"I'll buy teeth-brushes and quinine, And squills and things like that: And postage stamps, and cataip ex, For my old pussy cat.

"And maybe I will buy so much
You'll get so rich, you see,
That you will have enough some day
To come and marry me."

THE MERCHANT'S CRIME.

BY HORATIO ALGER, JR.

CHAPTER X-CONTINUED. "Well, your wish is likely to be gratified," said his guardian. "Do you mean to let me visit it. then?" asked the boy, looking up with eager and animated inquiry.

"Yes; I have observed that your father's death has naturally weighed upon your mind, and depressed your spirits. If you should go back to school now, you would not be in a fitting frame of mind to resume your studies. I think a little change and variation will do you good. For this reason I intend to let you go on a journey, not only to Niagara, but still farther west."

"You are very kind, Mr. Morton," said Robert: "but," he added with momentary hesitation, "would it be quite right for me to go on a pleasure excursion so soon after the death of my poor father?"

"Your father would, I am sure, approve it," said his guardian. "Be-cause your mind is diverted by pleasant scenery, it will not follow that you have forgotten your father.'

"No, I shall never forget him as long as I live." "So you see there is no objection

on that score." "Are you going with me, Mr. Morton?" asked Robert, suddenly.

"No, I am unable to leave my business for so long."
"Am I going alone?"

"No; you are too young for that. I have a friend," Mr. Morton was about to say; but after a pause he said, cacquaintance, who is to start at once on a trip to the West, and I shall place you under his charge.' "Who is it, sir?"

"A young man named Cromwell." 'How soon are we to start?"

"Probably in a day or two. You can look over your wardrobe and see if you need any new clothes, and can get them before you leave New York." "Yes, sir."

Robert left his guardian's presence in better spirits than he had entered. The prospect of a journey was very agreeable, for he had all a boy's love of new scenes, and it added to his pleasure, though he hardly admitted it to himself, that his guardian was not about to accompany him. He hardly knew why it was, but, although he had been told that Mr. Morton was his father's intimate friend, and had no reason to doubt the truth of this statement, he found it impossible to like him. Shortly after Robert left the presence of his guardian. James Cromwell was once more ushered into it. He was no longer the thread-bare clerk, but had provided himself with a new suit of clothes, which looked, indeed, better than his former array; but no clothing, however costly, could ge the appearance of his mean and insignificant features, and give him the air of a gentleman.

... have waited upon you early, Mr. Morton," he said.

"Not too early," answered the merchant. "Indeed, I may say that I am anxious to complete our arrangements and put the boy under your care as soon as possible. The fact is, that with my business cares the additional burden of a ward is not welcome. If it had not been the son of my intimate friend, I might have declined the trust; but under the circumstances I did not think I

Does he know that he is going with me?" inquired Cromwell.

"I have just had an interview with him. He has been at a boarding school on the Hudson river, and supposed he was going back. When I told him I had another plan for him he was at first disappointed." "Bid you tell him what that plan

"Not precisely. I showed him views of Niagara falls, and asked him if he would like to visit the cataract. He said that he would. I then said that previous to his going back to school I intended to let him have a little journey-visiting the falls and going as far as Indiana. He was pleased with this prospect."

Does he know he is going with

"I mentioned that I had asked an acquaintance of mine to take charge him. I shall introduce you as that acquaintance.

"You intend, then, Mr. Morton" that we shall take Niagara falls on the way?" said James Cromwell.

"Yes; I think it will be a pleasant arrangement for you, no doubt, if you have never seen the falls."

.. No. I have never seen them." "And besides, it will make the journey seem more plausible to Robert. He need not know until you get to your journey's end that he is

·How shall it be communicated to

him? .I think I will give you a letter to him which you can let him read when the proper time comes."

"When do you wish me to start?"
"As soon as possible—day after
to-morrow. You can be ready, can
you not?"

"I can be ready at an; time. very few arrangements to

"I should like to show you some views of Niagara, which I have here; Mr. Cromwell." said Paul Morton. "Will you please step to the table?"

