

THE ORTHOD-OX TEAM.

"Hold on, stranger! Turn out yonder close to the wall! For the road's very narrow, and I've got it all! Whoo, back, haw there, old Baptist! Whoo, Methodist, whoa! These are oxen that need all the road, you must know. Yes, I drive without swearin', though strange it may seem. For I'm drivin', good stranger, my orthod-ox team!"

beautiful, but he felt instinctively that she had a humane heart under her hood. In reply, therefore, to her charmingly hisped "Can we offer you shelter, sir?" he poured out his plaint. There was an elderly, dark-eyed and hard-faced woman in the gloom of a passage behind, and the night-cap on her head at once made Mark regard her as an enemy. But as he sat on a chair in the little room, cumbered with millinery into which he had been invited, and watched the play of the girl's face, Mark knew that he had gained an ally.

Mr. Parlington. I am so sorry for you. But why will you leave Abernethy as well as me? "Do you think I can tolerate it without you?" retorted Mark. Claudia laughed with a certain constraint. "You would soon forget me," she said. "Are you, Mr. Parlington, always so idle? No, no, I do not mean that, please forgive me. But when you are not here do you not work like other people?" asked Claudia.

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