



LULLABY.

Oh, hush thee! my bonnie, my baby! The wind sings a soft lullaby...

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CHAPTER X.—CONTINUED.

The reader may be inclined to ask if it is not curious that success so often attended my little stratagems...

CHAPTER XI.

HOW A GREAT NATIONAL CATASTROPHE WAS AVERTED ON JUBILEE DAY.

Being desirous of seeing the play out, I had secured—at a reasonable enough price—a front seat in the top window...

CHAPTER XII.

EXIT COUNCILLOR NUMBER FIVE.

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"Yes, there's a great deal in what you say," I said, thinking it wiser to agree with him than to add fuel to the fire of his grievance...

Just at this moment the sound of distant cheering from the west increased perceptibly in volume. It was no longer mere cheering, but the almost frenzied shout of a multitude swayed by some great emotion.

And then, amid a whirling of waving hands and fluttering handkerchiefs, a string of carriages swept by. No one stayed to notice the mechanical, almost automatic, backward and forward swaying of the royal processions.

I drew in my head once more and glanced across at Number Two, who was staring blankly, even stupidly, at the spot where the ineffectual ball had fallen.

Suddenly the fact that someone was looking at him—that at that moment, when every other head but his own was turned eastward for a last glimpse of the queen, one person's eyes were fixed upon him—seemed in some way to make itself known to his consciousness.

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IT WAS NOT A CHEERFUL SPOT. stood on the brickfields near the cemetery at Tarborough. There we were to assemble at midnight, and thither I accordingly betook myself at the appointed hour.

shed. For what use it had originally been intended I cannot say. There was neither fireplace nor window. It consisted merely of four wooden walls, a roof and a clay floor.

"Fellow-councillors," he said, "I am here as promised to report progress, but I regret to say, as you must already have assumed, that there is no progress to report. Our glorious jubilee scheme has failed, not for want of care on my part, but because there has been a traitor in our midst.

"Queen! Queen! God bless her! God save her!" burst from many thousand throats. With the cries ringing in my ears I switched my eyes upward—not without an effort—and looking across at Number Two, I saw that he was in the act of cutting the thread.

He stopped speechless with passion, and glared around the assembly like a madman. As for myself, the very heart of me went down into my boots.

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