The clerk left his seat, and advanced to the side of the merchant's "There," said Paul Morton, look-

ing over the views, and selecting "is a view of Goat island. You will no doubt visit that?" "Yes, sir: we will try and see all

that is worth seeing."

'I think," said Paul Morton, slowly, "I have heard of a man—or a boy who was standing here one day, and chanced to lose his footing, and fell over the cataract. Horrible,

He looked significantly in the face of his companion. James Cromwell's face grew pale, as he comprehended the infernal meaning of this speech, and he echoed the word "Horrible."

James Cromwell did not reply the merchant's speech. Not that he was so much appalled at the wickedness suggested, as that his nature, which was a timid one, shrank with timidity from undertaking so hazardous a crime. Paul Morton. seeing the sudden pallor of his companion, knew that his purpose had been accomplished, and went on to

other matters.
"I think," he said. "that you will be able to start on the day after tomorrow. I will see that Robert is ready, and if you will come round by nine o'clock, there will be ample time to take the middle train."

"Very well," said Cromwell. will bear in mind what you say. Mr. Morton.

"And now, I think, Mr. Cromwell, I shall be obliged to leave you, as my business, which I have neglected of late, requires my attention."

James Cromwell took the hint, and left the house. He fell into a fit of musing, as he rode down town on a street-car.

"Shall I do this thing which he wants of me?" he said to himself. There would be danger in it, and there is something ugly in the thought of murder. Still, ten thousand dollars would set me up in life. Besides, I should still have a hold on Mr. Morton. Ah, it would be pleas-ant to be rich! No more miserable drudgery, no more cringing to an employer who cares no more for you than for a dog, and perhaps treats you no better! Money, money is a blessed thing. It brings independence; with it your can lift you head erect, and walk proudly among men, who are always ready to doff their hats to a man who is backed up by wealth. Yes. it is worth something to gain it, but then-murder!"

Here James Cromwell shuddered. and imprisonment, trial, conviction and the gallows, loomed up, an ugly picture, before him.

> CHAPTER XI. On Goat Island.

"Robert," said his guardian, "this is Mr. Cromwell, who is to take charge of you on the journey. Mr. Cromwell, this is my ward, whom I hope you will find a pleasant traveling companion."

"How do you do?" said James Cromwell, holding out his hand rather stiffly to the boy.
"I am well, thank you," said

Robert, looking with curiosity, and it must be confessed, disappointment, at the young man who was to be his companion.

He had hoped that he would be a congenial person, with whom he might be on terms of pleasant familiarity; but when he looked at the small ferret-like eyes and mean features of James Cromwell, his first impressions were unfavorable. Every man's face is to a certain extent indicative of his disposition and prevailing traits; and Robert, who was quicker than most boys in reading character, concluded without delay, that the companion with which his guardian had provided him would not be to his taste. Still, he possessed a great deal of natural courtesy and politeness, and he determined to conceal this feeling as well as he might, and treat Mr. Cromwell with as much respect and politeness as if he had liked him better. Though he would have like 1 to travel with a different person, still, the natural scenery which he would behold would be none the less attractive, and would afford him some com-

genial companion. James Cromwell was on his side not without sharpness or insight. As he met the boy's gaze with the glance of his small ferret-like eyes, he perceived the look of disappointment, however carefully it was veiled, and with the spite of a small, mean mind, it inspired him with instant dislike for Robert. Instead of determining to win his confidence and regard by kindness, he resolved as soon as he fairly had him in his power, to annoy him by petty tyranny, and so wreak vengeance upon him for the feelings he could not help

pensation for the absence of a con-

"I have obtained tickets for you by the middle train." proceeded the merchant. "Here they are," Mr. Cromwell."

"Thank you, sir," said Cromwell, taking them and putting them in his

"You will remain at Niagara two or three days if you like," continued Paul Morton. "I have no doubt you will enjoy yourself. What do you say, Robert?"

