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A Nobel.

BY

JAMES GRANT,

AUTHOR OF "THE ROMANCE OF WAR," ETC.

"O! good, your worship, tell it of all things; for I mightily delight in hearing love stories."

SANCHE PANZA.

IN THREE VOLUMES.

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CHAPTER I.

BY THE NIGHT EXPRESS.

THUS ran the brief but startling telegram which was delivered late in the evening :—

*“ Dr. Feverley, Blairavon, to Lennard Blair,
Liverpool.*

“ Come home by the first train. A crisis is at hand. Your father cannot survive much longer.”

From Liverpool to Blairavon, in Scotland, is more than one hundred and sixty miles by rail, the only mode of conveyance now, and poor Lennard Blair thought nervously of his chances of being at home in time to see—before the fatal moment—that parent to whom he was so tenderly attached ; and in a rapid and bewildered manner, acting as one might do in a dream, he thrust a few necessary articles into a carpet bag, preparatory to starting by the night express train for Carlisle and the North.