## Raven The Robber.

I was a very bold and fearless child and my brothers and sisters often dared me to go into lonely places in the dark, or do perilous feats of various kinds, which challenges I never refused. Often they set out to play tricks on me, but it usually happened that they fell into their own traps, while I performed my part in safety.

Very possibly the consciousness that they were about to dupe me gave me more courage than I would otherwise have had, for any unusual noise or appearance would be attributed to one or another coming to frighten me.

But, night or day, I used to go straight up to and touch whatever seemed fearful, and finding the object of doubt resolved itself into very simple elements, I acquired an ease which stood me in stead in times of real danger.

We lived in a large old house built of | Don't wait.' English oak, and bearing its nearly two centuries very lightly. It opened to the South, and the two large parlors looked to the East and West.

The dining hall and spacious kitchen formed the square of the house, while at the West and back was another large | der began to peal heavily, while the room, sometimes called the great porch, and at the East and back was the dairy | grew more vivid and frequent. and another porch.

There were three stairways leading to great chimney in the centre.

were used to a great deal of company and visitors, for my parents were greatly given to the old-fashioned virtue of hospitality.

The humblest way-farer coming in at the porch was entertained kindly and bade God-speed, as well as the guest

I am not going now to tell you of my handsome 'gentle' parents, or my brothers and sisters-only about myself. There were a great many of us when

we were all at home, especially in the winter holidays, but at times we were nearly all away. Boarding-schools, academies, travel-

ling-all claimed us at various times. Yet it was rare indeed that one was ever at home alone. It so happened, however, and to me.

It was a summer day, and warm, bright, and beautiful. The morning promised a lovely day. Just after our early breakfast, a merry party came riding down the lane, in carriages and on horseback, and calling joyously for my father and mother to accompany them on a pleasure trip. They were accustomed to this mode of impromptu festivity, and gayly answered that they would soon be ready.

It was only the day before that my father had returned from the Australian gold fields, and had brought with him a bag of gold. I knew he had this, for l had seen him the night before counting it, and putting it into another bag, and I badly wanted to ask him to give me one of the pretty coins, but was too well taught to interrupt or tease him.

Thomas brought the chaise to the door. Father's favorite black horse, whose coat looked like lustrous velvet, and who stopped so proudly, was pawing the ground impatiently as he appeared. He handed in my beautiful mother, and I stood looking on with childish pleasure at her beauty and rich dress that so became her. My father suddenly turned to me and said, taking out his key to his iron bound box. 'Run, Ann, and get me the little bag

you saw me put away last night.' I was proud to be trusted; but when I quickly returned with it, he was al-

the gate. He looked out and said: 'No matter, now, Ann; you may put it back again, for we are going another road, and I will pay Harris to-morrow. Take care of the key my dear, and good-

'Good-bye, and a good time to you, I laughingly replied, and ran back to put the treasure in safety.

I hastened in doors again to see them wind down the private way that led through our extensive grounds, and half wished I were old enough to go with them. Hearing a slight noise, I turned and saw a strange figure, not unusual, a man with a bundle hung on a

He was leaning on the stone wall, and apparently looking after the carriages. He came forward in a moment, and asked if he might sit down and rest, and if I would give him a drink of beer. Beer was as free as water with

Of course I said yes, and with light steps soon had him a substantial lunch of bread, cheese, and beer, which he came into the kitchen to eat. Betsy and Hannah were busy, hurrying to finish their work for they were going out to tea and to spend the evening. They talked gaily about their visit, paying little attention to the stroller, who was quietly eating. He had laid his straw hat on the floor, and I saw that his head was bald on the top, and the

thinnish hair was brushed up over it. He had prominent ears, low forehead. and large mouth with a retreating chin where grew a stubby beard, of grizzly black-like hair. I did not know why I observed all this, or his eyes, small and about it. hid under grayish brows that seemed to glance furtively about him when no one and the voices grew very angry and full

appeared to be looking. His voice was harsh and croaking, and had started me when he first ad-

We were used to strollers of all kinds It was with great effort that I kept from as I have said. Perhaps I was mentally father's noble and dignified features.

contrasting his repulsiveness with my He seemed to me very ugly. I was thing.

glad when he had finished his meal. and had risen to go. He had asked permission to light his pipe, which was readily granted. He

went out directly, passing accidentally through the dining room and out of the great hall, where he lingered for a mo-

He thanked me civilly enough for his breakfast, but the girls laughed and nodded as he went out, and said they Be quick should think I had picked up a raven.

All that long bright day I was busy A bludgeon will give him a handy little and happy in the flower garden, or sew- head-ache as he comes in.' ing, or reading, and when the girls left, looking very cheerful at their half holiday, I wished them a merry time, and made my flesh creep. I was almost told them not to hasten home, for ready to call aloud, to open the panel,

Thomas should come for them.

