

better of it."

ticular threat.

has entrapped me?"

would be to ruin it all."

"Do I generally threaten what I do

not mean to carry out?" she retorted.

To this he made no answer, and his

silence suggested, as it was intended

to do, that it was now rather late in

the day for the fulfillment of this par-

"Do you not see," she went on, "into

"I am very sorry," murmured the

"It is infamous of you," she cried.

"Here we are, with our enterprize al-

ready launched; for me to turn back

now would be to forfeit my share in

the glory of success; to send him away

"I'm afraid it would," said the colonel

in a tone of discouragement; and he

looked about him frowning, as if per-

plexed at the difficulty of the dilemma.

Camilla's indignation was by this

"What am I to do?" she cried in de-

"Couldn't you go on as you are do-

"What! live for a fortnight cooped

"It's not your fault," he replied; "he

"No, no! he did not!" she answered.

hotly. "It was your doing from the

the colonel; "but he shouldn't have ac

"I asked him to come, I admit," said

"How can you," she exclaimed, "how

dare you, compare his share in it with

your own? You were the tempter, you

were the suggester of cvil. His con-

duct in yielding may seem strange to

sons he may have had for taking a less

severe view of his duty in this instance.

He belongs to a party which has long

favored the Emperor's release; he was

no longer actually employed in the Eng-

fish government, which has treated him

devoted to us, his friends, and there

may have been other reasons. I could

wish that he had acted differently, but

The colonel hugged himself in secret.

It was an exquisite pleasure to hear his

own sophistries arrayed against him

and to see them working out his own

purpose after all. Some gleam of satis-

crevice in his assumed stolldity, for

of something inconsistent in her argu-

"Don't misunderstand me," she cried;

"Of course not," he said; "I was

waiting to remind you that as we are

to touch at Ascension, you have still

undertaking, and you would share the

Emperor's triumphal return to Europe."

"I will consider that," she replied,

"before we reach Ascension; but it was

not what I was thinking of. What I

meant to tell you was that in any case

I refuse to have Captain Estcourt

forced upon me as a colleague. I de-

cline to recognize him in that position.

and you may tell him that if he and

I are to meet, it must be on other

ground, and expressly on condition

that the object of this voyage is never

The colonel sighed; not, as she sup-

posed, with resignation, but with relief

"I will go to him at once," he said.

As he climbed the companion-ladder.

however, his demeanor underwent a

complete change, and it was with a

beaming face that he emerged up the

deck, where Estcourt was anxiously

"It is all right,' 'he said, cordially;

"I knew it would be. She has quite

got the better of her disappointment,

and is sorry for having hurt your feel-

ings just now. Her indignation, it ap-

pears, was not directed at you but me,

whom she blames severely for having

heen the original cause for all this trou-

ble. I confess it, but I assure you I

was far from intending to estrange you

"Don't say another word!" cried Dick,

seizing his hand and shaking it in a

fe. for of gratitude. "I'm your debtor

for the rest of my life. But now let me

"Stay a moment," said the colonel.

holding him by the sleeve; "let me give

you one last hint before you go. No

wise man expects an apology from a

"Apology!" Dick broke in impatiently.

"Very well, then," continued his com-

panion, "that being so, it will prevent

any possible awkwardness if you ignore

the late regrettable incident altogether.

And I may add that I know you would

be consulting her own wishes if you

refrained from mentioning the object

of our voyage at all. The subject is

not one with pleasant associations as

judgment and kindness. He thanked

him again hastily, and went below with

a beating heart. Camilla was in the

saloon by himself; she flushed when he

Dick thought the colonel a model of

between herself and you."

woman under any circumstances."

and left the cabin, still dejected and

mentioned."

and perfect satisfaction.

submissive in appearance.

awaiting his return.

go to her at once."

"Of course not!"

from us."

"I do not take back anything of what

I said." He interrupted her.

faction must have twinkled from

I will not hear you blame him."

us, but we can not tell what good rea-

time beginning to exhaust itself. To

hammer so abject an opponent was

merely beating the air, and of that the

strongest fighter soon wearies.

ing?" he suggested.

brought it on himself."

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what a position your foolish obstinacy

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SET teeth and turned without a word to the colonel for the explanation.

