too much against that surly-tempered brown bear," went on Judy, "but if he has got any thing to do with the keeping the child out, he ought to be punished"

Tom was up now, saw it was the master, and touched his trencher.

"Have you found your brother?" asked the master.

"No sir. It is very strange where he can have got to."

"What trick have the boys been playing Ketch to-night?" resumed Mr. Pye, "Your servant tells me that he has been round to you with a complaint of them."

Tom went into a white heat. Judy ought to have kept her mouth shut It was not his place to inform against the school, privately, to the master. "Yes, "he hesitatingly said; for an untruth he would not tell

"What was the complaint?" continued Mr. Pye. "Could this disappearance of your brother's be connected with it?"

"No, sir, I don't see that it could," replied Tom.

"You 'don't see!' Perhaps you'll let me see, and judge. What had the boys been doing! Channing," firmly spoke the master, perceiving his hesitation, "I insist upon knowing."

Tom was at his wit's ends. He might not defy the master, on the one hand; on the other, he knew the school would send him to Coventry, forever and a day, if he spoke; as he himself would have sent any boy, in it, doing the like. He heartily wished Judy had been ever in Asia before she had spoken of it, and her tongue with her.

"Were you in the affair yourself, pray?" asked the master.

"No, sir, indeed I was not; and I do not know a single boy who was. I have heard nothing of it, except from Ketch."

"Then what is your objection to tell me?"

"Well, sir, you know the rules we hold amongst ourselves," said Tom, blurting out the truth, in his desperation. "I scarcely dare tell you."

"Yes, you dare, Channing, when I command you to do so," was the significant answer.

Tom had no resource; and, very unwillingly, Ketch's details were drawn from him bit by bit; the pseudo-invitation, the disappointment touching the tripe and onions, the missing the cloister keys when he got home, and the finding them upon the outside of the west door.

"Did he enter the cloisters and examine them?" said the master, speaking hastily. A phase of probability had struck him, which had not struck any of the Channings; and it was curious that it had not.

"I think not, sir," replied Tom.

"Then, that's where Charles is, locked up in the cloisters" said he master, the recollection of the former locking-up no doubt helping him to the conclusion. "The fact of the keys being left hanging outside the cloister door might have been sufficient to direct your suspicions"

Tom felt the force of the words; and was wondering how it was he had not thought of it, when a cry burst from Judith.

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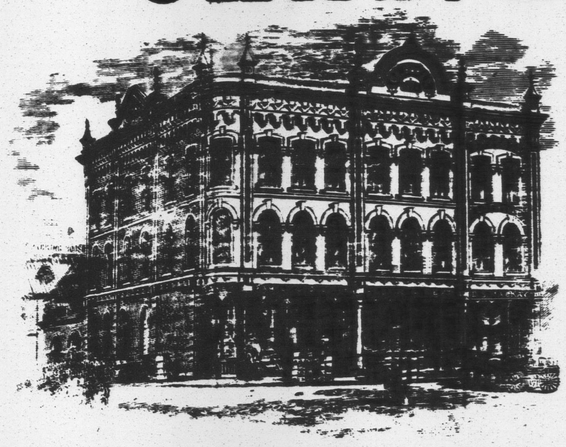

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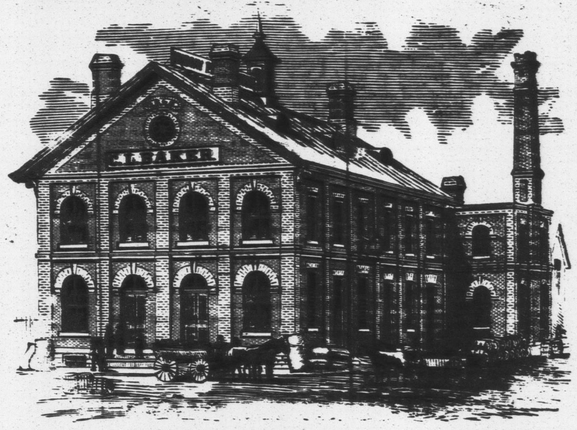

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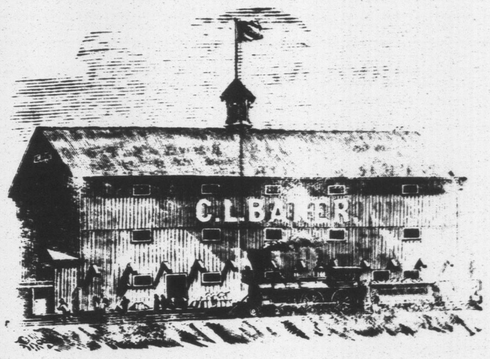

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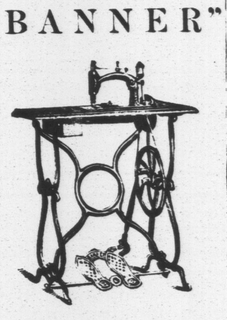

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