I expected my father and mother soon go. after eight o'clock, and I told Thomas he might go about that time, as they would soon be home, and it looked a the dark. I was stifling.

gray, and, before he stepped in said re-

'Miss Ann, I think you had better fasten the doors, as you may be all alone for a short time if I go so soon. Would not you rather that I should wait till your father comes?'

'Oh, no Thomas; I don't mind being alone in the least, and you ought to go, lest it should rain hard, for it is more than two miles to ride and they may not wish to leave in a minute. I expect father and mother every moment.

So Thomas left, and the wagon rattle ed merrily up the lane. I bolted the door because he had told

me to, for otherwise I should not have thought of it. It drew dark rapidly, and the thun wind rose, and the flashes of lightning

I went into the east parlor, and look ed out to the south, but the sudden the upper rooms, and a garret, whose lighting up of the sky and the followample space was broken only by the ing darkness did not interest me long. I could not see out very well, either, as

We had a gay and lively house, and the honeysuckles covered the windows. The large mirror reflected me as turned away to cross the room, and stopped a moment with a natural vani-

ty, for I was young and fair enough to look upon. I let my hair fall loose, and wound in it long, shining brown curls over my hillside over the fields. whose elegant carriage and span drove fingers. It certainly did look very round to the front door on the southern | handsome, for it was very thick, and

fell below my waist, and curled almost itself as it fell. There came a flash of light, and I saw distinctly reflected in the glass a face

looking in the window. It was an instant of terror, but I neither screamed The face could not see my face, and I

kept my body still, rolling the long, shininghair off my cold, white fingers. It was an ugly face, and I recognized it. I had seen it that morning, and I knew what lay before me. I prayed inwardly a brief prayer for help.

Turning from the glass, I went steadily toward a table that stood near the window and on which I had left my candle. I moved steadily as usual, and took up the water-pitcher, and looked in it, then took my candle and went to-

ward the kitchen. The lighting kept flashing, but the face did not come again. I dropped the candle on the kitchen hearth and put my foot on the wick. I set down the pitcher on the dresser, and with soft, light footfall hastened through the west room up the front stairs into my father's

chamber, and softly closed and bolted the door at the head of the stairs. I unlocked his box, took out both bags of gold, relocked it, and made my way into the great chamber. I heard voices; I heard the doors tried

below. I knew it was not my father. I dared not tremble or grow faint. I went through that room and two others to the garret stairs. I hardly breathed. heard a window pushed up: more than one person came in at it. I felt about me in the dark. There was a sliding panel in the inside of the stairway. I pushed it and it rolled back. I entered into a long closet under the stairs, and

slid the panel carefully into its place. I felt cautiously to see if all was safe. I pulled my dress close about me lest it ready in the chaise, and part away to might be caught, and the door not closed tight. Then I waited. I heard steps coming up the stairs. I heard a search through all the rooms below. My heart beat till I thought each bound must be

audible. I heard voices - one voice, the Raven's. I knew the harsh croak. It told me nothing. The face had revealed all to me. The man had seen the bag of gold as he leaned over the wall in the morning, unnoticed by the gay group. It was all plain to me. had gathered from the girl's talk that I might be alone. He had brought ac-

Very soon steps and voices came my way. I could distinguish the words

that were spoken. 'Drat her! she must have seen you. 'No matter: we'll split the box open with this axe.

I knew the axe was in the little porch. Thomas had set it in when he had done chopping the brush, as it looked like

I heard the steps and voices move away, a dull, crashing sound, and then stifled angry tones. I knew they had opened the box, and found nothing but

papers. I knew they would now search I heard them as they looked into every room and closet, and came up the stairs separately. They all met at the was between us. I thanked God that

the panel was close shut. I knew it, for no ray of light came through. 'She must be up here,' said the Raven, 'and we'll soon have her.' 'I'll warrant she is here, and I'll

wring her neck if she makes a noise But the thorough search was ended

of frightful oaths and threatenings.

They sat down on the garret stairs to hold a parley. A spider ran across my face. A spider puts me in mortal fear.

'Come,' croaked the raven, 'let us go and get the silver: that will be some-

'Curse the silver. It's the gold I've come for, and I'll burn the house if I don't find the girl! So let her look out!' A cold perspiration came on my forehead. Would they perform their threat?

'Good! Then the rats will squeak, drop the money bags, and we'll choke the girl to make her dumb. 'Hold your noise. The old man will be coming home. We'll be caught here.

'Wno cares for him! He's only one.

'And his wife?' They spoke low, hideous words that

to give them the gold, to bid them to

They got up, and the steps and voices went down. It was horrible there in I moved the panel slightly. No light Heavy clouds were gathering in the entered. I slid softly back. My reso-

West, and the thunder rumbled sullen- lution was taken. He took the covered waggon and old down the road and meet my father. I would save him.