The colonel was not for a moment at a lors; he had long been preparing for the present difficult situation, and now that he had the opportunity of dealing

with Dick and Camilla separately, he was no longer doubtful of the result. His last anxiety vanished with the haughty figure now disappearing beneath the companion-hatch.

He linked his arm in Dick's with a friendly smile, and began to walk him slowly up and down the deck in silence. "My friend," he said presently, "my

sister-in-law and you misunderstand each other; you are both young, and youth is so intolerant of difference! 1 am older, and I understand you both. I spair. am less prejudiced, and can symmathize with each in turn. I am happy to be here, for I have no doubt," he continued, "that I shall be able to effect up here with a man whom I've insulted a speedy reconciliation."

"But what is the matter?" cried Dick. "I don't understand!"

"Precisely," replied the colonel; "nor does Madame de Montaut. You do not see why your very natural refusal to join our little plot should cause any one surprise or pain. She, on the other hand, has never thought of the difficulty of it from your point of view. She supposed you to have accepted, and was therefore sharply disappointed at finding that we must do without you,

after all." "Yes, yes!" cried Dick: "I know all about the mistake. Of course you all thought I had accepted when I came to Russell street that unlucky morning: but how could you, how could she, think me for a moment capable of doing such a thing? That's what burts

"My dear Estcourt." answered the colonel, with a deprecatory smile, "you musn't be too hard on us. I confess ! ought to have known better; but I was hard put to it. As for Madame de Montaut, she never understood the question. I fear the fine I took may have been the cause, for she trusts me perhaps more implicitly than she ought to do," and the colonel shook his gray head with a very becoming modesty. "And then you must remember," he continued, "that she knew you were friendly with Lord Glamorgan and otber members of the opposition who profees to desire nothing so much as the Emperor's liberation. I suppose their speeches are but counsels of perfection. and not intended to be taken literally. but that is one of the things we in France can never understand about you wrong for himself or any one else to

put into practice." Dick was vanquished; and indeed he wished no better fate. He was lost in a foretaste of the delightful days to come, and was only brought to himself by the sudden recollection that they would be fewer than he would be allowing himself to reckon. He turned round upon the colonel,

"Why must you leave us so soon?" he asked abruptly.

The colonel was staggered for a mo-"So seen?"

what?" "The captain said you were only go-

ing as far as Ascension. "Ah, yes!" said the colonel, recovering himself; "Ascension. Yes, that's

all." "You can't be meaning to stay on such a desert island," sald Dick, a-tremble with hope. "I suppose we can wait while you do your business there, and take you on to the Cape afterward?"

"Thank you," replied the colonel, giving him a meaning look; "but we can not afford to go quite so far as the Cape, though I confess to you in confidence that we do not intend to stay longer than we can help at Ascension."

Dick reflected, and in a moment or two he had comprehended the meaning of this remark. About half-way in a direct line between Ascension and the Cape lies the Island of St. Helena; that of course wasthe De Montauts' real destination. He understood now why they had sailed in the Hamilton under false names. He saw, too, that he must abandon all hope of prolonging the time of their companionship with him, for the Speedwell could not land the conspirators at St. Helena without becom-

ing in some degree their accomplice. M. de Montaut was watching him all this time, and read his face like an open book.

"Now then," he said, at last, "I am going down to speak to my sister-inlaw. I think you had better wait for me up here, if you don't mind."

Dick willingly assented, and the colonel left him to pace the deck alone while he went off to attempt the second and more difficult part of his medita-

"Ah!" he murmured to himself, as he made his way below, "It is easy enough to pursuade a man of anything, more especially if it's not the truth; but Camilla is unfortunately not a man. Naver mind," he added, as he knocked er her door, "she must pursuade herself, that's all." And he entered the cable with as meek and helpless an expression as he could manage to put

pointment still remained; but that surely was natural enough, and needed only time to efface it from her memory. Meanwhile he had a fortnight, a whole age-of happiness before him. The colonel, who had calculated with nicety the time he ought to allow them, now came discreetly in and suggested break-

"Certainly," sald Dick; "It is long past the time; but where's Captain Worsely?"

"Oh," replied the colonel; "haven't they told you! "He's got a fever, and can't leave his berth today." "That's rather sharp work," said Dick; "he seemed all right when I left

the ship yesterday."

