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#### My Letter of Introduction.

"I'm sorry I can't go up to London with you," said Mr. Bridgeworth, who had just crossed the Channel with me, as we stood chatting at the Dover railway station, whither he had come to see me off.

Our brief acquaintance, struck up the night before on the Calais packet, had been rendered so agreeable by Mr. Bridgeworth's affability, that I was more than half prepared, if not to dispute the dogma that gruff-English manners, at least to admit

"It would afford me pleasure," he added, "to act the part of 'guide, philosopher and friend,' on your first visit to the great metropolis: but since that cannot be-business before pleasure, you know-I've written a letter to a chum of mine a connoisseur in city life, and will see you suitably bestowed."

I thanked my new friend for his Grumlie. kindness, put his letter in my pocket, and bidding him many warm adieux, hurried at the call of the guard, to take my place aboard the

I was followed up the step by a thick-set and rather coarse featured man, who, besides myself, was the sole occupant of the compartment. The coor was locked, the bell rang, and the train set in motion.

The stout gentleman busied himself, for a time, with his newspaper, and then threw it down with a grunt. The next half hour he looked out of the window, his face betokening anything but pleasure at the proautumn drizzle

Turning about, with another grunt, his deep-set, gray eyes glanced me over keeply.

"Do you know the-the gentleman you were talking with just before the train started?" he asked, in a quick, sharp voice. "I do," I answered-mentally ad-

exclusively a Yankee trait."

Seems to me I've seen him before-what might his name be?" was the next question.

"Bridgeworth." "And your own ?"

"Hanley."

I was more amused than annoyed | The truth flashed upon me. at this cross-examination.

"How long have you known Mr. Bridgeworth ?" continued my inqisitor. "Since we got on the Calais boat

together last evening," I replied. "Humph !"

I thought it was now my turn. "D) you reside in London ?" "Yes."

"May I inquire your name?"

"MacGrumlie." "Sootch extraction, I presume ?"

"Can't say-never saw the family tree."

"Nor need you wish to, if it's left it there.

"By the way," I said, after a duction to a friend of his; perhaps, on our arrival, you can direct me to friends, trusting to their honor to the place mentioned in the address." remit him his share of the spoil."

"What is it ?" I showed him the superscription. With another of his "humphs" he handed the letter back.

"Bo you want to go there at once ?"

"I might as well," said I; "I have no acquaintances in London, and Mr. Bridgeworth has assured me of his friend's kindly offices,"

MacGrumlie was kind enough to with their plunder." say. "It's on my road home. You can leave your luggage at the station and we'll take a cab together."

This agreed to, the conversation gayety. with those whose tedium had nothing to relieve it save Mac- used by girls to fasten ribbons at influence of the Blarney from your Grumlie's ever-recurring soliloquies the neck. Soon he met a girl who lips?" and the smart Alex stepped of "humphs" and grunts.

It was dark when we reached the such a pin. The sequel follows: city. My companion hailed a cab. gave the driver the direction, and jumping in by my side, we were the one he had found. She seized it soon rattling down a shabby, ill- hastily, and with great delight, lighted street.

He as we checked in front of a boy was gnawing at his crust, and delirious,

sombre-looking building.

Yew words were spent in leavetaking. I got out, paid my share of very good one; I have already bitthe fare, and having, with difficulty | ten it." distinguished the number on the door, I rang the bell, while the cab

Several minutes elapsed, and I was on the point of giving the knob after ne returned to the yillage as it another pull, when I heard steps inside. The door opened, and a not little girl again, who at once recogvery prepossessing male servant nized her benefactor. She perceived growled:

"What do you want ?" "I have a letter for Mr. Fitz

Quagg," I said; "is be in ?" "Gimme it, an I'll see," said the lackey, snatching rather than receiving the letter from my hand.

Without inviting me to enter, he slammed the door in my face, and I heard his heavy tramp retreating.

After another delay, and a sound of lighter footsteps, the door was buy apples and cakes for the moagain opened, and a youngish look- ney." ing man, in a garb, as ! 16 vealed by the imperfect light, which appeared more flashy than genteel, stood be- needles to his own village, and sold

"Sorry to have kept you waiting, Mr. Hanley," he said, seizing my ney foolishly which he received, but band cordially. "Have read Bridg's went and bought some fresh needles letter-capital fellow, Bridg. Any friend of his always welcome. Just carrying about a little tin box on ness is the predominating feature of going to dine with a few friends. his back, in which were buckles, Must join us. Good way to intro- thimbles, buttons, thread and needthat it is a rule not without excep- duce you. Come, Dick,"-turning to his surly servant-"run ahead and tell them to put another name in the pot,"

Cutting short my acknowledgements, Mr. Fitz Quagg took my arm | France ; and when he was twenty. and we sauntered leisurly along, As we turned a corner to go down a street less inviting, if anything, in town, which you will do well to than the one we had left, I caught a profit, and his speculative head alpresent as soon as possible, for he is glimpse, I fancied, of a form, on the opposite side of the street, much re- ticles. sembling the burly figure of Mac-

We stopped at length before a door at which my companion knocked peculiarly. We were at once admitted, and Mr. Fitz Quagg led the way to a room lighted by a dim lamp, where, half invisible in an atmosphere of smoke, sat three of his familiar spirits, each with a pipe in his mouth.

