By sky-kissed stream whose ripples play
With kolden balls from heaven at night,
And lightly skip with clouds by day,
Till these evanish from our sight,
I hear the voice of God

By restless occan, vast and deep, Whose watery hills belth angry foam, Which laps upon the rolky steep. And railant ship on nearing home I hear the voice of God

By torrent swift which early creeps
With rills along the infant shore,
To roaring cataract which leaps
Down, down upon its rock-laid floor,
I hear the voice of God.

Beneath the glint of star pierced blue, Contesting mildly ni ht's control, Some light of heaven letting through, Softly, yet clearly, in my soul, I hear the voice of God —Winfield S. Davis

## THE MERCHANT'S CRIME.

BY HORATIO ALGER, JR.

CHAPTER VIII-CONTINUED. "What!" exclaimed Paul Morton, Do you think I will suffer myself to be subjected to such a degrading suspicion-a man of my position in society-what advantage could I possibly reap from my friend's death?" "He was a rich man," suggested James Cromwell, significantly.

"That is true," said the merchant. with self-possession. "He was a

"And he may have left his prop-

erty to you." "You happen to be mistaken there. He had left his property to a

son, a boy of fourteen. "Where is this son?" asked the clerk, a little taken aback by this

discovery, which was new to him. "He is now in my house." "And suppose the boy dies?"

It was now Paul Morton's turn to hesitate. "That is not very probable," he

said. "He is a strong, vigorous boy." "Who is to be his guardian?" "I am."

"Indeed! And if he dies there is no provision made as to the prop-

erty?" "It will go to me if he dies before attaining his majority."

The clerk coughed-a little significant cough-which annoyed Mr. Morton not a little. It conveyed an imputation which he couldn't resent,

because it was indirect. "I hope you are satisfied," he said at length.

"O, certainly; that is, nearly so," said James Cromwell; "but then it is not enough that I should be satisfied."

"Why not?" "My employer may not be." "Does your employer know who made the purchase?"

"No, I have not as yet communicated the name to him. "Don't tell him. It is none of his

business." "He will not agree with you there."

"What matter if he does not?" "You must remember that I am a

poor clerk, dependent on my salary, and that in my position, it is not safe to risk offending my employer. Suppose I am discharged from my position, how am I to live?"

"Can you not procure another

"Not if he refuses his recomthe case. Pesides, our business is crowded, and under the most favorable circumstances I might be weeks. and possibly months without employment."

Paul Morton leaned his head on his hand, and considered what was to be done with this difficult visitor. It was evident that he expected to "What wages do you get?" he

asked, looking up. "Twenty dollars a week," said

Cromwell, promptly. As the reader knows, this was just double what he did receive, and as Mr. Morton was not likely to inquire or \$3,900." of his employer, he felt that the lie was a safe one, and likely to conduce

to his advantage. "Twenty dollars a week! Very well, I will tell you what you must do. In the first place, you must refuse to make your employer any communications respecting this affair."

"Very well, sir." "And if he discharges you I will pay you twenty dollars a week until you can get another situation. Perhaps I may find you some other em-

present business. "No, sir, I don't like it." "Do, then, as I tell you, and I will

see that you suffer no loss.' "Thank you, sir." said James directions, and let you know the re-

sult to-morrow evening." The clerk left the house in a very contented frame of mind. He determined to resign his situation the next morning, and claim the stipulated weekly allowance.

## CHAPTER IX.

How Matters Were Arranged.

After the clerk had left him, Paul Morton began to consider what was best to be done. He had at first been inclined to despise this man as insignificant and incapable of mischief, but the interview which he had just had convinced him that on this point he was mistaken. It was evident that he was in the clerk's power, and just as evident that the latter wanted to be bought off.

"After all, it is not so bad." he said to himself. "he has his price: the only question is, whether that price is an exorbitant one or not. I must make the best possible terms

with him." There was another question to be decided, and that related to his his early death, which would cut off ward - young Robert Raymond your income arising from the allow-Should he send him back to school ance I make for him." or not? Why should he not kill two "Yes." said the clerk. "but if I ful eyes. "and yet I hardly want you birds with one stone, by placing his remember rightly, it would be a ben- for a hub, you know!"

well, with a liberal allowance, to be property in his place.' deducted from his ward's income for charge of a boy. But then, he was not a conscientious guardian, and interests. Besides, there were certain plans and hopes which he cher- sand dollars." ished that could best be subserved by a man not over scrupulous, and he judged rightly that James Cromwell would become a pliant tool in

enough for it. He was not surprised to receive another visit from the clerk on the evening succeeding the interview which was chronicled in the last chapter.

