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wretched looking woman of past middle age, who was very poorly though
tidily dressed, and who, while I was
talking with the man in the passage,
passed through, carrying in her hand
a nice piece of runn steak and a small a nice piece of rump steak and a small cauliflower. "That's, how she does it," said Mr. Manager, as the woman, who was too weak to walk well, held on the balusters with her disengaged hand while she descended the steps that led down into the cellar; "that and a pint of stout will make her a decent dinner. She can afford it, and if she couldn't she would be dead in a month," On my requesting an explanation of this enigmatical speech, the manager continued: "I can't give "B. you all the particulars, because what she doses herself with is a secret. But dose herself she does. She remains indoors till after the gas is lit, and an hour or so before she starts she takes her dose, whatever it is, and it makes her that horrible ill that 'pon my soul it's a wonder how she finds pluck to continue at the game. Her face goes ghastly and pinched, and she goes black under the eyes, and she's so weak that there's no general she's so weak that there's no gammon about her hand shaking as she leans on her stick. She toddles out every evening, and you may find her afterward standing just off the pavement with a paper pinned to her breast, on which is writ. 'I am very ill and in deep distress.' She doesn't say a word, I am totd, or even hold out her hand. She hasn't any need to. I've known her to go out from here at 6 o'clock, and she'd been going it so the night before that she's fairly stumped and been glad to borrow two-pence half-penny of me for a half-quartern of gin to start her. Well, sir, I've known her to go out at 6 and be home before 10 with a matter of eight or nine shillings all in coppers. Does the stuff she takes do

low doesn't make her forget 'em. But it is an out-and-out game while it lasts, and plenty of 'em that lodge here would give her something handsome if she would put 'em up to what her 'dose' is. Do I think they would? I'm sure of it. Why, take notice of that chap out there in the yard, washing his shirt. You see his arm?" I ing his shirt. You see his arm?" I looked at the individual indicated, whose braces crossed his naked shoulders, and I saw at once that his right ers, and I saw at once that his right arm was frightfully attenuated—seemingly mere skin and bone, while the corresponding limb was well nourished and plump. "There is no pretense there," I remarked; "the poor fellow has a withered arm." Mr. Manager has a withered arm." Mr. Manager "The form is pied, and we ought to have been to press an hour ago. The grinned. "I don't say he's a liar," said he, "but he brags that he did it himself on purpose, that he might have the advantage of being a cripple. He's been a soldier, and what he says the old man snatched a proof from the revise hook, and becau folding it in a is - between friends and in confidence, you know-that wanting to get out of the service, and not caring to work for a living, he gave himself a bang on the elbow with a hammer. It passed as an accident, he had a few months in the infirmary, and came out of the army with an allowance of sixteen pence a day for eighteen months, and

But he doesn't make much. Not more than four or four and sixpence a day." "But that is much more than average hard-working laborer earns," I remarked. 'The hard-working laborer?" returned Mr. Manager, with undisguised contempt; "Ill find you dozens of fellows about here who haven't got the advantage of being crippled, who'd be sorry to earn as little as a hard-working laborer.' And there is no doubt that there might be found scores of men and women, disabled, who make such an excellent living by displaying their infirmities that they would decidedly

There is balm in Gilead to heal each gaping wound;
In Thomas Electric Oil, the remedy is excellent living by displaying their infirmities that they would decidedly decline to be made sound, were such a miracle possible. I can speak positively as regards blind men who are street-beggars. Finding them in wretched homes, with a drunken wife, It only costs a trifle, 'tis worth its weight and grown-up, lazy children, living in clover on the money bestowed on their sightless parent during the day, I have interested in their favor those who, had they been willing, would at once have placed them in a comfortable asylum where for the remainder of their lives they would have been well fed and lodged and taught a trade as well. But in at least three instances they declined to avail themselves of the opportunity. Two of them excused themselves on the plea that they could not bear to

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The Aged Typo. Denver Intro-Crean. It is remarkable how the habits of life cling to a person even during his last moments. The boy in The Interlast moments. The boy in The Inter-Ocean office hardly expected to find the old man at his case when they came to work in the morning, for when he had gone home the night before they had noticed his steps were very feeble. For over forty years he had a case; first on a metropolitan daily, then on a little country weekly, and then on a religious monthly. His hand was steady as yet, despite his 60 girl had sense and knew the difference atween a feller as straight as a sapling with a color like new mahogany and such a melancholy-lookin' specimen as that. Besides, I had a mortgage on the old homestead and Ann Maria's father owed me money, but I did right by them. I told her ef she married me I'd deed the whole thing back to her, and I did. Well, we was married, and we made as purty a couple as you

TRICKS OF THE BEGGING TRADE. odd years, and very few of his "a's" ever saw in your life. Ann Maria had got into his "r" box. This bright, a settin out of china and linen, and I provided the house, and folks said I How the Fraternity in London Deceive the Charitable.

