# OR, THE REBEL RECLAIMED.

COMPANIONS, NOT FRIENDS. "If I choose to go and see the volunteers reviewed upon the downs, you are not likely to be able to stay me!" exclaimed Liberia Braburn, shaking her auburn locks with an air of defiance. "I was not speaking for myself, I should like to go very much," said Grace Vernon, as she

bent down to tie up a carnation; "but what your father said this morning made me think that he wished us to keep in the grounds."

Liberia burst into a merry laugh. "My father and I take different sides in politics," she cried; "he would not care if all the volunteers, officers, men drummers and fifers, were packed off to the rock of Gibraltar! My father's half a Frenchman at heart, and I believe, thinks more of Chief Consul Bony, than of good King George, Queen Charlotte, and all the Royal Family of England."

"You should not say so," observed Grace Vernon, "you might get Mr. Braburn into trou-

"How absurd you are!" exclaimed her companion; "as if my father, Mr. Jaspar Braburn had not published his republican notions widely enough when he called his only daughter by such an outlandish name as mine, merely because she happened to be born in the year of the French Revolution, 1789. I'm only too lucky," she added, with a laugh, "not to have had 'Robespierre,' 'Danton,' or 'Marat,' tacked on after 'Liberia,' or perhaps 'Miss Guillotine Braburn' might have been selected as a title more novel original and unique. But whatever name I might bear, it would not prevent my being as good and loval a subject of King George as any in this Isle of Wight; and if I'd only been a boy instead of a girl, I'd have gone as a volunteer my-

"Names do not always suit their wearers," observed Grace.

" No, indeed, or your parents would never have made such a blunder as to give you yours!" cried Liberia; "though it may not have been a blunder after all," added the saucy girl, with a laugh, "for, considering what an odd-looking shrimp you are, 'little Grace' suits remarkably well."

The subject of the very uncourteous jest scarcely deserved it, even as regarded mere personal appearance. Grace Vernon was small, indeed. for her age, but delicately formed, and with more refinement, both in manner and language, than her free-spoken companion. Liberia, though only fourteen, appeared a woman in height, being some six inches taller than Grace; but her plump rounded cheek, her childish petulance of manner, and the youthful style of her dress, showed that she had not vet emerged from the school-room. Liberia's auburn locks were not drawn up, fastened over a cushion, bedaubed with pomatum and powder, or surmounted with a small round hat, after the fashion which our grandmothers followed, but with a freedom which suited her name, were allowed to fall all over her shoulders in long and rather untidy ringlets, curled, as she said, by the sea-air and the salt water of the Channel. For Liberia lived with her father and French would make their intended invasion of England from that point, and that they would take the Isle of Wight in their way, and land in the little bay on whose shore stood Braburn Castle, conspicuous from afar by the disproportioned height of its tower. Liberia, a bold, enthusiastic girl, felt no fears as to the result of an invasion : she firmly believed one Englishman to be a match for six men of any other nation, and with proud delight watched the volunteer corps exercising on the downs. For the period at which my story opens is the eventful year 1803, when the peace of Amiens had been broken, and England plunged again into a bloody war with our neighbor across the Channel. The startling news, that Napoleon, then first Consul, had detained in France all Britons travelling through the dominions of the Republic, the accounts of struggles by sea and by land, the expectation of an invasion, had roused national feeling to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers were enrolled all over the country; the very boys were eager to enlist; "God save the King" resounded alike from hall and cottage, and whoever dared to oppose the current of popular excitement, ran some risk of becoming its victim. Under these circumstances, Mr. Jaspar Braburn had thought it prudent to refrain from any expression of sym- pany, while all the others respectively fall far short of the pathy with France or French principles r he had removed the faded tri-color cockade which had surmounted a framed print of Napoleon which was hung in his room, and had replaced the print itself by a likeness of King George the Third. A large Bible (seldom indeed opened) was now a conspicuous ornament of his saloon, and he had even subscribed, as ostentationsly as he could, to a patriotic fund. That, however, which best served to cover any disloyalty on the part of Jaspar, was the lustre shed on the name of Braburn by the exploits of his younger brother. Captain Braburn, of the navy, had, in his frigate, the "Aurora," sustained and repelled the attacks of two French vessels, both larger than his own, and carrying heavier guns; after a long and severe conflict, he had forced his opponents to strike their flags, and had succeeded in bringing both ships as prizes safe into an English port.