"Well," he said, when the latter was ushered into his presence, and they were left alone, "what have

you to tell me?" "I have lost my situation," said

Cromwell, briefly. "Then your employer was offended

at your silence?" "Yes: he said he must know who bought the article."

"And you refused to tell him?" "I did. Upon this he said that he had no further occasion for my services, and that under the circumstances he must refuse me a recom-

mendation. So you see I have got into serious trouble on account of keeping your secret.' Paul Morton winced at the last

on them. "I must see what I can do for you," prepared for the communication which had been made him. "Last evening I did not see any way clear, but a plan has since then occurred

you. Have you ever been in the West?" "Yes, sir, I was born in Indiana." "Then you have some acquaint-

to me. But it is necessary that I

ance about there?" 'Yes sir," said the clerk, wondering what was coming.

drug-shop in some prosperous Western town? As a proprietor the business might be more agreeable to you than as a clerk."

"Yes sir, it would," said the clerk, brightening up. The prospect of a business of his own struck him fa-

"But I have no money," he added. "That matter could be arranged," said the merchant. .Of course I cannot pay except for services rendered, but I have a charge to intrust you with."

James Cromwell awaited with interest and curiosity what should be said next.

Paul Morton continued:

"I have been thinking," he said, "that it will be better for my ward's health that he should reside in the West. My opinion is that the rough winds of the Atlantic coast may be injurious for him, but I have been puzzled to decide upon a competent man to take charge of him. I am inclined to think that as you have mendation, which would probably be nothing to prevent your going out West, and moreover, are acquainted with the country, it will suit my views to give you the general oversight of Robert. He can board at the same place with you, and go to school."

"What shall I receive for my services?' asked James Cromwell, coming at once to that part of the busibe bought off, and that he must be. ness which was to him of the greatest importance.

"I have been thinking of that." said the merchant. .. How much will it cost to buy out a fair druggist's shop?"

"It might be managed for \$2,000

"Two thousand dollars will be quite enough, I am sure. Very well, I am willing to buy you such a business, and allow you besides, \$1,000 a year for the charge of the boy. Out of this you will pay for his board and clothes, and the balance you can keep for your trouble."

"There won't be much left," grumbled the clerk, though the offer exceeded what he anticipated. Still he wished to make the best bargain

ployment, unless you prefer your ... Half of it will be left," said the merchant. "his board in a Western town won't cost more than \$250 a year, leaving the same sum for his clothing and miscellansous expenses. That will consume only one half the Cromwell rising, "I will follow your money, leaving you \$500, besides money, leaving you \$5)), besides all," said Peter, "we will soon cure what you can make from your busi- it; take me to her at once." When

·· How soon do you wish me to undertake the charge?"

"As soon as you can. Do you think of any town or village where you think it would suit you to settle

"Yes," said James Cromwell, after a pause. I think of one town where I heard that the druggist wished to seil out."

"What is the name of the town?"

"Barton." "And where is it located?"

"In the south 'rn part of Indiana." "Yes. that will do."

There was a pause at this point. James Cromwell was waiting to learn what farther communication the merchant might have to make. The latte: hesitate | because he wished to come to an understanding on a collar. ce tain point which it required some

delicacy to introduce. "Then again." said Paul Morton. trying to speak indifferently, "of course there is the contingency of

ward in the charge of James Crom- sfit to you, for you would inherit the

"Yes: that was the arrangement his trouble? Not that he considered his father made without my knowlthe clerk, of whom he knew next to edge. But that has nothing to do nothing, and that little not to his with you. I will tell you what I credit, a suitable person to have the have decided to do in the contingency which I have just named If the boy dies, you will be an aroual his only desire was, so to arrange loser; I will agree to give you outmatters as best to subserve his own | right such a sum as will produce an equal annual income, sa; ten thou-

"You will give ten thousand dollars if the boy dies?"

