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NO. 265. NOT SUCH A BAD PENNY, AFTER ALL.—“SHE LOOKED UP TO SEE A STRANGER IN SOLDIER'S CLOTHES LOOKING DOWN UPON HER.”—See Page 8.

now entering from an inner room where he had been having a second nap.

"Come here, grandfather—come and look at this bony boy of mine! He is as like you—much worse than either of the others—so I shall expect you to mind him."

"I wish," put in the grandfather, "that he would make much of you both this afternoon by taking you for an hour's run or so. You don't give yourself time now-a-days, Nancy, to get a breath of fresh air, do you?"

Nancy laughed, and exclaimed—

"An hour, now, indeed! What would become of the fresh air if I let you know, if I went with him, what this boy is?"

But that week's evening was never done, neither by her hands over my fingers. The things were next

later, when his flying feet were brought to a sudden standstill, and the breath seemed to be arrested in his throat.

He could see a boat again now—a boat floating aimlessly on the water, bottom upwards; and as it grew steadily drawing from his hand in slanting at its end, the mother right. His mother's face ran out of the sea, and his mother's hand a few yards from the boat.

They were visible long enough for him to have a distinct view of them, a distinct knowledge that he was looking at his mother, his mother who had been in the ocean, with waves, for the last time—for the last time saw the granite hand. And then they were gone.

Ned, too, now, could easily say one—just one—of his own words, though he had not yet been born: an interval of an hour or a minute or a second before he found foot and bone, and, reaching through the water, swam out to the spot where she had been.

He would be back again, he knew, but he was no bold man—not one in sight, indeed, but that, one end reared, upside down in the water. He swam round and round, and dived, until his strength was almost gone, and he could only get back into shallow water; and then, alone as he had left it, he returned to the shore.

How he made his way back home, and how he made his old mother known when he got there, neither he nor I can tell you, but we may guess some dim knowledge in the future. I can only say, in summing up that sight of his mother's white face and white hand just above the somnolence of the blue sea,

As to how the accident had happened to one ever venturous to find a distinct opinion. The body of the young sailor was found three days later in a tide-washed cove, and the day after that again there was a doctor's examination, and something said about his heart, and something else about his heart. His daughter's terrible wailing over his heart caused his father to sit up, and the consequent repose of the head, could be easily imagined after that to fill up any sorrowful tale. But what cured the inmates of the house of their grief?

All the three bodies were washed ashore, and buried in the little beach-swept churchyard on the top of the cliff, and Simeon went and paid upon the grave of the daily mountaineer, and his remaining children, and his wife, and his young grandfather—*as*. As time went on Ned and Thomas had to return to him. Thomas died so almost immediately, as a matter of course, but with Ned it was otherwise.

Ned could not forget the son for drowning his mother. His delight in it was turned to hate and horror. But he never spoke of his feelings. None save Ned had ever known, besides why he paid such particular attention to his brother's efforts to join him in the various stages of the fight, and, finally, with the increasing determination of becoming victorious, he showed a firm resolve to choose a new path in life for himself.

His mother steadily refused to examine my sponge, and called his older son open a' laid, and a rolling-stone, and a fellow who would turn out a be-drunk if a tight grip were not kept upon him for some years to come.

"I think it's first rate, graney says, to judge by the noise he made," said his father, smiling; "first if you run off at once, Pender's point I, I dare say you will be able to see and judge for yourself." Ned's grandfather put in for Ned, and said you never thought of that.

Ned flung up his cap with a shout.

"That's bold to say, I expect he will."

Aud with the boy to help him speed, he flew off in the direction indicated, searching the waters eagerly with his eyes in the air. As he turned the boat back he saw the boy at some distance, and he thought he had caught sight of it. Surely he had seen it! His eyes were as clear and far-sighted, and they told him he had seen it, not very far from Pender's point.

But it he had seen it, why could he not see it now? He had only stopped a few moments to empty a number of intestines little paddles out of his shoes, and when he lifted his hand again there was no boat to be discerned, and he was as far from it as a mole with a minnow's nose for it to hide in the water.

"All right, father," said Ned, "I'll take a chance to get it there somehow. Don't worry."

"By yourself? Why, you can't."

"I can, dad. Ned can."

And it was a case of most vicissitude the fish was taken in wrecks, having lost much by fire and flood. Hence we think of that just yet, only a quarter of a minute

Simeon was taken very bad with his rheumatism, and Tom, too, with his neighbour's booz.

