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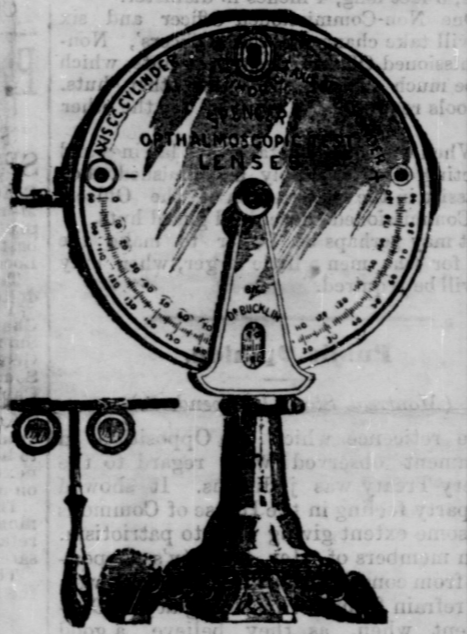
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THE PIRATE.

By Sir Walter Scott.

CHAPTER XXXV.

(Continued.)

"Hold your peace, if you are wise," said Goffe, who had his own reason for desiring to increase the panic of his captive: "we have not murdered a man these three months, and who should you put us in mind of it?"

"You are but joking, I hope, good worthy Captain," replied Triptolemus. "This is worse than witches, cobles, dirking of whales, and cowping of cobles, put all together!—This is an away-ganging crop, with a vengeance!—What good, in Heaven's name would murdering me do to you?"

"We might have some pleasure in it, at least," said Goffe. "Look these fellows in the face, and see if you see one among that rather kill a man than let it alone?"—But we will speak more of that when you have first had a taste of the bilboes—unless, indeed, you come down with a handsome round handful of Chili boards for your ransom."

"As I shall live by bread," Captain, answered the Factor, "that misbegotten dward has carried of the whole hornful of silver?"

"A cat-and-nine-tails will make you find it again," said Goffe, gruffly; "flogging and picking is an excellent receipt to bring a man's wealth into his mind—twisting a bowstring round his skull till the eyes start a little, is a very good remembrance too."

"Captain," replied Yellowley, stoutly, "I have no money—seldom can improve have—We turn pasture to tillage, and barley into oats, and heather into greensward, and the poor yarpha, as the benighted creatures here call their peat-bogs, into battle-grass-land; but we seldom make any thing of it that comes back to our ain pouch.—The carles and the cart-avers eat it all, and the deil clink down with it."

"Well, well," said Goffe, "if you be really a poor fellow, as you pretend, I'll stand your friend; then, inclining his head so as to reach the ear of the Factor, who stood on tiptoe with anxiety, he said, "if you love your life, do not enter the boat with us."

"But how am I to get away from you, while you hold me so fast by the arm, that I could not get off if the whole years crop of Scotland depended on it?"

"Hark ye, you gudgen," said Goffe, "just when you come to the water's edge, and when the fellows are jumping in and taking their oars, slue yourself round suddenly to the larboard—I will let go your arm—and then cut and run for your life!"

Triptolemus did as desired, Goffe's willing hand relaxed the grasp as he had promised, the agriculturist trundled off like a football that has just received a strong impulse from the foot of one of the players, and with celerity which surprised himself as well as all beholders, fled through the town of Kirkwall. Nay, such was the impetus of his retreat, that, as if the grasp of the pirate was still open to pounce upon him, he never stopped till he had traversed the whole town, and attained the open country on the other side.

They who had seen him that day—his hat and wig lost in the sudden effort he had made to bolt forward, his cravat awry, and his waistcoat unbuttoned,—and who had an opportunity of comparing his round spherical form and short legs with the portentous speed at which he scoured through the streets might well say, that if Fury ministers arms, Fear confers wings. His very mode of running seemed to be that peculiar to his fleecy care, for, like a ram in the midst of his race he even and anon encouraged himself by great bouncing attempt at a leap though there was no obstacle in the way.

