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MAPTER VII.—(Continued.) some, Batavius; and what mean sen? In one word, speak." Well, then, Netl Semple and Capt.

comes of giving way to passion. never fought a duel. No one should me. It is a fixed principle with

Foor Neil! His fault, I am sure, it foanna! Nell is nearly dead. If

had been in the right he would not nearly dead. The Lord does not take a person who is in the right

In the hall behind them, Katherine The pallor of her face, the templess droop of her white shoulders arms, were visible in its gloomy Softly as a spirit she and, as she drew nearer to them. "And the Englishman? Is he hurt?"

Milled. He has at least twenty ands. Till morning he will not live. was the councillor himself who sepsrated the men."

"My good Joris it was like him." For a moment Katherine's conens recled. The roar of the which girds our life round her cara, the feeting of chill and collapse at her heart. But with eme will she took possession of week I will not be. All know, All I will suffer." And these thoughts she went back to room and took her place at the in a few minutes the rest fol-Batavius had anticipated medam's amazement and shock. He felt a just satisfaction in the sufbeing he was bringing to Katherine. but mothing had happened as he exsected. The meal, instead of being leasantly lengthened over such dreadintelligence, was hurried and si-

It was some comfort that after canna and he could walk in the gar and talk the affair thoroughly wer. Katherine watched them away, and then she fied to her room. And how she wept! She took from mir hiding place the few letters her wer had written her, and she over them as women mourt auch extremities. In the full tide her anguish, Lysbet stood at the She heard the inarticulate s of won, and her heart ached for or child. She had followed her to tre her comfort, to weep with her abe felt that hour that Katherine as no more a child to be soothed her mother's kiss. Shy had bea woman, and a woman's sorrow od found her.

It was near ten o'clock when Joris men. His face was troubled, is elothing disarranged and bloodsed; and Lyabet never remember-I to have seen him so completely exed. "Bram is with Neil," he "he will not be home."

"And thou?" "I helped them carry-the other. To King's Arms' we took him." "Live will he?"

His left long is pierced through, had wound in the throat he has. But with he has, and a great spirit, wish not for his death, God knows."

"Nell, what of him?" sectous he was when I left at his home. Does Katherine

How, then?" O Joris, if in her room thou could

heard her crying! My heart her schen, the sorrowful one!" a then, that this lesson she miss It is a hard one, but learn it she If thy love would pass it by,

his, for her good it is." and morning was the sabbath, my painful questions suggested se to Joris and Lysbet Van L. Joris felt that he must a his seat among the deacons had been fully exonerated of of blood-guiltiness by the and his elders and deacons in seasion, Madam could hardthe thought of the glances be thrown at her daughter, probable slights she would so Katherine's pitcous enin listened to, and she was

irk that morning would have

will not. And those that are angry gracel. The word goes not with with thee may be angry with me

> "Bram! my Bram! my brother There is one comfort for me,-if knew that he still lived; if one hope thou could give me!"

> "What hope there is, I will go and see, and, if there is good news, I wi be glad for thee."

Not half an hour was Bram away and yet, to the miserable girl, how grief and fear lengthened dut the mo ments! When Bram came back, if was with a word of hope on his lips.

"I have seen," be said, "who dose thou think?-the Jew Cohen. He of all men, he has sat by Capt. Hyde's side all night; and he has dressed the wound the English surgeon declared 'beyond mortal skill.' And he said to me, "Three times, in the Persian desert, I have cured wounds still worse, and the Holy One hath given me the power of healing; and, if He wills, the young man shall recover.' That is what he said, Katherine."

"Forever I will love the Jew. Though he fail, I will love him. So kind he is, even to those who have not spoken well, nor done well, to him."

At this moment the family returned from the morning service, and Bram rather defiantly drew his sister to his side. Joris was not with them. He had stopped at the "King's Arms" to ask if Capt. Hyde was still alive; for, in spite of everything, the young man's heroic cheerfulness in the agony of the preceding night had deeply touched Joris. No one spoke to Katherine; even her mother was annoyed and humiliated at the social ordeal through which they had just passed, and she thought it only reasonable that the erring girl should be made to share the

As the time went on poor Katherine Van Heemskirk shivered and sickened in the presence of averted eyes and uplifted shoulders, and in that chill atmosphere of disapproval which separated her from the sympathy and confidence of her old friends and acquaintances.

"It is thy punishment," said her mother, "bear it bravely and patiently. In a little while, it will be forgot." But weeks went on, and the wounded men slowly fought death away from their pillows, and Katherine did not recover the place in ser al estimation which she had lost t' rough the ungovernable tempera at her lovers

This nothing ill lasts forever; and in three months Nell Semple was in his office again, wan and worn with fever and sullering, and wearing his sword arm in a sling, but still decidedly world-like and life-like. It was evidon't that public opinion was in a large sasure with him, and though in the Middle Kirk the affair was sure to be the subject of a reproof, and of a suspension of its highest privileges, yet it was not difficult to feel the sympathy often given to deeds publicly censured, but privately admired. Joris remarked this spirit with a little astonishment and dissent. He could not find in his heart any excuse for either Nell or Hyde; and, when the elder enlarged with some acerbity upon the came through her. She brought him requirements of honor among men, Jeris offended him by replying:

"Well, then, elder, little I think of that 'honor' which runs not with the laws of God and country."