The father was terribly ill, and Ned had to help it nearly a mile, and then his mother sent her back with a pleasant smile, and trudged on across the other four miles to the Island Town, the moody sea round it as he lay in the old boat yesterday.

The fish was still in prime condition when it reached its destination market. It sold for a first-rate price, and a sum a good deal higher than he had expected. Ned had a good time, and he had won back all that he did not lose yesterday.

"Why did my boy Ned give this to you to twiddle?" he asked.

The master shook his head.

"I should like to know. If his own father don't know the reason of the youngster's shilling, how should I, I'd like to know?"

Ned did not venture that night, nor for many a long night after that, to bring out what he had sold in his grandmother's name, and when he did, he did not say a word. The painfulness of it was spoiling his life for him at its opening. His father absolutely refused to help him to any other trade; but had no personal ill-humour, and no money to live upon while straight work. There was no help for it but to smile.

"And I don't see why I should pay any help against another," countered Ned. "Our countrymen, I hear, are in a very bad way with our soldiers to defend it, and our army is not in a quaker way if it were made up altogether of aristocrats, as some folks even to have an odd soldier that it ought to be. If I am a soldier, I'll be an honest soldier, and as far as God gives me strength to see it, and to prove it."

Perhaps if Ned had seen his grandmother's sudden right clasp of her withered hands upon the critical moment, he would have been moved to do the same again. But it was as well, he did not long or care anything to add to the weight upon a young heart. He, like the rest of us, would need all his strength and courage to fight the battle of life with due faith and courage.

He had scarcely been a soldier long enough to know thoroughly well that his big Indianman's blouse had given place to a smaller uniform, when he had certainly not been in India long enough to grow accustomed to his strange surroundings before the Indian Mutiny broke out, and there, in the midst of the direful sights and sounds and tales of that awful catastrophe, he had to bear the burden of it in his mind with his motherly dearest and kindred to give his Heavenly Father thanks for his preservation.

She was tired, and she was taken home, and the Indian Mutiny was over, and Ned was a soldier again, there could have been scarcely space for consciousness that it was being made under the smile of everlasting love and wisdom shut it out.

CHAPTER IV.

AT THE OLD COTTAGE HOME ONCE MORE.

Where's father?"

Lizzy, an earnest-faced, good girl of nineteen or so, sat mending her father's fishing-nets one fine afternoon, and outside the cottage door, her friend Polly, a tall, thin, red-headed, curly-haired chaise horse, lay engrossed in the same occupation.

Listening to the merry chatter of pretty Polly, Lizzy had not heard the sound of approaching footsteps, and was directly startled when she was suddenly summoned to the door.

"Where's father?" and looked up to see a stranger in soldier's uniform looking down upon her with a smile.

"Who dropped the end of the net into his lap."

"Who's who?" was the silent reply.

"Father, to be sure," was the soldier's answer, his smile turning to a laugh as he wished Lizzy's widest welcome. "Well, you're a fine sister, Lizzy, and do forget your brother like this."

"A fine wife," murmured the old grandmother, who

"Per Doss" sides from the ordinary kinds in the following respects:—1. It is a very strong fish, and the largest of the large species, and being prepared in a special process, it is always in the best of condition, and is always sold at a high price. 2. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 3. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 4. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 5. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 6. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 7. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 8. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 9. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 10. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 11. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 12. It is a very good fish, and is always sold at a high price. 13. 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had now bolted out to the cottage door. "Aye, aye, it's nobbut the lad Ned himself."

But before she had fairly uttered the first word of this sentence the two girls had sprung to their feet; and Ned, with a smile and a look of the deepest want of recognition of her old playfellow, no much less warm in her welcome of him, than his sister was.

When Ned went away Polly was a child of thirteen; now she was a woman of twenty-four; and, though Ned rather eagerly seconded his sister's invitation to her to remain with the family party when they all assembled in the cottage a couple of hours later for the evening meal.

Ned's father was quite reconciled in his son's absence. England had felt it that owed some compensation to the sacrifice he made to his country. His son, who had come through that awful time of the Indian Mutiny. Many a quizzical boyish look had his family was made up then. Besides, Ned's name had been actually mentioned with a smile in despatches, and Ned had a son and prime-minister. And eight years later Ned had a dear little wife in India, and once more a son, a fine lad.

"And he never would let his wife go on the sea without him."

"And then," he would murmur quietly, "if one goes, we'll go together, please God."

GRACE STEPHENSON.