"I say, Dick," said Fitz Quaggthe ceremony of introduction overwaiting for the solids."

Soon each man had a tumbler of punch before him.

"Here's to our better acquaintspect, the charms of which were not out the hilarious Fitz Quagg, rising thirty summers. But as yet she had heightened by the effect of a dull and draining his joram in honor of no suitor, because she was poor. Out of sheer politeness I swallow-

ed the abominable stuff, though the taste half sickened me. In a few seconds my head began to whirl. Fitz Quagg and his friends seemed to be spinning round the room. The clouds of smoke thickened. My temples throbbed. A dull heaviness ding, "Inquisitiveness, I se isn't settled on my brain, and at last, came unconsciousness.

How long it was before my faculties returned I know not; but when they did, my companions had disappeared. I felt for my watch to note the time, It was gone, and my pocketbook and money with it.

"Drugged and robbed!" I exclaimed.

"You've hit it exactly," answered a voice, which I had heard before; and turning about, my eyes fell on the impressive face of the gruff MacGrumlie.

"Never mind," he continued, both safe at the station house. The fellow you parted with this morning is a noted thief, whose face having grown too familiar in London, he has been plying his trade on the continent of late. Ascertaining, proknown by its fruit," was the retort | bably, that you had a large sum of I had on the tip of my tongue, but I money about you, he came across the channel in your company, but finding no safe chance to pick your pause, "Mr. Bridgeworth was kind pocket by the way, and not daring enough to give me a letter of intro- to follow any further, he commended you to the kind offices of his city

"As an old detective, I had little difficulty in fathoming his scheme, as soon as I learned he had given you a letter. So I kept a close watch on your movements from the moment you left the cab, which I dismissed immediately after. Then waiting till things had gone far enough to insure the rogues a good term of penal servitude, I summoned assistance and pounced upon "I'll show you the way," Mr. them before they could make off

#### A Banker's Story.

A banker in Paris gave an eleflagged, in spite of all efforts on my gant feast to his friends, and after part to revive it. I couldn't help the feast gave a brief account of his contrasting the hours so lately en- early life, suggested by a large ugly livened by Bridgeworth's wit and pin in his napkin. He was a spoor proxy? You have been there and boy, and one day found a large pin was in trouble because she had lost

"There is another for you," said the boy good naturedly, giving her

"Now I shall not be beaten," she "Here you are !" said MacGrum- | said. She pow remarked how the !

said, "I have got an apple in my pocket, will you have it?" It is a

very good one; I have already bitten it."

Instead of making any reply, the beggar boy soon put his teeth into the apple which she handed to him the apple which she handed to him and went his way. A few weeks was then fair time. He met the directly how hungry he was, she put her hand into her pocket, but there were no apples there, and she wanted very much to give him some-

Fortunately she had received a few packets of needles and property present from her grandmother, who present from her grandmother, who present from her grandmother, who gave the boy one of these packets, | 38 low as

A bright idea came now into the boy's head; he returned with the them there to the peasant women. But he did not go and spend the moand soon set up as a regular hawker. les of all kinds.

Through wind and bad weather, through shower and heat, he wandered from village to village, jour-neying thus through the whole of he opened a little shop in the suburbs of Paris. He traded in everything which could bring him any ways hit upon the right sort of ar-

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Now he thought of his pin which he had found when he was a little yagabond, and of the little blackeyed girl, whom, on account of this pin, he had once saved from a beating. He traveled to the village where he then had begged; he was JOHN B. OGDEN, 42 Cedar St, N. Y. 5-6m curious to know what had become "fill us up the glasses while we're of the girl who by her gift of a packet of needles, had first aroused in him the spirit of commerce,

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ly, "I see him before me now; how ravenously he bit the apple which I had already witten, with his white teeth. The stranger replied, smilingly,

"I am the beggar boy; out of the heart of that apple grew my good fortune. Will you'share it ?"

The answer was a joyful "Yes." The wedding took place in the vil-

The banker was silent and looked affectionately at his wife, who blushed very deeply. "Yes, gentlemen," he exclaimed, "the beggarboy not "your property and the robbers are only became rich, but happy. God has rewarded him greatly for that one little kind action. And, gentlemen I am the former vagabond, and my good wife opposite is the little girl I found weeping; and this is the pin I found upon the ground,"

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"Indeed, then you should." "I know, but I have not done so, but why should I not kiss it by kissed it, why should I not take the forward to proxify the young lady. But she drew back, and looking him

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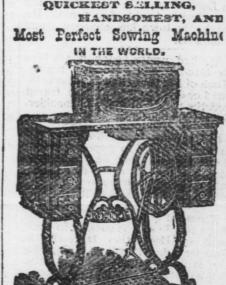
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