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HORATIUS AT HOME.

Straight from his swim in the Tiber. Horatins hastened h me-'le lived where now St. Peter's High rears its noble dome -And as he stepped on the front stoor,

timatins' wire did say similar You'll wet the new hall carpet; Go round the area.w y." He'd stayed the Tuscan freman

Until the bridge went down,

Then had his swim in liber Soaked him from toe to crown; And when his wife gazed on him, His tate was snow foretold; .. You've caught your death of danger ; You'd have a dreadful cold."

With speed he changed his toga, but slippers or his feet, And sat beside the regi ter, Where he coul I feel the heat. His wife, with female wisdom, Hot baths put to his toes, And flannel on his thorax, And oose-grease on his nose.

" Now sit thee down. Horatius," His wife did sharply say, .. Whate'er may hap, you don't go out Again this blessed day. The babe rock in the cadle, If he should chance to ery, While I make up for supper A Roman beef steak pie."

Horatins read the paper, And sipped some catnip tea, And when the babe di I cha ce to cry, He danced it on his knee And when the feast was ready, He ate his beef-steak pie, And when he sought his couch that night, He was completely dry.

Yet ere the moon marked midnight, His teeth began to ache, And with the throes of sque His limbs began to shake, Grim plearisy pinched at his side, Rheumatics pinched his toes, Pneumonia was in his lungs, And snuffles in his nose.

For many days in Antumn, And when the Tiber froze, He nursed his teeth, his limbs, his side, He nursed his lungs and nose; Quining he swallowed by the pound, And lots of mercury, And every night he drank a quart Of red-hot bonset tea.

"Horatius, you're a donkey !" Quite oft his wife would say, " If one would cross the Tiber, A bridge is the true way. Why, even in showery weather. I'll never levve on roof, And risk a cold, unless I wear Gum shoes and water-proof."

Horatius, 'mid his sufferings, By the nine gods he swore That unto Father Tiber He'd trust himself no more. He swore that if there came again A need to save fair Rome, He'd let some other hero bold Receive the glory-and the cold, While he remained at home.

Was He Guilty?"

GRAHAM.

A STORY OF LOVE AND PRIDE.

Continued.

"Oh, I am so glad !" gasped Jessie, while Walter continued :

"With Mr. Graham for security, they let my poor father yo home ; but a mighty blow had fallen upon him, benumbing all his faculties; he could neither think, nor talk, nor act, but would sit all day with mother's hands in his, gazing into her face and whispering sometimes :

... What will my darling do when I am in State prison ?'

"Such would be his fate, everybody said. It could not be avoided, and it a kind of feverish despair he waited the result. Vour father was with him often, 'keeping watch, the villagers said ; but if so he was not vigilant enough, for one dark, stormy night, the last before the dreadful sitting of the court, when the wind roared and howled about the old farm-house, and the heavy autumnal rain beat against the windows, my father drew his favorite chair, the one which always stands in that dark corner, and which none ave you have ever used since then, he drew

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it, I say, to my mother's side, and winding his arms about her neck, he said :

" Ellen, do you believe me guilty?'

" No, never for a moment,' she replied, and he continued :

" Heaven bless you, precious one, for that. Teach our child to trink the same, and give it a father's blessing."

"My mother was too much bewildered to answer, and with a kiss upon her lips, my father turned to his father and stanting up before him. said :

. . I know what's in your heart; but, father, I swear to you I am innocent. Bless me, father-bless your only boy once more.'

Then grandpa put his trembling band upon the brown locks of his son, and said : 'I would lay down my life to know that

same, and may God bless you too, my boy ! After you are graduated I shall take you and kneeling by her sole, my father said to gou were my son.'

Do you believe I dil it?"

'No,' she answered fain ly, and without his asking it, she gave him her blessing.

'He kissed his sister, - kissed Aunt Dab by, and then he went away. They saw his face, white as a co.pse, proseet a ainst the window pane, while are eyes were riveted upon his bean itul young wife, -then the face was gone, an I only the storm went sobbing past the place where he had stood. All that night the light barned on the table, and they waited his return, but from that hour to this he has not come back. He could not go to prison and so he ran away. Mr Graham paid the ba I. and he was heard to say that he was flad poor Seth escaped. I did not quite understand the matter when I was a boy, and I almost hated your father for testifying against nim, but I know now he did wa t he thought was right. It is said he loved my aunt Mary, Hen's mother, and that she loved him in return, but after this sad affair there arose a cool ess between them. He went to New York and married a more fashionable woman, while she, too, chose another."

Did they ever find the money ?' Jessie you.' asked, and Walter replied :

Never, though Aunt Debby says that Heyward indulged in a new suit of ciothes soon after, and gave various other tokens of being alundantly supplied. No one knows where he is now, for he left Der wood years ago.'s all ve marrieve

'And your , mother,' interrupted Jessie, tell me more of her.'

The night shalows were falling, and she could not see the pain on Walter's face as

he replied: A bennen were promy a

For a few days she watched to see father coming back, for suspence was more terrible than reality, and those who were his friends before said his going off looked badly. From Boston her proud relatives sent her a double curse for bringing this disgrace upon them, and then she took her bed never to rise again. The first October frosts had fallen when they laid me in her arms and bade her live for her baby's sake. But five days after I was born she lay dead beneath that western window where you so often sit. Then the proud mother refented and came to the funeral but she has never been here since. Your father was present, too, -he bought the monument; he cried over me, and wished that he could fill my father's

place.' 'I wish he could, too,' cried the impulsive Jessie, 'I wish you were my brother,' and she involuntarily laid her hand in his. 'Have you never heard from your father ? she asked, and Walter replied,

'Only once. Six months after mother died he wrote to Mr. Graham from Texas, and that is the very last. But, Jessie, shall find him. I shall prove him innocent, and until then there will always be a load in my heart, -a somethin; which makes me irritable, cross and jealous of those I love the best, lest they despise no for what I cannot help.'