There was no pursuit after the agriculturist and though a musket of two were presented, for the purpose of sending a leaden messenger after him, yet Goffe turning peace-maker for once in his life, so exaggerated the dangers that would attend a branch of the truce with the people of Kirkwall, that he prevailed upon the boat's crew to forbear any active hostilities, and to pull off to their vessel with all despatch.

The burghers, who regarded the escape of Triptolemus as a triumph on their side, gave the boat three cheers, by way of an insulting farewell; while the Magistrates, on the other hand, entertained great anxiety respecting the probable consequences of this breach of articles between them and the pirates, and could they have seized upon the fugitive very privately, instead of complimenting him with a civic feast in honour of the agility which he displayed, it is likely they might have delivered the runaway hostage once more into the hands of his foeman. But it was impossible to set their face publicly to such an act of violence, and therefore they contented themselves with closely watching Cleveland whom they determined to make responsible for any aggression which might be attempted by the pirates.

Cleveland, on his part, easily conjectured that the motive which Goffe had for suffering his hostage to escape, was to leave him answerable for all consequences, and, relying more on the attachment and intelligence of his friend and adherent, Frederick Altamont, alias Jack Bunce, than on anything else, expected the result with considerable anxiety, since the Magistrates, though they continued to treat him with civility, plainly intimated they would regulate his treatment by the behavior of the crew, though he no longer commanded them.

It was not, however, without some reason that he reckoned on the devoted fidelity of Bunce; for no sooner did that justy adherent receive from Goffe, and the boat's crew, the news of the escape of Triptolemus, than he immediately concluded it had been favored by the late Captain, in order that, Cleveland either being put to death or consigned to hopeless imprisonment, Goffe might be called upon to resume the command of the vessel.

"But the drunken old boatswain shall miss his mark," said Bunce to his confederate Fletcher; "or else I am contented to quit the name of Altamont, and be called Jack Bunce, or Jack Dundee, if you like it better, to the end of the chapter."

Availing himself accordingly of a sort of nautical eloquence, which his enemies termed slack-jaw, Bunce set before the crew, in a most animated manner, the disgrace which they all sustained by their Captain remaining, as he was pleased to term it, in the bilboes, without any hostage to answer for his safety;

and succeeded so far that, besides exciting a good deal of discontent against Goffe, he brought the crew to the resolution of seizing the first vessel of a tolerable appearance, and declaring that the ship, crew and cargo should be dealt with according to the usage which Cleveland should receive on shore. It was judged at the same time proper to try the faith of the Orcadians, by removing from the roadstead of Kirkwall, and going round to that of Stromness, where, according to the treaty betwixt Provost Torfe and Captain Cleveland, they were to victual their sloop. They resolved, in the meantime, to entrust the command of the vessel to a council consisting of Goffe, the boatswain, and Bunce himself, until Cleveland should be in a situation to resume his command.

These resolutions having been proposed and acceded to, they weighed anchor, and got their sloop under sail, without experiencing any opposition or annoyance from the battery, which relieved them of one important apprehension incidental to their situation.

(To be continued.)

Capturing a Schoolma'am.

"Yes," said the young man as he threw himself at the feet of the school teacher. "I love you, and would go to the world's end for you."

"You could not go to the end of the world for me, James. The world, or the earth as it is called, is round like a ball, slightly flattened at the poles. One of the first lessons in the elementary geography is devoted to the shape of the globe. You must have studied it when you were a boy."

"Of course I did, but—"

"And it is no longer a theory. Circumnavigators have established the fact."

"I know; but what I meant to say was that I would do anything to please you. Ah! Minerva, if you knew the aching void—"

"There is no such thing as a void, James. Nature abhors a vacuum; but admitting that there could be such a thing how could the void you speak of be a void if there was an ache in it?"

"I mean to say that my life will be lonely without you; that you are my daily thought and my nightly dream. I would go anywhere to be with you. If you were in Australia or at the north pole I would fly to you."

"Fly! It will be another century before men can fly. Even when the laws of gravitation are successfully overcome there will still remain, says a late scientific authority, the difficulty of maintaining a balance—"

"Well, at all events," exclaimed the youth, "I've got a pretty fair balance in the savings bank, and I want you to be my wife. There?"

"Well, James, since you put it in that light, I—"

Horses' Sense.