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Giles never uttered a syllable for the first ten miles of his journey.

And Grace, too, in the train of her kinsman, Lord Vaux, was wearily back to her house at Boughton, which she considered her home.

Faith, riding alongside of her, to cheer her mistress's spirits, forgot her own griefs for Faith, too, had lost a lover—in sympathy for the lady's meek uncomplaining sadness.

"It's all along of the Captain," thought Faith, "that he has lost his natural sharpness of eye; it's all along of the Captain, and he ought to be ashamed of himself, so he ought!"

Faith, like the rest of her class, was not particular as to the amount of blame she laid upon the absent; and with the happy impartiality of her sex, invariably considered and assigned the man to be in the wrong.

In this instance she condemned Humphrey without the slightest hesitation. It was clear he had left her young mistress without distinctly promising marriage, and when she contrasted such lukewarm negligence with the ardent passages of Dymocke and herself, she could scarcely contain her indignation.

"If Hugh had had me so," thought Faith, "and the color rose to her cheeks as she dwelt on the possible injustice, 'as sure as I've two hands I've had scratched his eyes out!'"

CHAPTER XXIII. "NEVER TO BEAR ARMS AGAINST THE QUEEN." "Never to bear arms against the Queen."

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whom the angels themselves called "the Sun of the Morning"; the awful and eternal curse of him who made his election "rather to rule in Hell than serve in Heaven."

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no inconsiderable ingredient to the bitterness of her cup. Sorrow and anxiety had hollowed the brilliant clouds that formed a brilliant complexion that in girlhood with fine eyes and delicate features had constituted such an attractive countenance; and the fresh bloom of her spring time had withered sadly and prematurely ere 'twas May.

"So the daughter of Henry of Navarre, and the wife of England's King, must fly for her very life to the sea-board of her adopted country, must embark on board of a Dutch ship, man-of-war, attended by sundry lighter craft, to the speediest of which might prove necessary to entrust the destinies of a queen; must sustain the insult of being fired on by her own navy—for Warwick's squadron; stationed on Torbay, actually gave chase to the Dutch ship; and, communicating constantly and desperately plight on the shores of her brother's kingdom, to seek the repose and safety denied her in her own."

All these events, however, are matters of history; and except in so far as they affect the proceedings of those subordinate dolls the Royal history, and communicate constantly and unreservedly by means of their own cipher with Henrietta in France.

Mary Cave followed her Royal mistress to the very hall in which she left the British shore. It was but a small household she carried with her from England; and though Mary would have accompanied her, it was agreed that her talents could be more usefully employed at home, and that living quietly in retirement here she might still aid the Royal cause with all the energies of her astute and far-seeing intellect, whilst she could keep a watchful eye on the state of public opinion, and communicate constantly and unreservedly by means of their own cipher with Henrietta in France.

To one of the household, this arrangement was the only consolation for a parting which he felt far more painfully than even he had expected. For Mary's will had been contented to follow the fortunes of his Royal mistress; who was nothing loth to retain the services of one who had already proved himself so willing and devoted; but it was with a heavy heart, and a forbidding of evil by no means natural to his temperament, that Humphrey took leave of her this morning of the embarkation at Falmouth.

He was saddened, too, to think that for the last few days her manner to him had been colder and more reserved than it usually was. She had studiously avoided every chance of a private interview, had appeared towards him with an unfeeling neglect every hint and allusion that he had ventured to make as to his wish of seeing her alone once more to bid her "farewell;" and she had shown, to his thinking, an amount of heartlessness and carelessness of his feelings which grieved him as if it had been an insult.

Humphrey, though a young man, was no inexperienced soldier. He had assisted her in this sealing of many a rampart, the assault of many a beleaguered town; yet it never occurred to him that the least of the duties of his profession was to be obedient to their extremity—the resistance never so obstinate as the eye of surrender. The weak are sometimes cruel, and a stern front is often but the mask that hides a failing heart.

He was leaving the Queen's apartments to make preparation for her Majesty to go abroad. He walked moodily and sadly, for he thought he should not see Mary again, and he was wondering in his simple faith how he could have offended her, and why she should thus think it worth while to grieve him, when perhaps they might never meet again. Like a child, however punished, he was less irritated than spirit-broken. Alas! like many a brave and gallant man, he was a sad coward, if only attached in the right place.

A door opened in the gallery of the hostelry honored by the presence of royalty. "Mary!" he called, "Mary!" "Where is my hand?" he asked, "I am come to wish you good-bye," she said, her voice trembling as she marked his whole countenance flush and soften, "I have used you ill. Forgive me, I did not mean to offend; I did not mean to make you so unhappy," and she gave him ever so slight a pressure of that warm soft hand—that hand which only to touch he would at any time have given a year of his life.

He was a sad coward in some things we have already said. He bent over the white hand without speaking a word, but she felt the hot tears dropping on it as he lifted his head and tried to smile unconcernedly in her face.

They were both silent. Had any saunterer been watching them in that long gallery, he would have thought the gentleman a strangely uncourteous gallant—the lady a dame of wondrous stiff and reserved demeanor.

Humphrey spoke at length, scarcely above a whisper. "No, no," he said, "I am a bad dissembler. Mary, you know all. Only give me one word, one kind word of hope, before I go. I will treasure it for years!"

Again that faint, scarcely perceptible pressure of the hand he had never relinquished. "The task must be accomplished first," she murmured, "Loyalty before all."

He raised her hand to his lips, and impressed on it one long passionate kiss. Either by accident or design, he drew a plaid ribbon which she wore on her bosom, and he became detached. Somehow it remained in his grasp when she was gone.

The wind blew fresh off-shore, and the Dutchman made gallant way, whilst Humphrey stood on deck, and watched the dim blue of his home, with a strange wistful glance that was yet mingled with triumph and joy.

Had he not won his decoration? And was not his heart beating against the ribbon of his order? [TO BE CONTINUED.]

CIRCULATION OF THE BLOOD MADE VISIBLE. Dr. C. Huter, a German savant of Greifswald, has devised a simple arrangement which demonstrates the circulation of the blood in the human body by making it visible. What is known as Purkinje's experiment previously enabled an observer to witness the circulation in his own retinal blood vessels, but now, for the first time, can the flow of the vital fluid in one person be watched by another, and that, we are assured, with sufficient accuracy to detect anything abnormal, and to obtain invaluable assistance in the diagnosis of disease. Dr. Huter's method is as follows: The patient's eye being fixed in a frame, on which is a convex lens for supporting the microscope, and a lamp, his lower lip is drawn out and fixed on the stage of the microscope by means of clips, the inner surface being uppermost and having a strong light thrown upon it by a condenser. When these preparations are completed all the observer has to do is to bring the microscope to bear on the surface of the lip, using a low power objective, and focusing a small superficial vessel. At once he sees the endless procession of the blood corpuscles through the minute capillaries, the colorless ones appearing like white specks during the red stream. Dr. Huter asserts that from taking careful note of variations in the blood flow and changes in the corpuscles, he had derived great advantages in the treatment of medical cases.—Galignani's Messenger.