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"Well," Liberia continued, returning to the subject from which she had made a diversion, "I want you to come with me to the downs, for Martha is too busy to-day."

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Liberia was exceedingly proud of the fame of

her uncle, "fighting Braburn," though, owing to

family differences, she had never yet seen the

"You don't think that you can go! what a roundabout way of refusing! can't you speak plain English?" cried Liberia with impatience. "I don't think that either of us ought to go, as Mr. Braburn did not wish us to do so.

"He is not your father," said Liberia. Grace felt secretly thankful that he was not,

but she only quietly made reply: "He stands to me in the place of a guardian, and in these things I ought to obey him."
"Oh! you're one of the meek, tame, milk-andwater characters, that are born to be ordered about and knocked about, and kept down like the slaves in the Indies! But what better could one expect from the daughter of a clerk !" exclaimed Liberia, laying a scornful emphasis on the last word, which brought the blood not only to the pale check of Grace, but mantling over

"My father was an honorable, a good, a holy man!" exclaimed the orphan, her usually soft gray eyes almost flashing through the drops that were gathering on their lashes; "he is now in a w like you are to your mother!" said Li

"especially when you take to crying."
wish that I were like her!" exclaimed Grace
stly; and the poor bleeding heart added
the lips did not speak, "And I wish that I
with her—in heaven!"

Liberia had too often showed towards her when she was living. Fierce anger, like a sudden flame, flashed up in the heart of the young girl, quiet CHRISTIAN LOVE AND LOYALTY; and gentle as she usually appeared, and it was only by a painful effort that Grace kept down the passionate words which rose to her tongue.

"Are you going with me to the downs or not?" asked Liberia, recurring to the original

No." answered Grace, with decision. "Then you are an idiot for your pains!" cried Liberia, who was provoked and disappointed by the resistance of Grace to her imperious will. Bold as was the daughter of Jaspar, she dared not venture alone so far from home in the midst of strangers, even for the pleasure of seeing a volunteer review. Liberia also wished some one to share with her the displeasure of her father, if, as was more than probable, he should be angry at his wishes being disregarded. It was, therefore, with a feeling of irritation that she turned from her companion, veiling her annoyance at the firmness of Grace, under an affected contempt for

her weakness. As soon as Liberia was out of sight and hearing, Grace sank down on a rough garden seat, half surrounded by thick-growing laurels, put her slender hands before her face, and burst into bit-

"Oh! what a miserable, miserable life I lead here!" she exclaimed; " with no one to care for me, no one to love me, my existence embittered by the pride, and unkindness, and selfishness of one who tormented my precious mother while she was yet with us, and who treats with disrespect the memory of those whom she is not worthy to name !"

Fast fell the tears of the orphan upon the black dress which she still wore for her mother, though Liberia had for months cast aside the mourning which she had been obliged to put on for her father's wife. The heart of Grace was very sad, a sense of desolation oppressed her; she seemed to have no hope or object in life, and the daily cross which was laid upon her appeared to be heavier than she could bear. It was well for the lonely girl that she had been taught from her early childhood, that in God the fatherless have a tender Father; that, when all earthly stays are removed, there is yet a Rock upon which the weary can rest, and the heavy-laden lay down their burdens. Grace was young, and was rather feeling her way towards God than seeing it clearly; she had little experience and little strength. and she had not vet found joy or peace in believing; but her face was turned towards the light, and if clouds seemed to hide from her the sun of her soul, the edges of these clouds were silvered with His love.

While Grace is weeping alone in the shrubbery, we will take a short review of the circumstances which had brought her into the present position as a resident in the home of Jaspar Braburn, and a companion of his proud and self-willed daughter.

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