"I shall be sure to enjoy it;" said Robert with animation. "So shall I." said Cromwell. "I

have never visited the falls. "Well," said the merchant, drawing on his gloves, "I am sorry, but I shall be obliged to leave you. I have considerable business awaiting me at my counting room. I have ordered a carriage at eleven to convey | marry."-Vogue.

you with your trunks to the railroad THE LORD AND LADY depot. Good-nye. Robert, good-bye. Mr. Cromwell. A pleasant journey to you."

Good-bye, sir," said both. "Oh, by the way, Mr. Cromwell," said the merchant, turning as he reached the door, and looking significantly at Cromwell, "if you meet with any mishap, telegraph to me at

Again a greenish pallor overspread the face of James Cromwell, for he understood the allusion, and his cowardly nature recoiled with fear, not with abhorrence.

"Yes, sir," he said, "I will remember."

"Once more, good-bye, then," and Paul Morton closed the door behind bim.

"I hope I shall never see that boy alive again." he said to himself. "Once get him out of the way and the money is mine. A hundred and twenty thousand dollars will be a great wind-fall to me. To be sure. there will be ten thousand to pay to Cromwell, but it will leave over a hundred thousand. Egad! it would be a capital arrangement if they both would tumble over the falls together. It would be the best joke of the season."

In due time they reached the station, and entering one of the long cars, selected their seats. They did not sit down together, but took seats directly in front of each other, giving a window to each.

"I suppose I ought to say some-thing to him," thought Robert, "but I don't know what to say."

Indeed, there seemed to be no common ground on which they could meet. With some persons the boy would have been engaged in an animated conversation long before this. but he seemed to have nothing to say to James Cromwell.

"Do you like traveling?" he asked at length.

"Pretty well," said Cromwell. "I think we shall have a pleasant journey."

"Yes; I expect so." "Do you know when we shall reach

Niagara, Mr. Cromwell?" "I think Mr. Morton said it would take us about twenty-four hours." "Then we shall get there about this time to-morrow."

"Yes; we shall be all night on the cars.

"I am sorry for that, for we shall lose the scenery on the way-I mean, that we pass through during the night."

Here the conversation dropped. James Cromwell bought a paper from a boy who came through the cars, and began to read. Robert, with all the eager interest of his age, employed himself in looking out of the window, watching the fields and houses among which they were wending their rapid way. It will be unnecessary to chronicle the incidents of the journey, for there were none worth mentioning. In due time they reached Niagara, and secured rooms at the principal hotel on the American side. It was afternoon, and they only went round a little before supper. They decided to defer the principal part of their sight seeing until the next day.

The next day was pleasant. To-

gether the two walked about, enjoying views of the cataract from varipoints. At length Cromwell said. "How would you like to go to Goat island? I am told the view is fine from there."

"I should like it very much. Suppose we go," said Robert promptly. Had he known the sinister purpose with which this proposition was made, he would have recoiled from it as from a deadly serpent, but the boy was wholly unconscious of the peril that menaced him, nor did he observe the nervous agitation that affected James Cromwell, whose timidity made him shrink with fear at the risk he was about to incur.

"Then we will go," said the young man.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

White vs. Colored. There was a boy who was sent out by his father to sell some potatoes. He carried the bag around all day without a sale, and, on reaching home at night threw it down with the surly exclamation: "Nobody that I met asked me for potatoes. One fellow wanted to know what I had in the bag and I told him it was none of his darned business."

There was, in the same town a colored gentleman who went about bawling at the top of his voice: "Fish! Fish! Fish! Fresh Fish!"

"Shut up that racket!" said an angry dame at a window. "You heah me, missy?" "Hear you? You can be heard a

mile away." "Dat's what I'se hollerin' for. Fish! Fish! Fresh Fish!"

