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Will take risks on lives of Slaves.
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Corner of Hazel and Meeting Streets,
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Where he will be happy to see all his NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.
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CONGRESS WATER.
18 DOZ. Congress Water, just from the Spring, full qts. and pints, at reduced prices; any person wishing a treatise on the medicinal propeties with an analysis &c. of this Spring, can be supplied gratis, by A. C. EVANS, for Clark & Co.
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JUST received 6 dozen Sands Sarsaparilla; also, Old and Young Townsends do.
12 doz. Swaynes Syrup of Wild Cherry;
12 " " Vermifuge;
12 " Dead Shot "
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Also, Bernard's Cholera Remedy just to hand.
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE BARRELS.
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THE LADY AND THE ROBBERS.

In a charming village, situated in a truly romantic country, but at a considerable distance from the high road, Baron R. was accustomed to spend the summer. His mansion, built on an eminence, was perfectly adapted to his fortune. It was a spacious building elegant within and without, and displayed a good style of architecture. It was about two hundred paces from the village.

Business obliged the baron to take a journey of a few days. His wife, a young and beautiful woman—scarcely twenty years of age—remained at home. He took with him two of his servants, and two others were left with the baroness. No violation of the public security had ever been heard of in that of the country; and as the baroness did not belong to the timid portion of her sex, the idea of danger was far from entering her mind.

The second evening after the baron's departure, as she was stepping into bed, she heard an alarming noise in an apartment near the chamber. She called, but received no answer. The noise, screaming, and confusion grew louder every minute. She was at a loss to conceive what was the matter, and hastily putting on a garment went to the door to discover the cause.—What a horrid spectacle presented itself.—Her two servants, half naked, were extended lifeless on the floor! The room was full of strange and ferocious-looking men, the baronoss' chambermaid was kneeling before one of them—and instead of the mercy she implored, received the fatal stroke. No sooner did the door open than two of the barbarians, with drawn swords, rushed towards it. What man—not to say what woman—would not have been struck with the utmost terror—and given up life and every thing as lost? A loud shriek of despair—a flight of a few paces—would, probably, be the last resource of many.—The baroness, however, conducted herself in a different manner.

'And you have come at last!' exclaimed she, with a tone of heartfelt joy, and advancing towards her two assailants with a haste which highly astonished them both, and fortunately stopped their uplifted weapons.

'Are you come at last!' repeated she; 'such visitors as you I have long wished to see.'

'Wished,' muttered one of the assassins. 'What do you mean by that? but stay, I will'—

He had already raised his cutlass, but his comrade averted the stroke. 'Stop a moment, brother,' said he, 'let us first hear what she would have.'

'Nothing but what is your pleasure, brave comrades. You have made charming work here I see. You are men after my own heart, and neither you nor I shall have any reason to repent it, if you will listen for two minutes to what I have to say.'

'Speak! speak!' cried the whole company.

'But be quick,' added one of the fiercest of them, 'for we shall not make much ceremony with you either.'

'Nevertheless, I hope you may, if you but grant me hearing. Know then that I am, to be sure, the wife of the richest gentleman in the country—but the wife of the meanest beggar cannot be more unhappy then I am. My husband is one of the most jealous and niggardly wretches on the face of the earth. I hate him as I hate the———, and it has long been the fervent wish of my heart to get out of his clutches, and at the same time pay him off old scores. All my servants were his spies—and that fellow, whose business you have done so completely, was the worst of them all. I am scarcely twenty-two and, as I flatter myself, at least not ugly! If any of you choose to take me along with you, I will accompany him to the woods or to the village alehouse.—Nor shall any of you have reason to repent sparing my life. You are in a well-stored mansion, but it is impossible you should be acquainted with all its secret corners. These I will show you, and if I do not make you richer by 6,000 dollars, then serve me as you have my chambermaid.'

Robbers of this kind are certainly villains, but nevertheles, they are still men.—The wholly unexpected tendency of the baroness, address—added to the uneffected tone with which she spoke, and the more than ordinary beauty of the female—although produced a powerful effect on men whose hands where yet reeking with the blood they had shed. They all stopped aside, and consulted together in a low tone, for some minutes. The baroness was left quite alone, but she betrayed not the least wish to escape. She heard two or three thus express themselves 'Let's despatch her and the game will be up!' She, however, scarcely changed he color, for the opposition of the other did not escape her ear. One, who was probably the captainof the banditti advanced towards her.