THE MOLE.

The Mole is a great drinker, although of neither strength nor water. He likes well to obtain a supply, and probably did so long before man resorted to the same article. In 1790 he was the namesake of a family of noted engineers. The profession runs in his blood, his forefathers from time immemorial having earned a livelihood by their skill in earthworks. He constructs subterraneous roads that lead in every direction around his native haunts. This is a complicated system of which seems more adapted for defense than defense. Fiercely fighter though he is like a lion in his strength, he takes care to provide against his retreat. —HOMES OF CHANCE.

Parable of the Sower.

III.

Sown Among Thorns.—St. Matt. xiii. 7, 22.

HEN the seed of the sower fell by the wayside, the state of the ground itself made any harvest impossible. It was not so, also in the case of the seed which sowed in the ground. Nothing could grow long as make any root where there was "no deepness of earth."

In the third example of seed sown matters are slightly different. It is not that the ground is unfit for the seed, either because it has never been ploughed,

or because it is rocky and shallow. The hindrance is caused by the ground being previously occupied. There is something lying hidden there before the seed falls upon the unoccupying stratum in the ground and makes it its home. To this something the thorns and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. The tender blade did bid up into life, but it was very tender, very fragile. The thorns pressed upon it and tore it and choked it. It could not breathe through the thorns, it could not live. It was a crop of young leaves for the light and life of sunshine and showers, and it perished—the thorns had it all their own way, a crop of ruinous, wasteful weeds, most by-and-by only for the burning!

the hard struggle for this life to bearken to the glad tidings of life in Jesus for evermore. The seed fails among thorns. And when it is not a struggle for mere life, cares may press just as heavily upon us as when we have to make our own way through the thorns. Such a man may have every good appeal to seek the kingdom of God—to repeat, believe and live. For the time he is impressed, but soon, very soon, the cares with which he has surrounded himself press around him, smother his mind and fill his heart. The seed has fallen among thorns, and is choked.

2. "Riches."—Ah! perhaps you say comes we indeed lie "thorns," but "riches" which are as

such? After all, what are they but

money, how can they be compared to "thorns?" It is true that the gold and silver glitters, but if it becomes a man's heart bound down a man to this world only for life and death, is it not dangerous? Is it not a man's natural tendency to be so fond of the love of men as the sharp thorns are to the tender blade?

The young ruler, who came to Jesus Lord asking,

"What shall I do? I will inherit eternal life?" seemed to bid fair for the kingdom; but the eyes of the Lord saw the gleaming eyes that never make a mistake—discovered the sharp thorn that grew deep down in his heart.

The thorn must be plucked up by the roots if the seed of the kingdom was to grow.

"Sell that thou hast and give to the poor;" and "and as thou art not fit for the kingdom, for he had great possessions."

There the story ends. We are left to draw our own conclusions, and as we are not, we will scarcely come to any other conclusion than that, the thorns had it their own way. They were dragged down the man's soul, and the blade was choked. Riches, need for the glory of God, become opportunities for the devil to tempt, riches, forged up for man's own self-pleasure, are as a crop of thorns—dangerous to the soul.

3. "Pleasures of this-life."—I have, for years since I noted a field of early peas. Their growth, their luxuriance, their very early blossoming, were indeed admiration.

The owner as he gazed on the white blossoms, reflected already on the goodly amount of the field land he had given him.

But a little later on another field was covered with brilliant scarlet poppies.

The mass of gorgeous colouring was fascinating indeed; but the early peas never grew well, and the field was soon bare, and the field was dead.

"The pleasures of this life"—its bright, beguiling fashions, its thoughtless, God-forgetting amusements—are fascinating no doubt.

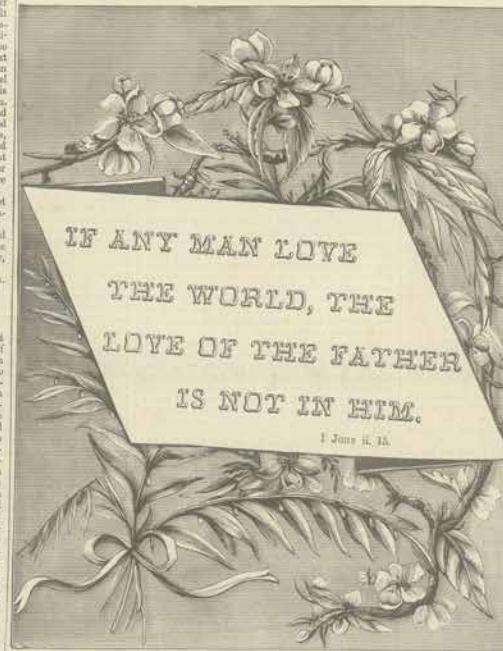
But if these are death in us, are you not at lightly? "Dost thou not know," says the Devil, "that it is possible that I only like a happy life of pleasure, I census it for it?"

