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Poetry.

The Deacon's Masterpiece: OR THE WONDERFUL "ONE-HOSS-SHAY.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Have you heard of the wonderful one-hoss-shay, That was built in such a logical way It ran a hundred years to a day. Searing the purson into fits, Frightening people out of their wits,-Have you ever heard of that, I say?

Seventeen hundred and fifty-five. Georgius Secundus was then ulive,-Snuffy old drone from the German hive! That was the year when Li-bon town Saw the earth open and gulp her down. And Braddock's atmy was done so brown Left without a scalp to its crown. It was on the terrible Earthquake day That the Deacon finished the one-ho ss-sliav

Now in building of chaises, I'll tell you what. There is always somewhere a weakest spot,-In hub, tire, fel'oe, in spring or thill, In panel, or crossbar, or floor, or sill, In screw, bolt, thoroughbrace,—lurking still Find it somewhere you must and will,— Above or below, or within or without.— And that is the reason, beyond a doubt, A chuise breaks down, but doesn't wear out.

But the Deacon swore (as Deacons do With an "I dew vum " or an "I tell yeou.") He would build one shay to beat the mown 'n' the keounty 'n' all the kentry raoun'; It should be so built that it couldn' break d iown -"Fur." said the Dencon, "'t'- mighty plate That the weakes' place must stan' the strain; 'a' the way t' fix it. uz I maintain,

Is only just To make that place uz strong uz the rest" So the Dencon inquired of the village folk Where he could find the strongest oak, That could it be spin nor bent nor broke,— That was for spokes a d floor and sills; He sent for 'ancewood to make the thill-; The crosshurs were ash, from the straightest trees; The panels of whitewood, that cuts like cheese, But lasts like from for things like these; The hubs of logs from the "Settler's Ellum," Last of its timber,-they couldn't self 'em,-Never an axe had seen their chaps, And the wedges flew from between their hps, Their blunt ends frizzled like celery-ups Step and prop iron, bolt and screw, Spring, tire, B2le, and hichpin too, Steel of the fire st, bright and blue; Thoroughbrace bison-skin, thick and wide; Boot, top, dasher, from tough old hide Found in the pit when the tanner died. That was the way he "put her through."-"There!" stud the Deacon, "naow she'il dew!"

COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 1858.

-happening soon after my majority, greatly vitation to dinner, which meal happened to ton's family lived. Outside it was a cold months and how I listened to every word be esteemed a lucky fellow also: "Indeed," beunusually late, as his friends had company. evening in early Spring; in-ide a bright fire, which might tend to discover the hiding- said I to myself, "that must be; have I not increased my already abundant means. After the best toilet circumstances would jovial-looking landlord, and a smiling comely place of the treasure; or how I at length once more 'my Godiather's Guinea.' I had been a great student; but now I re-

permit, we entered the dining room. From landlady. As the latter bustled about I overheard a conversation between the busspend sometime in travel before settling my knowledge of our host's family habits, I could not help thinking there was something band and wife which revealed the secret .-about her strangely familiar to memory; but | I had previously taken considerable pains I vainly turned over all the faces I ought to to procure a guinea of as nearly as possible remember, and certainly hers was not among the same date, with the intention of substituting it for its "lucky" brother when a fa-I - arned, dined, and carefully praised vorable chance for purloining the latter

feature being of most moderate dimensions, the provisions and cookery to the landlady; should present itself. But before this the wine I lauded in her husband's pre-ence, occurred I was placed in a tantalizing posithereby winning the hearts of both. Dinner ition. My landlady being in an c-pecial ast, I begged permission to sit in their good humor one day, unlocked the old fashparlor rather than my own aparment, and ioned bureau-her domestic bank-drew invited the landlord's aid in consuming some out what she called the "secret drawer," of his excellent wine. Finally, I completed and unfolding a piece of paper, which, howmy conquest, by stating. that I never con- ever, proved to be a bank note for ten sidered ten was ten unless poured out by pounds, showed me "my godfather's guinea." female hands, and begging the landlady to I knew it was the same from a particular mark I had myself made upon it, and had undertake that office for me. Having thus got all in trim. I artfully al- I only had the other in my pocket should luded to the sign-board, and in less time have found little difficulty in effecting the than I shall be able to write it, I was in 'exchange there and then; but of course, as possession of the history of its adoption,- usual in those days. I was doomed to ill-