He asked twice or thrice whether he might rely on the truth of what she said—whether she actually wished to be released from the tyranny of her husband and go with them—and whether she was ready to resign herself to one of them, to himself for instance, during the few peaceful days they could enjoy! Having replied in the affirmative to all those questions—having not only suffered the warm embrace of the robber, but returned it—for what will not necessity excuse? He at length said,

'Come along, then, and lead us round.—The —— trust you ladies of rank, but we'll venture for once. But let me tell you, beforehand, that were you ten times as handsome, this weapon shall cleave your skull the moment we see the least disposition to escape or betray us.'

'Then it will be safe enough—and were this the only condition of my death I should outlive you all, and even the Wandering Jew himself. The baroness smiled when she pronounced these words, hastily snatched up the nearest light, as though she had been as anxious as any of them to collect the plunder and be gone, conducted the whole company through every apartment, opened, unasked every door, every drawer and chest; assisted in emptying them and packing up the valuables; looked with the utmost indifference over the mangled bodies; spoke with the familiarity of an old acquaintance to each of the horrid troop; and willingly aided, with her delicate hands, in the most laborious occupation.

Plate, money, jewels, and other valuables now collected together, and the captain of the banditti was already giving the order for the march, when his destined bride suddenly caught him by the arm. 'Did I not tell you' said she 'that you should not repent making a friend of me, for sparing my life? You may, indeed, have your fill in places you find open; but it is a pity that you cannot come at treasures that are a little concealed. What! do you suppose that among coffers so full of the most valuable effects there are no secret places? Look here, and then you will be convinced to the contrary.'

She pointed to a secret spring in the baron's writing-desk. They pressed upon it, and out fell six rouleaus, each containing two hundred dollars.

'Zounds!' cried the leader of the robbers, 'now I see you are an incomparable woman. I will keep you for this like a duchess.'

'And, perhaps, better still,' replied she, laughing, 'when I tell you of one thing more. I am well aware you must have spies who informed you of the absence of my tyrant; but they did not tell you of the four hundred gulders he received yesterday?'

'Not a syllable; where are they?'

'O, safe enough under half a dozen locks and bolts. You would certainly not have found them and the iron chest had it not been from me. Come along, comrades; we have finished above ground, and now we'll see what is to be done under it. Come along with me, I say, into the cellar.'

The robber followed, but not without precaution. At the entrance of the cellar, provided with a strong trap-door, a man was posted as a sentinel. The baroness did not take the least notice of this.

She conducted the whole troop to a vault at the farthest extremity of the cellar. She unlocked it, and in the corner of this recess stood the chest she had described. 'Here, said she, giving the captain a bunch of keys, 'here, unlock it, and take what you find as a wedding gift, if you can obtain the consent of your companions as readily as you have gained mine.'

The robber tried one key after another, but none would fit. He grew impatient, and the baroness seemed still more so.

'Lend me them,' said she, 'I shall find the way sooner. Indeed, if we don't make haste the morning will overtake us. Ha, only think, the reason none of us could unlock it is clear enough. As welcome as your visit is to me yet I have no scruples to confess that the arrival of great pleasure has flurried me a little. I have brought the wrong bunch of keys. A moment's patience, and I'll soon set things to rights.'

She ran up stairs, and presently they heard her coming down; but she went slowly, as if out of breath with the haste she had made. 'I've found them!' she cried at a distance. She was within about three steps of the person placed at the entrance of the cellar, when she made a spring at the wretch, who as little expected the dissolution of the world as such an attack. A single push with her strength tumbled him down the stairs from the top to the bottom. In a twinkling she closed the trap-door bolted it, and thus had the whole company secured in the cellar. This was the work of a single moment. In the next she flew across the court-yard, and with a candle set fire to a pigstye. The watchman in the neighboring village perceiving the flames instantly gave the alarm. In a few minutes the inhabitants were out of their beds, and a crowd of farmers and their servants hastened to the mansion. The baroness waited for them at the gate of the court-yard. 'A few of you,' said she, 'will be sufficient to put out this fire, or prevent it from spreading. But now provide yourself with arms, which you will find in abundance in my husband's armory. Post yourselves in the avenues of the cellar, and suffer not one of the murderers and robbers shut up in it to escape.

Her directions were obeyed, and not one of them escaped the punishment due to his crimes.

EMPTY SPIRIT BARRELS.
200 Landing from Schr. Jonas Smith. For sale by JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.
May 29.

GLUE,
OF the very best kind, for Distillers use, always on hand, and for sale by
CASHWELL & BLOSSOM.
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