London Telegraph.

The reader may be surprised to learn that it is not in all cases that bona-fide cripples, and those who are unmistakably afflicted and who implore charity, are really entitled to commiseration and relief. It is quite within the verge of possibility that they have rendered themselvesobjects of compassion deliberately and with a purpose. At a notorious lodging-house in the neighborhood of Drury Lane he manager pointed out to me two such characters. The one was a wretched looking woman of past middle age, who was very poorly though.

came more and more rapid. The pressman ran for a glass of water, and returning held it to his tips. As the water touched his parched tengue a spasm of pain shot across his face, and his frame was convulsed with agony. With an effort which seemed almost superhuman he dashed the glass upon the floor, and it was aplintered into a like specific transfer for the superhuman he dashed the glass upon the floor, and it was aplintered into a like specific transfer for the superhuman he dashed the glass upon the floor, and it was aplintered into a like specific transmit as I did when I saw her lying white and peaceful in her chintz gown, with the violet on it, and something around her neck that I never see before—a little cheap locket with some hair in it that wasn't mine. Then I mistrusted that her heart had broke, and I said solemnly the floor. the floor, and it was splintered into a as I kissed her good-by: 'My dear, thousand pieces. This effort seemed I'll never have a wife but you if I to arouse him somewhat, and he gaz-ed about him with a bewildered never have, and I think mebbe she

"Boys," he said; "boys, are the cases all full?" "His mind wanders," whispered the foreman, in a low voice, and then he said aloud, as he bent

over the old man: "Yes, Dick, old fellow, everything is thrown in."

"Tha'ts right, that's right," exciaimed the teeble old man, "there is nothing like having the galleys and stones all cleared off," and he seemed to brighten up considerably, and made an effort to sur the fire with a warped sidestick, which the boys used as a

"I've run short of em quads, boys, and haven't enough to space out this poetry," he said, and his faltering fingers went through the motion of travenng over the case in search of the requisite meta.

"That's all right, Dick, we'll throw in some quoins and that will bring it all right," said one of the boys in a

sympathetic voice.
"Ah, Charley," said the old man,
"that reminds me of the old Casey. ville Herald days, when we used to drop out a dead 'ad.' and lock up the planer in the forms to fill out with.
Fat times, those," he continued;
they will never come back to the old man," and he leaned his head on both hands and swayed to and fro. The boys gathered around him more closely to prevent his talling.

One of the boys, in coming to the old man's side, stumbling over a chase which was leaning against the com-posing stand, and it fell with a loud crash. The old man sprang to his feet, and it was all the boys could do to restrain him. "You've pied the form," he shouted, "and it is time to go to press. What shall we do, what shall we do?"

revise hook, and began folding it in a helpless manner. "It's all wrong, but it is too late,"

he gasped.
"The press waits." Here his head sank again upon his breast, and his breathing was thick and fast. "Yes, boys lock up the forms and look out-

look out for loose spaces.' The boys stood silently around the his arm has been gradually wasting to old compositor, and the scene was an what you see it now. Does he show it

what you see it now. Does he show it to excite compassion? Rather. He can use it a bit, and he can play on his fiddle with it about the streets, showing it all bare up to the sheulder.

'The pages are all proved, everything all right," he murmured in broken accents. "Now, then, careful, boys; lift off the forms, and clean off the stones, and before, before you start up the press, let us-let us-jeff

for the drinks.' He fell with a heavy thud to the floor, and the foreman, with the aid of the pressman, lifted him up and laid him tenderly on a pile of mailbags under the cutter, and one by one the boys returned to their cases and left him to-sober up.

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shoulders and the red on her cheeks that was like a winter apple! Dear me! she's never faded a mite in all them years, but just sits there a lookin at me, as she did when I brought her home. You see there was a kind of romance tew it, and I've offen and offen thought that if I had the power and could rite it out it would read beautifuller than a novel; Never Too Late to Mend.

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would read beautifuller than a novel; the fact was that Ann Maria had another beau, but that ain't no wonder, for she was the smartest and prettiest and best girl in the hull country-side; but what I mean, she had favored him ever so little afore I come around and began keepin' her company. Folks kind of coupled their names together, and some of 'em, to bother. keepin' her company. Folks kind of coupled their names together, and some of 'em, to bother me, hinted that she cared a heap for him. Why, you'd orter tew hev seen him! He was slim and fine as a lady, and wore gaiter shoes and had holler eyes, as if he'd never had quite enuff to eat

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