' And is that why you speak so coldly to me sometimes when I don't deserve it?' Jessie asked, twining her snowy fingers about his own.

Oh, how Walter longed to fold her in his arms and tell her how dear she was to him. an I that because he loved her so much he was oftenest harsh with her. But he dared not. She would not listen to such words, he knew. She thought of him as her brother, and he would not disturb the dream, so he answered her gently :

'Am I cross to you, Jessie ?' I do not n.ean to be, and now that you know all. will be so no longer. You do not hate me, do you, because of my mi-fortune ?' 'Hate you, Walter ! Oh, no ! I love, -1

mean I like you so much better than I did

when I came up h cried with xiy face i Walter, for it seen

him, continued :

that disgrace hanging Wal er winced at the. Jessie as if speaking more to de._

'I hope Will won't tell grandma who you are, for she is so proud that she might make me feel very uncomfortable by fretting every time I spoke to you. Walter' and the tone of Jessie's voice led Walter to expect some unpleasant remark, 'you know father has intended to have you live with us, but if Wililam tells grandma, it will be better for you to board somewhere else, --grandma can be very disagreeable if she tries, and she would annoy us almost to death.'

Jessie was perfectly innocent in all she said, but spite of his recent promise Walter felt his old jealousy rising up, and whispering to him that Jessie spoke for herself rather than he g andmother. With a great off ort, however, he mastered the emotion and replied . Holler mounted of al doldw

1 It will be better, I think, and I will write to your father at once."

Jessie little dre med what it cost Walter thus deliberately to give up seeing her every day, and living with her beneath the same roof. It had been the goal to which he had looked forward through all his college coarse, for when he entered on his first year you are not guilty; but I bless you all the Mr. Grabam had written :

'In the bedroom grant mother by sick, into business, and into my own family, as if

And Jessie herself had vetoed this, -had said it must not be.

For an instant. Walter felt that he would not go to New York at all; but when he saw how closely Jessie nestle I to his side, and heard her say, You can come to see nie every day, and when I am going to concerts, or the opera, I shall always sen I word to you by father,' he rejected his first suspicion as unjust.

wished to screen him from her grandmother's illusture, and winding his arm around her, 'You are a good girl, Jessie, and I'm glad

She was not ashamed of him, -she only

you think of me as a brother.' But he was not glad. He did not wish her to be his sister, but he tried to make himself believe he did, and as in the pines where they sat it was already very dark, he proposed their returning home. Jessie was unusually silent during the walk, for she was thinking of Walter's young mother, and as they passed the grave yard in the dis-

tance, she sighed : 'Poor dear lady ! I don't wonder you are often sad with that memory haunting

'I should not be sad,' he returned, 'if I could bring the world to my opinion; but nearly all except Aunt Debby believe him

'Does my father ?' asked Jessie, and as Walter replied 'Yes, she rejoined . / Then I'm afraid I think so too, for father knows; but,' she hastily added, as she felt the gesture of impatience Walter made, 'I like you just the same, -yes, a great deal better than before I heard the story. It isn't as bad as I supposed, and I am so glad you told it. Will Bellenger won't make me distrust you again.

By this time they had reached the house, where the deacon sat smoking his accustomed pipe, and saying to Walter as he entered : Where are the cows you went after more than three hours ago?' to god munt Walter colored, and so did Jessie, while

the matter of fact Aunt Debby rejoined : · Why, Amos, the cows is milked and the cream is nigh about riz.' That night, after all had retired except the deacon and Walter, the former said to

his grandson : 'What kept you and Jessie so late ?' 'I was telling her of my father, and why he went away,' returned Walter.

The deacon grouped as he always did when that subject was mentioned, - then after a moment he added . 'I am glad it was no worse, - that is, I'm glal you are not betraying Mr. Graham's

trust by making love to his daughter. Walter was very pale, but he did not speak. and his grandfather continued : 'I am old, Walter, but I he ve not forgot ten the days when I was young; and remembering my disposition then. I can s why you should love Jes ie Graham. Go bless her ! She's worthy of any man's bei lo e, and she's wound herself around m old heart till the sound of her voice is swee tome almost as Ellen's; but she isn't you Walter. I know Mr. Graham bette than you do. He's noble and good, but ver proud, and the daughter of a millional

'Don't !' cried Wa ter, catching his gran father's arm. 'I understand it all, -I know that I am poor, know what the world say of my father, and I will suffer through time sooner than ask the bright-faced Jes to share one iota of our shame. But we my father innocent, I would never rest u til I made mys If a name which even Jess Graham would not despise. for I love he grandpa. -love her better than my life.' at at after this confession he could not los his grandfather in the face, he stared ha at the candle dving in its socket, as if would fain read there some token that wh he so much desired would o e day come

must never marry the son of a poor ---

And he did read it too, for with a great effort the expiring flame sent up a fla of light, which shone on Walter's face a that of the gray-haired man regarding ! with a look of tender pity. Then it pas away, and the darkness fell ha ween th just as the old man said, mournfully :

There is no hope, my boy, -no hope