"Let me tell you, Joris, the 'voice of the people is the voice of God,' in a measure; and you may see with your ain e'en that it mair that acquits Neil o' wrong-doing. Man, Joris! would you punish a fair sword-fight wi' the hangman?"

"A better way there is. In the pillory I would stand these men of honor, who of their own feelings think more than of the law of God. A very quick end that punishment would put to a custom wicked and absurd."

"Weel, Joris, we'll hae no quarrel anent the question. Here comes Neil. and we'll let the question fa' to the ground. There are wiser men than either you or I on baith sides."

Joris nodded gravely, and turned to welcome the young man. than ever be liked him; for, apart from moral and prudential reasons, it was easy for the father to forgive an unreasonable love for his Katherine. Also, he was now more anxious for a marriage between Neil and his daughter. It was indeed the best thing to fully restore her to the social esteem for space and silence, in | of her own people; for by making her his wife, Neil would most emphatically exonerate her from all blame in the quarrel. Just this far, and no farther, had Nell's three months' suffering aided his suit, -ne had now the full d him approval of Joris, backed by weight of this social justification.

But, in spite of these advantages four hours he had he was really much farther away from md the temptation Hatherine. She had heard from Bram began the story of the challenge and the ever asks, Helits beard how patiently Hyde hi sentry parried Neil's attack rather than reer? He turn it, until Nell had so passionately

only thing to Bram Van Hoemskirk. Katherine very soon suspected how matters stood with her brother, and gratitude led her to talk with him about the levely Jewess.

But for some weeks after the due! she could not bear to leave the house It was only after both men were known to be recovering, that she ventured to kirk; and her experience there was not one which tempted her to try the streets and the stores. However, no interest is a living interest in a community but politics; and far more important events had now the public attention. During the previous March, the Stamp Act and the Quar tering Act had passed both houses of Parliament; and Virginia and Massachusetts, conscious of their dangerous character, had roused the fears of the other Provinces; and a convention of their delegates was appointed to meet during October in New York. It was this important session which drew Neil Semple, with scarcely healed wounds from his chamber. The streets were noisy with hawkers crying the detested Acts, and crowded with groups of stern-looking men discussing them.

It was during this time of excitement that Katherine said one morning, at breakfast, "Bram, wait one minute for me. I am going to Kip's store for my mother."

At the store, Bram left her, and after selecting the goods her mother needed, Katherine was going up Pearl street, when she heard herself called ic a familiar and urgent voice. A the same moment a door was flung open; and Mrs. Gordon, running down the few steps, put her hand upon the girl's shoulder.

"Oh, my dear, this is a piece of good fortune past belief! Come into m lodgings. Oh, indeed you shall! will have no excuse. Surely you ow Dick and me some reward after the pangs we have suffered for you."

She was leading Katherine into the house as she spoke; and Katherine had not the will, and therefore not the power, to oppose her. She placed the girl by her side on the sofa; she took her hands, and, with a genuine grief and love, told her all that "poor Dick" had suffered and was still suffering for bur sake.

Katherine covered her face, and sobbed with a hopelessness and abandon that equally fretted Mrs. Gordon. "If I could only see Richard,-only see him for one moment!"

"That is exactly what I am going to propose. He will get better when he has seen you. I will call a coach, and we will go at once."

"Alas! Go I dare not. My father and my mother!" "And Dick,-what of Dick, poor

Dick, who is dying for you?" She went to the door and gave the order for a coach. "Your lover, Katherine, Child, have you no heart? Put on your bonnet again. Here also are my veil and cloak. No one will perceive that it is you. It is the part of humanity, I assure you. Do so much for a poor soul who is at the grave's mouth."

While thus alternately urging and persuading Katherine, the coach came, the disguise was assumed, and the two drove rapidly to the "King's Arms." Hyde was lying upon a couch which had been drawn close to the window. He was yet too weak to stand, too weak to endure long the strain of company or books or papers.

He heard his aunt's voice and footfall, and feit, as he always did, a vague pleasure in her advent. Whatever of life came into his chamber of suffering cially such intelligences as she thought conducive to his recovery; and it must be acknowledged that it was not always her "humor to be truthful." For Hyde had so craved news of Katherine, that she believed he would die wanting it; and she had therefore fallen, without one conscientious scruple, into the reporter's temptation,-inventing the things which ought to have taken place, and did

(To be continued.)

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