"Yes; should he be removed by an early death, though, of course, this is his hands if he were paid well not probable, I will make over to you the sum I have namel." "Ten thousand dellars?"

"Yes; ten thousand dollars, as a testimenial of my appreciation of your services in taking charge of him. That certainly is a liberal arrangement.'

"Yes;" said James Cromwell, in a low voice, his face a little pater than its wont, for he knew as well as his employer, that the sum mentioned was indirectly offered him as an inducement to make way with the boy. He could not prove it, of course, but it was clear to his own mind, and Paul Morton meant that it should be.

"Come here to morrow," he said, rising as a signal of dismissal, "and meanwhile I will prepare my ward for the new plans which we have been discussing."

> CHAPTER X. A Villainous Suggestion.

"Tell Robert Raymond that I wish to speak to him." said Paul Morton, two words, but he didn't comment | to a servant who answered his bell. "Yes, sir."

In five minutes Robert entered his said Paul Morton, who was quite presence. The boy was clad in a suit of black, and his face was grave and sad. The death of his father, his only relation of whom he had any knowledge, had weighed heavily upon his feelings, and he moved about the shall first know a little more about house in a listless way, with little appetite or spirit.

"You sent for me, sir?" he said, interrogatively, as he entered.

"Yes, Robert, take a seat. I wish to speak to you," said his guardian. The boy obeyed, and looked in-

quiringly in the face of Paul Morton "How would you like to buy out a to see what he had to communicate. "It is desirable," he said, "that we should speak together of your future arrangements. It is for that purpose I have sent for you this morning."

"I suppose I shall go back to the school where my father placed me," said Robert. "Ahem!" said his guardian. "that

we can settle presently. I have not yet decided upon that point." "It is a very good school, sir. I think it was my father's intention

that I should remain there for at least two years longer." "He never spoke to me on that subject. He thought it would be safe to trust to my judgment in the

matter. "Then I am not to go back?" said Robert, in some disappointment.

"I do not say that. I only say that I have not yet decided upon that point. Even if you go back you need not go at once. "I shall fall behind my class," said Robert.

"You are young yet and there is no hurry. For the present I have another plan in view for you. "What is it, Mr. Morton?"

"Come here a minute. I want you to look at some views I have here." In some surprise the boy came to his side; for the remark seemed to have no connection with the plan his guardian has referred to just Mr. Morton drew from a drawer in his desk a collection of views of Niagara falls, and spread them before his ward.

"Have you ever visited Niagara. Robert?" he asked. "No. sir."

"Here are some views of the cataract. It is a beautiful sight." "Oh, yes, sir," said Robert.

have heard a great deal of it, and I have often thought I should like to

TTO BE CONTINUED. ]

Peter the freat Pull d Teeth. Peter the Great particularly delighted in drawing teeth, and he strictly enjoined his servants to send for him when anything of that sort was to be done. One day his favorite valet de chambre seemed very melancholy; the czar asked him what was the matter .Oh. your majesty," said the man, "my wife is suffering the greatest agony from toothache. and she obstinately refuses to have the tooth taken out." "If that is they arrived, the woman declared that she was not suffering at all: there was nothing the matter with her. "That is the way she talks. your ma esty," said the valet; "she is suffering tortures." .. Hold her head and hands," said the ezar; "I will have it out in a moment." And he instantly pulled out the indicated tooth with great dexterity, amid profuse thanks from the husband. What was Peter's indignation to discover a little later that his valet sort whatever. had used him as an executioner to punish his wife, who had never had an unsound tooth in her head .- Ar-

'Round too Much. Pale with suppressed indignation Algernon McStab uncrossed his legs. rose stiffly, and turned up his coat

"Glycerine McCurdy," he howled. "you have seen fit to sneer at me. You have accused me of having a donna's tears. There was a hole in the wheel in my head. If I have, false top of her head. The rain had entered beauty, it is at least a wheel that has and filled the cavity, and in time run true to you!" worked its way through the eyes, the run true to you!"