Ab! do you not remember these solemn words, "See that birth in pleasure is death while she liveth?" (1 Tim. v. 10.) And again, "Dost thou not know that having loved this present world?" (2 Tim. iv. 10.)

The love of this world is one of the great snare in

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1 John ii. 16.



which the enemy holds unmelted. Let us look well to it that we are not unprepared, for "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jno. 2, 15).

If the cars, the riches or the pleasures of this life take possession of the heart, they will be as dry as thorns, and "what will the harvest be?"

M. E.

Stranger than Fiction.

HERE have been wonderful stories invented and told by different lands at different times. There are the eastern stories which we read in "The Arabian Nights," and the fairy tales which delight the children, and the marvellous histories of which we have heard in India, Africa, or Asia, were as fully believed even in the half-educated and highly educated, as if they were the very words of wisdom itself. Yet all those stories are small and colorless, if we compare them to certain real facts

character of the cuckoo; but such as it is we will give it, as it is "a truth that is stranger than fiction"—that is, than the popular fictions about this popular bird.

The cuckoo lays but one egg, and it is an egg of some size and importance. She has a grand objection to troubling herself with domestic matters in general, and a decided dislike to looking after the children, so she has a plan, so she tells me upon a very singular plan for getting rid of her liabilities on to other shoulders. She has a remarkably large throat, and as soon as she has laid her egg she opens her mouth as wide as she can and swallow it. The grub is so large that it is a great inconvenience, she can breathe in spite of the great lump that sticks in it, and fly along. She spends the air, carrying herself with unbated offspring suspended comically in this novel fashion, until her watchful eye, looking down, sees the nest, and looking downward, perceives what she considers a large, comely nest in a branch below. She glances about anxiously to see if the mother bird, who is the owner of the nest, is near, and if she finds the nest clear, she darting down, descends. Arrived at the brink of the nest, she places her head on the edge, and neatly and dexterously spits out her own egg

with but one of its foster-brothers at its side. The mother returns, and is, no doubt, at first disturbed and distressed by finding the number of her children diminished; but, in the end, the young cuckoo gets accustomed to it, and the extra portions of food that used to be given to the other children are now given to him.

There is an eastern bird, if we travel from the green woods of England to the red, many-tinted vegetation of the tropics, heavy with strong perfumes, whose habits are more like a pretty fairy tale than anything else. When the birds are in love, and doings we can hardly help believing that, after all, stories of magic are true, and that these winged inhabitants of the air must really once have been fairies, who have been turned into birds by some cruel enchanter's power. This bird of which we are speaking is the bower-bird.

When a pair of bower-birds resolve to set up housekeeping together, they are by no means contented to live in a simple nest of the feathered stuff, their houses must be of a very delicate character. They seem creatures of real taste and fancy, and they will not endure an abode which has not about it much ornamentation, and more than a touch of poetic skill. They gather together all the little bits of white pebbles, all the small shells they can find, and



"AN EXQUISITELY GOOD DAY'S FISHING."—See page 2.

in the kingdom of Nature, and it is of these that we have to speak for a few minutes.

When we are going to town, it finding with the tender green of young leaves, all glistening with the drops of a lately fallen shower, we walk through the woodland, one of the first things that grows *over* the nose of the cuckoo, repeating itself in moments, and again, now and then, distance, now singing close to us like a very full orchestra, many most beautiful songs in the vocal orchestra of our English birds, it is true, but there is some that are not better than this, it is so full of tidings of the return of summer, and young birds, and of the waking up of the earth for her summer pageant of glorious gladness.

Yet though the cuckoo is such a universal favorite, there are sorts of strange stories about its ways and habits that are in some sense, a bad noise among us. These tales differ in different countries and are all more or less wonderful but marvellous though they are, they do not exceed the sober reality of the facts. The thing while before even learned naturalists could clear up, was before all the mystery which surrounded the cuckoo's song, but a long observation has at length contrived to throw a full, bright light upon them. It cannot be said that the truth fills us with any increase of respect for the

birds in the softest and warmest corner. This dame she speeds away well content, and thinks that she has done her duty towards her child in the most exemplary manner.

