

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1890. THE SIEGE OF THE BLACK COTTAGE.

BY WILHE COLLIER. [CONTINUED.]

The wind had lulled with the sunset, but the mist was rising, and a gloomy, lonely prospect of the moor loomed as dreary as it looked to my eyes that evening. Never did I regret any slight that the moor had done to me, or the leaving of Mr. Kniffon's pocket-book in my charge. I cannot say that I suffered under any of the annoyances which I felt next to certain that neither Shifty Dick nor Jerry had had a chance of setting eyes on so small a thing as the pocket-book while they were on the moor; but there was a kind of vague distrust troubling me—a suspicion of the night—a distrust of being left by myself with a key to the cottage which I had not experienced before. The feeling so increased after I had closed the door and gone back to the kitchen, that when I went to the window to see if the wind was passing out, cottage on my way home to the village in the valley below Moor Farm, I found that the window was not closed. I was in the act of telling them how I was situated, and asking them for advice and protection.

I had hardly formed the idea of going to the cottage, when I felt that I was in a very awkward position. I had no other resource that remained was to carry the pocket-book with me to Moor Farm, and ask permission to pass the night there. But I could not persuade myself that there was any real necessity for taking such a course as this; and if the truth must be told, my pride rebelled at the idea of being taken for a coward by the character of a coward before the people at the farm. Timidity is thought rather a graceful attraction among ladies, but among poor women it is considered a disgrace. I had a woman with less spirit of her own than I had, and always shall have, would have considered it a disgrace in my situation to have been obliged to encounter the jokes of plowmen and the sneers of milkmaids. As for my pride, I despised myself for entertaining any such notion. "No, no," thought I, "I am not going to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm."

Having arrived at that violent resolution, the first thing I did was to lock the door, and to the security of every chamber in the house. I then went to the kitchen, and made a blazing fire, and sat down to my work as usual, as comfortable as possible. I could hardly believe now, with the light in the room, and the cheerful crackling of the fire, and the steady purring of the boiler, as heaked luxuriously in the flames, that I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm.

I had not been long at my work, when I heard a sound which I had never heard before. It was a low, muffled sound, like the sound of a footfall on a carpet. I looked up, and saw a shadow on the wall. I started, and looked at the shadow. It was a shadow of a man, and I saw that the man was in the kitchen. I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm.

I rushed into the kitchen and seized the pocket, and then heaped wood on the fire, and lighted it as usual. I felt that I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm. I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm.

the house. The back door was smaller than the front, but it had the advantage in the way of strength. It was made of two solid oak planks, and it was fastened by a heavy cross piece. It had no bolts inside the front door, but it was fastened by a heavy cross piece. It had no bolts inside the front door, but it was fastened by a heavy cross piece.

They must have had the whole cottage down before they could get in. I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm. I was in a position to be taken for a coward by the people at the farm, and I will not be taken for a coward by the people at the farm.

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