

squares himself up to fight, but the inn-

keeper, though as big a man as he, be-

ing of a spongy constitution, showed no

relish for this mode of argument, turned

his back on us with a shake of the head, saying he was very well satisfied of his own honesty, and if we doubted it we

could seek what satisfaction the law would give us, adding slyly, as he turned at the door, that he could recommend

us a magistrate of his acquaintance,

naming him who had set us in the stocks

The very hint of this put us again in

quake, and now, the snow beginning

to fall pretty heavily, we went into the shed to cast about as to what on earth we should do next. There we sat, glum

and silent, watching idly the big flakes

of snow fluttering down from the leaden sky, for not one of us could imagine a

"Holy Mother!" cries Jack at length,

springing up in a passion, "we cannot

it here and starve of cold and hunger. Cuddle up to my arm, Moll, and do you

bring your fiddle, Kit, and let us try our luck a-begging in alchouses." And so we trudged out into the driving snow, that blinded us as we walked,

bow our heads as we might, and tried

one alehouse after the other, but all to no purpose, the parlors being empty be-

cause of the early hour and the snow keeping folks within doors. Only, about

midday, some carters, who had pulled

up at an inn, took pity on us and gave us a mug of penny ale and half a loaf, and that was all the food we had the

Then at dusk, wet footed and fagged

out in mind and body, we trudged back

to the Bell, thinking to get back into

the loft and bury ourselves in the sweet

hay for warmth and comfort. But com-

ing hither, we found our nag turned out

of the stable and the door locked, so

that we were thrown quite into despair

by the loss of this last poor hope, and

poor Moll, turning her face away from

us, burst out a-crying-she who all day

had set us a brave example by her cheer-

(To be Continued.)

that. There was a pair of them on F

Adam told on Eve there's never been a

"George," said she, "I think every-

"Ah!" returned he, with a smile of

triumph, "they think we're actors, you

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-What! Did he die? Johnnie-No-

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ful, merry spirit.

(Continued from last week.)

"Well," says Jack in a huff, "I see no reason for any such haste, but if you will give me time to put on my breeches you shall be paid all the same." And therewith he takes down his trunks from the nail where they hung. And first giv-



Little Moll tired not in giving us kind words of comfort.

ing them a doubtful shake, as seeming lighter than he expected, and hearing no chink of money, he thrusts his hand into one pocket, and then into the other, and cries in dismay: "Heaven's mercy upon us! We are robbed! Every penny of our money is gone!"

"Can you think of nothing better than such an idle story as that?" says the landlord: "There hath been none behind this sheet but yourselves all the night."

We could make no reply to this, but stood gaping at each other in a maze for some seconds. Then Jack Dawson, recovering his wits, turns him round and looking about cries, "Why, where's Red

"If you mean him as was killed in your play," says the landlord, "I'll answer for it he's not far off, for, to my knowledge, he was in the house drinking with a man while you were a-dancing of your antics like a fool. And I only hope you may be as honest a man as he, for be paid for his liquor like a

That settled the question, for we world down in the bottom of its callous knew the constable had left never a old heart is green with envy of their penny in his pocket when he clapped us happiness but they seem never to know

"Well," says Jack, "he has our mon- street Wednesday afternoon just as the ey, as you may prove by searching us, matinee crowds were passing. She and if you have faith in him 'tis all as might have escaped notice, for at this one, and you may rest easy for your season of the year all the women are reckoning being paid against his re- stunningly new but he-well, since

The landlord went off, vowing he man who could keep a secret with a would take the law of us if he were not woman in it. He had all the ear marks paid by the morning, and we, as soon of a bridegroom, even to the barberas we had shuffled on our clothes, away combed hair. Of course he didn't know to hunt for Ned, thinking that maybe he had the look. A man never does. he had made off with the money to Moreover, he fancied, being a man, that avoid paying half to the landlord, and he was hoodwinking the rest of us. He hoping always that, though he might had two dramatic papers in his pocket, play the rogue with him, he would deal another in his hand.

onestly by us. But we could find no ice of him, though we visited every house in the town, and so back we crestfallen, to the Bell, to beg the keeper to give us a night's lodging know." 1 a crust of bread on the speculation t Ned would come back and settle ar accounts, but he would not listen to our prayers, and so, hungry and thirsty, and miserable beyond expression, we were fain to make up with a loft over the stables, where, thanks to a good store of sweet hay, we soon forgot our no. He is getting well-boo-hoo!

troubles in sleep, but not before we had

concerted to get away in the morning be-

times to escape another day in the stocks.

Accordingly, before the break of day, we were afoot, and after noiselessly packing our effects in the cart in the misty gray light, Jack Dawson goes into the stable to harness our nag, while I as silently take down the heavy bar that fastened the yard gate. But while I was yet fumbling at the bolts, and all of a shake for fear of being caught in the act, Jack Dawson comes to me, with Moll holding of his hand, as she would when our troubles were great, and says in a tone of despair:

"Give over, Kit. We are all undone again. For our harness is stole, and there's never another I can take in its

While we were at this stumble, out comes our landlord to make sport of us. "Have you found your money yet,

friends?" says he, with a sneer. "No," says Jack savagely, "and our money is not all that we have lost, for some villain has filched our nag's harness, and I warrant you know who he

"Why, to be sure," returns the other, "the same friend may have taken it who has gone astray with your other belongings; but, be that as it may, I'll answer for it when your money is found your harness will be forthcoming and not be-

but after that she began to improve very fast and I now think she is entirely cured. "Come, master," says I, "have you no more heart than to make merry at She has taken nine bottles of the Nervine. but no other medicine of any kind. Knox, Ind., Jan. 5, '95. H. W. HOSTETTER. the mischances of three poor wretches

such as we?" "Aye," says he, "when you can show that you deserve better treatment."

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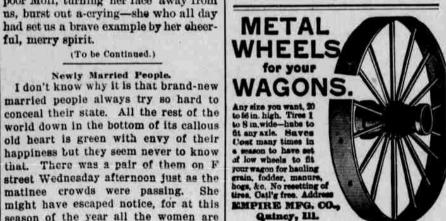
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