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How Myths Originate. No doubt many legends of the ancient world, though not really history, are myths which have arisen by reasoning on actual events as definite as that which, some four years ago, was terrifying the peasant mind in North Germany, and especially in Posen. The report had spread far and wide that all Catholic children with black hair and blue eyes were to be sent out of the country, some said to Russia, while others declared it was the King of Prussia who had been playing cards with the Sultan of Turkey, and had staked and lost 40,000 fair-haired, blueeyed children; and there were Moors traveling about in covered carts to collect tnem; and the schoolmasters were helping, for they were to have \$5 for every child they handed over. For a time the popular excitement was quite serious; the parents kept the children away from school and hid them, and when they appeared in the streets of the market town the little ones clung to them with terrified looks. Dr. Schwartze, the well-known mythologist, took the pains to trace the rumor to its source. One thing was quite plain, that its prime cause was that grave and learned body, the Anthropological Society of Berlin, who, without a thought of the commotion they were stirring up, had, in order to class the population as to race, induced the authorities to have a census made throughout the local schools to ascertain the color of the children's skin, hair and eyes. Had it been only the boys, to the Government inspection of whom for military conscription the German peasants are only too well accustomed, nothing would heve been thought of it; but why should the officials want to know about the little girls' hair and eyes?-Popular Science Monthly.

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A Child's Rebuke.

In June last, at T., Pa., "Children's Sunday" was observed, at which time several children were christened. Little Johnny was rather pugnacious by temperament, but seemed deeply impressed pillows had been renovated by a peregrinating renovator, which process had attracted much attention among the children. On the afternoon after the christening Johnny was quite angered by one of his sisters. Immediately the hand was raised, as of old, to strike; but slowly it was lowered, and, with a serions voice and a look worthy the rebuke of an apostle, he said: "Oh, sister, how could you?—and you just renovated, too!"—Harper's Magazine.

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Experiments with Opium Smoking. One Herr Maclay, in the course of a stay at Hong Kong, made an experimen' upon his own body which would appear to be pretty conclusive as to the effect of opium-smoking. After fasting eighteen hours, he smoked twenty-seven pipes, holding in all 107 grains of the opium used by the Chinese. It is interesting to know that after the third pipe he ceased to feel hungry, and the fifth pipe left him unable to walk about comforta bly; the seventh brought his pulse down from eighty-six to seventy; the twelfth caused singing in the ears, and the thirteenth a heavy fit of laughter. Twenty-five pipes affected his hearing, but, within an hour after the trial, which had only lasted about 160 minutes, he was able to go home and go to bed, where he slept so soundly as to wake up fairly fresh and hungry the next morn-During the whole experiment, he ing. had no dreams or hallucinations of any

The Statue Wept.

Last winter at one of the little hillside shrines near San Remothe Madonna was observed to be weeping. This was not seen by one, but by many, as great crowds collected and watched the slowly dripping tears. The people were puzzled, bewildered, frightened. And so they called together the wisest men to find out the cause. After several days of deliberation and examination. they announced the cause of the Ma-"Ah, yes," replied the young we pupils of which presented the thinnest Home Letter.

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Wild Animals in Africa.

Although the gradual spread of the population toward the interior of Africa is driving the wild animals further and further inland, and though they are consequently difficult to reach in the more inaccessible haunts to which they have retreated, yet the larger wild animals have, with one or two exceptions, scarcely suffered any diminution from the advancing tide of civilization. Ostriches have suffered, perhaps, the most, but only to exchange a wild for a do-mesticated state. Elephants are frequently seen within a short distance of southern and southeastern coasts. Hippopotami are abundant. Even the larger beasts of prey are by no means uncommon, and tigers are especially depredators. If the reports of diamond diggers in the Northwest are to be believed, a new animal has lately made its appearance as a candidate for the honor of being chased by an enterprising sportsman. It is called by the bushmen, or natives, the "bear lion," and is described as being about the size of a lion, but far stronger in make, and with a tremendous head and neck. Its legs are much shorter than a lion's, but much stouter, and it is apparently far more powerful. Its color is a dark yellow, with black spots. It runs or creeps along the ground, but does not bound like a lion. It has sometimes been seen accompanied by a smaller one-probably a cub-so that the race is apparently not yet quite extinct, whatever the animal may be.

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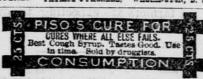
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