"Yes," said the colonel, "there is a sudden kind of feverish attack which is not uncommon, I am told, in these latitudes. It took him quite suddenly. just as we came on board; he was very queer, and kept me up late into the night talking in the most raudom manner. I thought you must have heard us," he added, with a quick, searching

glance at Dick. "I did hear you!" replied the latter, "And that reminds me that I also heard, or fancied I heard, a boat put off in the middle of the night, and come

aboard some time later." "Just so," said the colonel; "that wan what he and I were arguing about. I wanted some things I had forgotten fetched from the Hamilton, and Captain Worsley refused me a boat, but I got my own way at last with some difficulty." And having fired off this explanation which he had ready loaded and primed for some time past, he turned the conversation adroitly back to the Hamilton, and the incidents of their voyage from England. When the meal was over, Dick remembered the captain again.

"I can't say I regret old Worsley's temporary absence," he remarked, "for I prefer very much our present party of three; but I think I must go and see him, for the sake of civility."

"I don't think I would, if I were you." said the colonel lightly; "he's still rather over-excitable this morning, and he has apparently, for some absurd reason, taken a dislike to you."

Dick laughed. "I'm not afraid of his tongue," he said; "I'm shot-proof against marine gunnery." And ne went toward the door. The colonel turned away and bit his mustache. He dared not insist further, for fear of arousing suspicion; for, upon the face of it what could it matter to him whether Dick went or not? But in reality a good deal was at stake, and Dick's sudden resolve had taken him for once unpre- shortly. pared. So he sat still, and listened with desperate anxiety to hear what would follow. The Speedwell's construction between decks was not quite that of an ordinary brig. She was large, but, as was only reasonable in a ship carrying government stores, she had no provision for a number of passengers, but was instead fitted with unusually ample quarters for the captain and three or four others. Thus, while the saloon was small, there were on each side of it three good cabing, or rather staterooms, instead of the ordinary berths. On the starboard side Madame de Monwith ingratitude; he was chivalrously | taut, the colonel, and Dick were quartered; on the opposite side were the captain's two rooms and the mate's cabin. A narrow passage was left on each side between these state-rooms and the saloon. The colonel, with his head against the wooden wall of the latter, could hear perfectly ,all that passed on the other side; and, in fact, when Dick stood at the captain's door he was within a yard of him. First he heard him knock once, and again Camilla stopped, as if partly conscious | touder. There was no answer. The colonel was rigid, but his eyes betrayed intense anxiety. Camilla had fortunately gone to her own cabin, and there was no one to observe his unconcealable agitation. Dick knocked a third time. The colonel ground his teeth and drew in his breath. A rattling noise followed. Instantly the tena free choice; we could easily land you sion of his limbs relaxed, and a look there for a fortnight, and take you off of relief spread over his face. Dick had and cannot comprehend how a man can again on our return from St. Helena. tried the door and found it locked. The preach gravely what he would think it You would lose none of the credit of the colonel got up and wiped his brow. His ready for another little scene in the comedy, which could not be long de-

Dick meanwhile was knocking again, and calling Captain Worsley by name. Still there was no reply, and he began to fear that the unfortunate man had fainted, with no one at hand to look after him. He turned to the mate's room. It was empty. He knocked more loudly yet on the captain's door. Finally he was about to rush away to find the mate on deck, when he caught the sound of some one moving about inside the room

"Open, open!" he cried, "Why don't you open?

The door awang inward as he spoke. A strange man stepped quickly out. Then, as Dick drew back, he stooped and coolly locked the door behind him. As he raised his head again, Dick stared at him in amazement. It was not Captain Worsley, but Hernan Johnstone, the pilot of the Edgar at Copen-

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Ring Out the Old. A manifest absurdity is the practice. still apparently universal, of figuring and stating the gearing of the bicycle. It is a survival of the unfittest. When the safety bicycle first came in competition with the ordinary or high wheel, it was quite natural that they should be compared, and it was proper that the crank revolutions of the one should be stated in terms of the other, but now that the ordinary is absolutely dead, why should the old and always inconvenient practice be retained? It would evidently be better all around to give the crank effect of the safety either in the feet of road traversed per crank revolution or in the number of revolutions to the mile. Thus, a 54-inch machine might be called a 14%-foot wheel for the number of feet to the revolution, or it might be called a 373 wheel for the number of treads to the mile. Almost any method would be better than the we would have fewer blunders to represent historical relic.-American gret.-Ram's Horn.

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