I left the gold in the closet, shutting it in close. I stole down two steps into the chamber below. I knew there was a window open there. I crept across the room, listening keenly. I lifted myself cautiously on the win-

dow edge, and caught a branch of the cherry tree which grew close to the Swinging myself lightly out, I hastily

descended the trunk of the tree, and found myself on the ground safe.

No. The lightning flash betraved me. The Raven's voice shrieked, hoarse-'There she goes! Catch her! Quick! This way!'

Out at the front door came the pursuers, hardly ten steps from me. I dashed toward the thick shrubbery to put them off the track.

Fortunately I knew the way, every the sound and flash of light. 'Shoot her by the next flash!' cried

My flying feet struck loose boards. I was passing directly over an old, unused well, very deep, and it gave back a hollow, resonant sound.

Almost the next moment I heard a crash the report of a pistol, a heavy fall

oaths and a deep groan. Shuddering, I slid out through the garden, up towards the cider press, over

No steps followed; no voices shouted after me. I ran down to the second bars, and let them down.

It began to rain a few great drops. Then fast, then it poured. I was wet physicians, most eminent clergymen, and our best I ran on, for I heard advancing wheels

coming rapidly. I stood in the road and cried, 'Father! father!' The chaise stopped. Another chaise behind stopped also.

quarter of a mile on. 'Ann, my child. Good Heavens!-What is the matter? What has hap-

I told the whole in a few words, amid eager exclamations of joy at my safety, and surprise, even of anger be- Five Years' Sickness Cured by Four Bottles cause Thomas had left me alone. 'Don't blane him, father, I insisted

on his going.'

A hurried consultation took place. My father was very brave. Our neighbor was very timid. He proposed going on to his house and returning with weapons.

In the meantime I got into the chaise and crouched down at my mother's feet. who was half crying, and wholly thankful to feel me there.

We rode on and came to our gate under the willows. There were lights in the house, but all seemed still; nothing moved. My father put the reins in my mother's hands and opened the other gate that led up the lane. 'Will you go home with Nathan!' said

'And leave you here? No!'

'Take your wife home, Nathan, it

ou will, and come back. 'We will stay by you.' 'Let us reconnoitre, then, a little.' They got out, leaving us sitting still. The rain fell less heavily. They got something that would do for weapons from the tool house. They went all round the house--all was quiet. They

We sat still, speaking few words, my hands, clasped in my mother's. 'Thomas is coming!' I exclaimed.

eagerly. 'I hear the wheels.' We called to him as he came to the gate, for he could not see us.

He drove through and called out: 'What is the matter?' We told him sufficient, and he left

Betsey and Hannah, and went in once, with only the heavy whip, We did not sit long. Nathan came out directly.

'What have you found? Who is there? 'Nothing. Nobody.' 'Are they all gone?'

'Yes with some of the silver, and a few things. We don't know what yet. The horses were put under the shed. and we all went in. My father said calmly:

'We will take a lantern, Thomas, and look round out of doors a little.' I knew they would go to the old well. I stood and looked out of the window. and saw the gleam of the lantern as it

In a very few minutes they came back. 'One of them is dead,' said my father. and the other lies at the bottom of the well and groans. The third has escap-

They laid boards across some barrels in the shed, and brought up the dead man and laid him on them. His comrade, who fell in the well, had shot him in the head as he plunged through the foot of the garret stairs. A thick board | boards. His ugly face was still uglier. It was the Raven.

That night my father's prayers were very solemn, and his embrace was close as he gave me my good night kiss. The robber in the well was bruised, but not seriously hurt. The law took him to punishment. The third escaped to America, and

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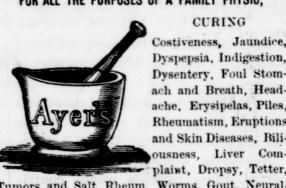
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Sheriff's Sale. To be sold at Public Auction, on Friday the 19th day of June next, in front of the Registry Office, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 o'clock p. m. : All the Right, Title and Interest of Maxim Manue in and to all that certain Piece or Parcel of Land lying and being in the Parish of Hardwicke on the Westerly side of Portage River and bounded as follows:—in front or Northerly by the said Portage River, Easterly by Lot number 22, occupied by L. Sipley, Westerly by Lot 20 granted to James Tait, Senior, and Southerly by vacant Crown lands, containing 40 Agree more or less with all the Buildings taining 40 Acres more or less, with all the Buil appurtenances and improvements thereunto belong ing, and being the land and premises upon which the said Maxim Manuel at present resides-the same having been seized by me under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Northumberland County Court against the said Maxim Manuel at the suit of Phineas Williston. Also, the Right, Title and Interest of Joseph Manuel Senr., in or to the Lot or Piece of Land above des cribed, and upon which said Joseph Manuel, Senr. also at present resides,-the same having been

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