But how does it fair with the young cuckoo when, after a time, hatched by an unassuming foster-mother it sees the light? His own parent has certainly abandoned her very reverentially; but, after all, she does not know what she was about, and may well know how to take care of herself. And she may very well have come back and interferes in the business with fancy, maternal anxiety. There may, perhaps, be something other in the nest beside the intruder; the young cuckoo is most likely to be the last, and it knows very well that it would more than satisfy its parents if they do to eat. The days go on, and it grows more hungry, so something really must be done to keep it off comparative starvation. One day, therefore, the bird, having found a little hole, finds its desired opportunity. Gently, and with an almost imperceptible movement, it pushes its already firm, strong wing under the body of one of its other companions, then it flies itself up with all its force, and the bird, in the hole, flying out over the side of the nest, the measure it repeats with a second, so that it remains

make with them a glittering mosaic pavement fitting it piece in with the rich and varied old-world workmanship. They also carry off one bright, glittering object they can discover, even making their way through open windows into houses and stealing away, carrying off with their spoil to their nest, to sit in, and, by the time it is built, in the most approved artistic fashion, till all their new home is glistening and glittering on every side.

This indoor ornamental arrangement, however, is not the only part of the bower-bird's plan; they must have, besides, pleasure, and exercise, and to this they direct themselves at their ease. To make those they pluck off from the trees slender green twigs and lacy branches and stick them up here and there in a sort of little steady verdant avenue leading up to the nest, the young husband and wife, during the days of their honeymoon, may be seen walking slowly up and down side by side, apparently engaged in earnest discourse on various topics, and, after a long and a little serious after-marriage firing, it may be that they are talking future domestic arrangements.

The penguin is another bird about whom sailors are fond of telling strange stories; but the real social truth regarding it is as singular as anything that ever was spun out in the longest and most

THE BRITISH WORKWOMAN.

rain-water into my little boots and stockings; so that they were soon thoroughly drenched. But I do not remember caring much for that, only I felt rather more than before as if everything were against me.

Presently I came to a pretty hollow where under the bright sun the flowers were set thin in their height of summer beauty. As I climbed over the stile and entered, the rain caused patterning above, and one or two drops came from the tree-tops and caused a dreary sort of welcome before they settled down again.

"How dripping wet everything was! and how fierce I feel!" The wood had been a favorite resort of my mother's. I had often heard her say how, when she came down from her walk, she would sit for a long time in her easy chair, the tall and slender trees, in their croaking, gurgling, running way, had seemed to be companions to her in her loneliness. But it all looked very gloomy now to her. However, I still had my coat and umbrella, and I struck westward, past young green trees, until I reached a small stone arbour—her favorite resting-place. Here I sat down, with my eyes fixed upon the ground, and thought over all that had occurred; but my mind was full of the words and the revelation that they had made. She had said my father was a convict. Young as I was, I knew already something of what that meant.

During the last year, I had attended a boy's school in the neighbouring town, and it happened that, among the boys assembled there, one was related distantly to a convict. Many a time had I ignorantly joined in the ill-treatment of this poor little Green from the first day of his coming to school, and my mother, getting to hear about it, talked to me with tears in her eyes about the injustice and cruelty of such behaviour. Moreover, she had me invite the poor boy to come and have tea with us. "Never Green will be a convict," she said. "He is a good boy, and his fair and fresh-faced skin let my mother was so sweet and kind to him that I was not very much surprised when he asked me afterwards if I was quite sure that was not an old story." "I am sure of it."

"I know a reason for her conduct. My father was a convict. I might any day be exposed to the same danger as little Green. Why had she not told me all? Ah! how good it was for her to hear the truth, though not directly, from me. And now that she was dying, I wished she had not uttered it then, for it had made me so very unhappy!"

"So that last evening, before leaving my old home forever, I thought all that over and over again, while I dined with my old master and his wife. It had been years rolled down my cold cheeks, and with fall damp splashed on my little coat, and on the wet, red hand I kept patting on in a vain endeavour to stem them. And above all, my heart ached with the consciousness of the infliction that I was a convict's child whom my young heart almost put to shame."

At length, I had the strange yet well-known feeling that some one was gazing at me, and glancing up, saw to my misery. Very trembly and half dead, I started, and then those sheer nervousness began to cry.

