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By WILLIAM S. PEARSON.

CHAPTER X.
FATHER AND SON.

It was to see bright fires roaring
in the jamba of the Escaloh, and
to miss the faces, save Dr. Robert-
son's and Jimmy Crump's, which
had made his pleasant summer
sojourn, that Henry Baskerville
returned in October of the same
year.

Tired from his ride over the
mountain, for he had come from
the East, he quickly sought his
room.

On the morrow he found a heavy
down pour of rain; but rain in the
highlands of Western Carolina is
not the dull leaden watery weight,
poor forming and fever breeding
of the flat lands; but a series of
quickly forming, quickly dis-
charged showers that run off with
wild ravines, quickly leaving one
a dry footing.

Sunday as yet, Baskerville re-
solved to have conference with the
Hermit on the subject matter of his
mother's last letter, which the
reader will have guessed was the
enclosure left him by Clara. Hing-
ham's guest's horse the ancient
purpose and strong in the hope
that the rainy Sabbath would keep
the man he sought in-doors he
donned his gum coat and rood off
to the Grandfather. Ere noon he
reached the Hermit's cave and re-
ceived from him a surprised, but
decent welcome. After stabling
his guest's horse the ancient host
returned to finish the brewing of
a bowl of punch, which he had in
hand when interrupted. Of this
both men partook, the Hermit
rather freely. Baskerville's eyes
raked around the apartment,
taking in the deer antlers on the
wall, the camp bedstead on which
he lay, the head had once rested,
the door in the rock that led to the
cellarage, the stuffed partridges on
the little table in the corner,
the small mirror by the port hole
window, and, lastly, on the weather-
beaten features across the
hearth, now lit up by the com-
bined glow of the fire and the
punch. The stern, sad brown
eyes, the face heavily wrinkled
and set in a frame of glossy gray
hair and beard, the high square
fore-head, the firm lips free from
any curve of sensuality, the more
than prominent nose, redeemed
alas with the light that burned in
Bardolph's—such was the vision.

A stranger could have readily
detected a likeness in the two men,
especially now that the elder was
clad in a faded blue uniform of
the Federal Army,—sole tribute
he paid the seventh day.

After finishing his punch the
Hermit broke the silence by say-
ing: "I thought you were in New
York and were not to be in this
region again soon."

"I have but recently returned
from there, called back by the un-
fortunate accident of which you
have heard," replied Baskerville.

"What accident?" queried the
elder man, whom we may as well
call Hingham, senior, for such
the reader knows him to be.

"Miss Hingham's death, of
course; to what other accident
would I be likely to refer?"

"And is the girl dead? I never
heard of it; but then I scarcely
hear of anything that goes on in
the world, nor do I greatly care to
hear. What killed her?"

"That letter you gave her when
she was last here. I have no doubt
of that. How could you be so
cruel, to one so young and trust-
ing? Verily you must have been
possessed of devils, old man, when
you schemed such a revenge."

And then he briefly told of what
he called Clara's suicide.

"Flames of hell!" cried the
Hermit, starting from his seat and
striking the table a blow with his
fist, "do you talk to me of wreak-
ing vengeance on a child, when my
just wrath spared her puppy father—
yours, too, he was, my man—
when he cringed before me and
would not stand by the woman he
had ruined."

"It is a lie; she was never
ruined, and old you are and in
your own house, too, I swear that
if another syllable of defamation
against my dead escapes your lips,
father of mine, as I know you to
be you to the spot," replied the
younger man rising in his rage
and casting his cap to the floor in
defiance. "It is a base, venomous
lie, hatched in your own jealous
brain. Not content with the
wreck of one life years ago, you
have now brought another fair
head to destruction," he continued,
maddened with his great loss, and
indifferent to results, so that his
riddled sorrow might vent itself,
it now did in a burst of insane
rage.

"And you think to bull-dose me,
bastard that you are! Old as I
am, try your threats and live to
curse you, folly. I thought to
save you from an abhorred con-
nection and this is the coin you
pay me in. Get out of my house
or I will put you out," the Hermit
said savagely.

"I will not refuse that to you,"
cried Baskerville, reaching for his
cap. "You may after all be a
madman and not responsible for
your acts. I shall make it my
business to see that you are prop-
erly confined in the same sort of
place you sent my poor mother to
to die in—only it shall not be halt
so good."

Unwittingly he had made use of
the only terror this earth held for
the man he addressed. He had
stumbled upon the confirmed
skeptic's one bogoblin and the
Hermit, at once unmanned, sued
for quarter. Through all the years
of his trouble the old man had
been haunted by a fear that his
end would be madness, not death.
Partly to avoid the possible risk
of the commitment dreamed of
he had remained on the Grand-

father after his escape from Sails
bury prison. Constantly referring
in his thoughts to the place where
by his command his young wife
passed her last days he kept alive
this fear. The popular opinion
among the simple mountaineers
regarding his confessed eccen-
tricities tended to add fuel to the
flame. He knew they thought
him mad and had oft times prac-
ticed on that credulity. Gordon
Baskerville could not help show-
ing the effect produced on him by
his son's threat.