The colored gentleman was an advertiser-and sold his goods.-Hard-

A gentleman who had been dining at a restaurant, and who had often ordered a dozen oysters, counted them one day and found but eleven. Still another day he counted them with the same result. Then he said to the waiter: "Why do you give me only eleven

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This is one of the strange characteristics of the English public. It borders its gown with phylacteries; cries out, "Thank God, we are not as other men are!" and places on pedestals to worship men who have gained notoriety in giving way to the weaknesses of flesh. The late prince consort was never popular with the subjects of his wife because he led a blameless life. The memory of Henry VIII. is far more honored in England than that of William III. A certain royal personage, whose numerous peccadillos are town talk, has far more honor in his own country than his younger brother, who is said to be uxoriously inclined. And if Lord Coleridge had not lived so decent a life his memory would probably have been more honored in England than it is.

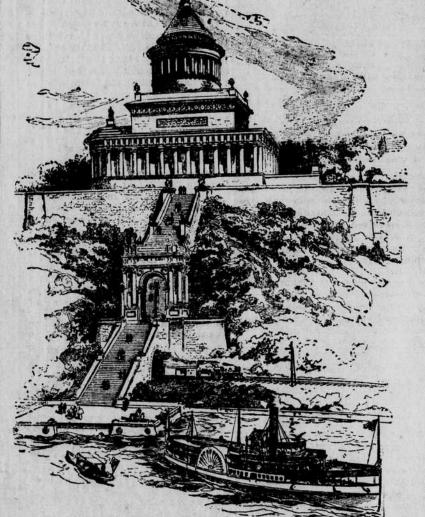
Lord Coleridge came of a noted

borne case. His closing speech, which took over a month to deliver, is considered a masterpiece; but, as a rule, he was greater as a lawyer than as an orator. Soon after the Tichborne trial he was raised to the bench, and in 1872 he was made master of the rolls A year later he was Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas; another year passed and he became a peer, and in 1880, under a statute reorganizing the judiciary, he was appointed Lord Chief Justice of Eng-

A few years ago Lord Coleridge paid a visit to this country and left a most



favorable impression as a conversationalist on those who had the pleasure of meeting him. On the steamer which took him back to England he met a Miss Lawford, the daughter of an Indian civil servant. She was remarkably handsome and en secondes noces he married her, although he was old enough to be her father. There was a family "row," but the new Lady Coleridge succeeded in appeasing her stepsons-not her stepdaughter-and is to-day one of the most popular of the young married women of London society. She is not, however, a persona grata at Windsor or Marlborough house, for Lord Coleridge spoke rather family. His father was a great law- unfeelingly of the prince of Wales



yer; his uncle, Samuel Taylor Cole- when he was trying the celebrated ridge, poet, critic and philosopher, Tranby-Croft baccarat case. was a star of the first magnitude in the firmament of letters; and there were many other Coleridges whose names are inscribed on the rolls of famous Englishmen and English-

Lord Coleridge was born in 1821, and was educated at Eton. At the age of 17 he took an open scholarship at Baliol college, Oxford, and at the university gained a considerable reputation as a theologian. It was generally supposed in those days that he would adopt the church as a profes-

THE LATE LORD COLERIDGE. sion, but after taking a first-class degree and being elected a Fellow of Exeter college, he "ate his dinners" and joined the bar.

His rise was rapid. In 1865 he besolicitor-general and the queen study forestry under a specialist. knighted him. In 1871 he was ap-pointed attorney-general, and while the prosecution in the celebrated Tich- match.

The Sentor Sovereign.

Lord Dufferin recently gave the fifty-sixth dinner party which has been held at the British Embassy in celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday. Having ascended the throne in 1837, she is now the senior sovereign of the world. The late Dom Pedro had in the number of years during which he reigned the seniority of Victoria. But a revolution hurled him from the throne, whereas good Englishmen, particularly among the dissenters, hope the Queen may live to a hundred, if only to keep out the Prince of Wales. Queen Isabella came to the throne six years sooner than Victoria, but she did not know how to keep on it, and her life has been a tissue of scandals, and never more so than at present

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