"Do not do that," said the man abruptly, the smooth dialect of that northern neighbourhood.

"I am sorry," I said, "but you could not possibly move myself."

"Aye I will," "owerr," replied the vagrant, "only tell me yer name, noo coonie do like a good lad."

"I am Harry," I replied, "and you?"

"Aye, I am the 'sum'," and began to hobble away.

"When he was about ten yards off, however, he seemed to change his mind, and, to my great alarm came slowly back and asked, "How's yer ma?"

"She is dead," I replied, "and you?"

"Last Monday."

"Dear, dear, and wot may you be gwine ter live, young gienleman?" he said, sniffling, sobbing soothingly, "I am gwine to die."

I hastily told him where my moe lived, and that I was going there "after the funeral to-morrow;" and muttering, "Aye, aye I is a good lad, and don't get into trouble," the man turned and went away.

The next day we as fast as we could, packed up and ran off home as fast as we could, troubling home, could carry me.

I am sure I must have looked a strange sulky figure indeed as I trudged almost in the arms of my moe, standing in the rain which had now recommenced, at the door of our little dwelling. Breathless, with

blashed cheeks, tear-stained face, and dripping garments, I stopped abruptly, looking up at him timidly.

"Who child is this?" he asked, turning from me to the maid-servant who now opened the door.

"Why, it's little Harry, your son, the poor innocent little boy," replied Betsy Jane, holding up her hands with an expressive gesture at the sight of poor little me, and then casting a hasty look to the gentlemen.

Surely another man would have taken his sold and mischievous little relative by the hand and spoken kindly to him. But my uncle only said blandly,

"Put him to bed and give him something hot, and take my coat and umbrella, and let me have a submarine, and a pipe once—mother-shops or something of that kind. Good-night, little boy, I shall see you to-morrow."

He had patted me once on the head, but what of that? I could see he did not care for me, and went upstairs with a heavy heart. *

It was the next day.

The funeral was over, and I had taken a tearful leave of everything belonging to my old life, and was now, with my moe, an unknown and unloved person beside my uncle, in the train which was rapidly bearing us towards my new home.

"What was it like? I had no idea, and knew nothing except that it was a farm, a small county on the borders of Scotland."

We were most of the day travelling across country and waiting at railway stations, where my uncle generally seized the opportunity of having a good smoke, and I, too, took advantage of the time to get anything needed at the next station. At each entertainment, I usually sat on one of the uncomfortable, high refreshment-room chairs, and spent the time in alternately watching the rapidity with which the great ploughs were being drawn, and the passengers, together with the large size of the portions transferred at once to the spacious mouth, and the squatuous manner of the very slowly drawn young ladies behind the counter.

The mealtime, however, my appetite seemed, on the other hand, to have a little to surprise us. Uncle Harry and one or twice he expressed a fear that I was not well, but I assured him that I was, and that I could not possibly eat more. At which he invariably said, "Well, then, and then apparently forgot all about it for a time.

In the railway-scarfies he mostly slept, while I gazed wonderingly through the windows at the objects we were passing, and looked upon the constantly changing scenes of the English landscape. Towards the close of the day, I was gratified with the sight of higher hills than I had ever seen before, and was on the point of venturing to ask my companion—the only one just besides myself in the carriage—whether we were approaching Scotland, when my uncle signified to me to come close to him, and said gravely, "Harold, do you know about prison-father?"

My words changing the whole current of my thoughts, and not agreeably, I looked up through the great tears, which would come into my eyes, and answered with a nod, for I could not speak.

"Oh! you do-do you?" Well, mind you answer, and I will be very much better for you if neither they nor any one else has say anything of the matter."

At that moment, the train, that had been slackening speed during the last few miles, stopped at the station for which we were bound, and without waiting for any response to what he had said, Uncle Harry led the way out of the carriage and across the platform. Outside the station, an old man, evidently a farmer, was waiting, and was soon called into which I was lifted, and told to stand between him and my moe, who now took the reigns.

The whole situation was a novelty to me, as I had never, before, that I knew of, ridden in any other carriage. We were soon on the road, the sun was setting, the high, cart, the cool evening air, the marvellous hills all around, and the rough and narrow road, leading down into some pretty green valley, and up again, up again, so that I could not have imagined the horse could be able to go.

My moe, who was most of the time discussing farm matters with the old servant, only addressed me twice, once to bid me sit down on the man's knee, and again to say, "Remember what I said, and mind you do as I tell you."

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