"No gentleman wearing that
uniform would take the advantage
of an old man and a brother officer
in any such manner. Perhaps I
ought not to have spoken to you
as I have done, and I will
merely ask you to forgive me. I
meant to say that you are a
gentleman, and that I will
well by both you and the girl in
giving her the letter. Had I ever
expected to see you again I would
have kept it. If as you say you
are an son of mine, for God's sake
forget to threaten me with a mad
house. I can stand anything else.
Believe me when I say that I
am not mad, whatever else I be. I
know these foolish people around
here think me daft and therein lies
my danger. Rather than add
weight to their suspicions, I have
sought the reputation of a criminal,
at least against the revenue
laws, and with this ending the
spirit of the man vanished as
quickly as it rose.

Baskerville astonished, beyond
measure at the effective words
coming unsought, and from the
simplest associations, now in turn
regretted his own heat. He said:
"I will do you the justice to re-
member that when you first told
me of your story to me, a stranger
you spared as best you knew how
the memory of my mother. I own
to so much as your due, and if
you can for once be calm, and
hear the facts, I am confident you
will make whatever reparation
your conscience suggests, to the
injured one, whose cause has passed
to the last court of appeal. Look
yet once more at this letter," taking
it from his pocket and unfolding
it on the table. "From its post
marks your grieved eyes have
often satisfied you that I was born
on the 27th of June, 1854, when in
fact and by the letter too, I was
born on the 27th of January of
that year. The baptismal records
in Brooklyn bear this out. My
mother's tomb speaks the same
story. Dr. Fletcher's official re-
cords and the burial permit say the
same. My old nurse Judith, whom
you well remember, knows it's
truth, as well as she knows that
my mother's faults never passed
the bounds of simple girlish
coquetry. As for the woman who
satisfied even you, had you been
given your injured wife the benefit
of the doubt, before pronouncing
her guilty and bastardizing in ad-
vance her child.

"It is all rot," said the father,
"but go on with it. I am listening
to you. I am not mad, please to
remember that."

"Look, I repeat," said the son
placing his finger on the faded
yellow writing of twenty-five years
ago, "this letter," Mrs. Fletcher
died, during her husband's absence
in Europe, addressed it to you,
and on June 27th, 1859; but un-
doubtedly the Dead Letter Office
had returned it her long after the
hand that wrote the lines within
was cold in death. The pony ex-
press of that day could not find
you in the hurrying movement of
troops on the frontier, incident to
the Indian war then raging. Be-
sides any unimpassioned man
would have seen in the body of
the letter that what you read as
June may as well be read January
as in a running female hand in
which it is written. Look for
yourself and at last be satisfied,
I know whereof I speak. Where
was your command in the first six
months of '59?"

"On the head waters of the
Willamette, fighting Red Skins all
the while. It was at Laramie I
received that letter; but I never
doubted till now I look at it in the
new light given by you that six
months of my writing and the date of
its writing and the date of its
post mark. I knew you were
not my child if born in June,
born in January it is impossible
you can be other than mine. Give
me your hand. Let us try and be
friends. I am not emotional and
as yet hardly take in the situ-
ation. At that this was not an
uncommon name in '59. The great in-
ventor scraped some soot from his
blackened chimney of his
laboratory lamp, and in a spirit of
curiosity tested its properties. It
proved to be the very thing for
which he was searching; but be-
hind this fortunate discovery was
a series of exhausting and ex-
haustive experiments with all
kinds of likely materials, absorb-
ing the energies of many months.
The lucky hit rewarded the per-
sistent will of a patient workman.
So with the young and obscure
latter who conducts and was a
difficult case, as did Thomas
Reskine, in his elder's illness,
the struggling surgeon who has
a sudden chance of distinction
offered to him; he must have had
a long and laborious preparatory
training before he can profit by
such an emergency. In short, a
great opportunity is worth to a
man precisely what his antecedents
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classes, class 1 bearing the coupon
of April, 1860 and since; class 2
bearing the coupon of October,
1860; class 3 bearing the coupon
of 1860. The holders of the
special tax bonds brought suit to
establish the validity of their
bonds, and the case has been
decided in favor of the State."

The other of our people will
remember that the Legislature of
1870 repealed the above speci-
fied bonds as valid because they
were issued by a rebel and
separatist, unconstitutionally using
Reconstruction Legislature.

The funding act of March 4,
1870, was extended to July 1, 1871,
and the last Legislature provided
for the further extension till 1891.
The original fundable debt
which has been funded and the
same which had not been funded
are as follows: Coupons 4
per cent, funded, \$2,200,000; not
funded, \$1,000,000. Coupons 4
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funded, \$1,000,000.

To the foregoing we should add
the further fact stated by Gov-
ernor Foy in his message to the
General Assembly under date of
January 8, 1891, that the State
does not actually have to pay the
interest on the six per cent bonds
for the reason that the lease of the
North Carolina Railroad provides
a fund for the payment of the in-
terest thereon, and the State holds
three bonds in the stock of the
road, which it will reach more
than pay the principal. Practi-
cally, therefore, the debt of the
State amounts to only \$2,200,000.

The State's assessed valuation
in 1891, was: Real estate, \$55,000,000;
personal, \$2,200,000; rail-
roads, \$9,200,000. Total, \$66,400,000.

There are 23 national banks with
25 millions of capital and 45
million deposits, there were, in
July, 1891, 22 State