I could hardly believe my ears when the luck-not a rap had I about me. joke to Mrs. Carleton, who good humoredly comely landlady gave an account of her | It was like draining the very life's blood putronage, or money, he was thrown upon having fifteen years before received a guinea to replace it in the owner's (?) hand; but I the world. as a present from a gentleman to whom she did it, enduring the while a true martyr- Ho did not remain long in the West In-

had given a glass of beer, mistaking him dom. "I always," she said, as she refolded Two days afterward, in packing up my for Dr. Carleton's groom. Suffice it to say, it; wrap it up in one of these notes;" and master, in whose service he first set foet in goods and chattles, preparatory to departure, I heard the story I have told above, only coiling the dirty ti-sue round it, any guinen the part of New York, about the year sershe was the recipient. I the giver of the was under lock and key in a trice. There enteen hundred and sixty-four. Morose as every place: examined every article again guinea. I now recollected what for fifteen is, however, some confort, thought I; I now Stephen Girard was, he gained the confiand again; the ribbon and case were round years had never entered my mind-that on know the exact spot in which it lies; I could receiving my godfather's guinen back from 'find it in the dark; what a comfort they do mate of the vessel in which he sailed, and Mrs. Carleton, I did not at once replace it not keep it in their bed-room! I had care afterwards captain, when his master left the thought Mrs. Carpeton not control posses and control and a set of the low relation of it, in order to have a longh at my in the case, but retained it in my hand fully noticel the key belonging to the lat-berself of it, in order to have a longh at my in the case, but retained it in my hand fully noticel the key belonging to the lat-out. He counged several times successfully after the visitor's entrance. Doubtless, in reau; and that very night I borrowed it in to and from New Orleans. In this position a fit of absence I had slipped it into my this wise. The landlord not being very he first began to accumulate means, and to pocket, and thence transferred it to the well this was Mrs. Allen's way of con trade on his own account, and he soon bemuch I was affected by its disapearance; damsel who brought me the beer in the veying an intimation that he had taken a came part owner of the ship and cargo gloaming. "After I got that guinea," said she. "I before retiring, I entered my landlady's pe-

the rest of my possessions with a species of don't know how it was, but I began to put culiar sabetum, and noticing her keys on but in seventeen hundred and sixty-nine we calm dispair. I half expected they would a little money by. I suppose it started me the table. I asked for something which I find him an obscure, plodding, quict, thrifty vanish from before my eyes. Begin with like: for a servant does'nt often get so knew obliged her to leave the room, and trader in Water street, Philadelphin.

your nursery-books, dear reader, and gaze much given her all at once. I told Jim- during her absence detatched the one I so At this period he took a liking to one in fancy on every picture of despair which that is my hashand-about it, and the joke covered the loan of from the bunch. I took Mary, or Polly Lum, the daughter of an your upward course of reading has presented the gentlemen played on me, pretending he from her hand, the article she had been to old ship caulker, who lived in a water side to your spiritual visions. Fancy Mrs. Blue- wanted to marry me and keep a shop .- fetch, bade her "good night" and before my beard when the blood wouldn't come off the Well, Jim was as eross as anything-he back was turned heard her clatter the rest key-Little Red Riding Hood when she never could bear me to look the side any of the keys into her capacious pocket, found the wolf was not her grandmother, - other man was on; and whenever we dis- where I was well convinced they would neighboring family. Stephen Girard does can make, at least for the patient, and let Pools; these are a more nothing: Aladdin, agreed about the least trifle, he would saver rest till morning, unders anything very unus in charity hope for himself also-a friendly when his lamp was gone, would be nearer and ask when the fine gentleman was com- common occurred to prevent. My landlord favor by the parents of the girl, for they forwas already snoring. I heard him as I asgig; and feeling chilly, enveloped myself in plate as Matias amongst the rules of Carth- "Don't you believe her, sir," interposed cended the stairs; and in his happy condiage. He did not feel his desolution more, the said Jim. "She used to sneer, and tion there was little fear of rousing him by not happy one. She was neglectful of her than I did the lass of that guines. With it turn up her nose at me, besides flitting and anything short of a vigorous shaking. My duty; hawas morose and austere. At length lovely bits or scenery I had passed through, I was a perfect Samson of strength, ready hanghing with all the chaps about, till she landlady, hone-t woman, worked hard during the day; and when she sought her nia for a divorce, and obtained it. and a pretty damsel banded me up a glass hero shorn of his locks, and consequently "Be quiet now, and let me finish. At cauch, fell asleep at once, and paid at ention]

last he made me cross-he was so jealous- to it. I knew this fact well, because my "Absurd!" say. Well, it was. But it and I declared whoever came. I would'nt room was divided from theirs by a rather wife when they were married, and he indus-was my pet absurdity; and which of you is marry kim. When he thought I was in thin partition: and at times the united con-triously pursued his combined occupations at my cloak, and the verbal intimation that without one? Who can look back and cay earnest, and I would neither walk out with jugal snorers were more powerful than of sea captain, ship-owner and merchant.-About this time he entered into partnership

lieve Providence has sent you with it, for I still retains the power to influence their ac-would take on like that, and a fine way I

About the year [seventeen hundred and fity, in the environs of Bordeaux, in France, there lived an old sea-captain, Pierre Girard. with Madame Larfargue, his wife. They had already four children,-no matter whether male or female, for they lived and died in the obscurity in which they were born. But in the year sevtenteen hundred and fifty, on the twenty-first of May, another child came into the world-a boy, named

Stephen Girard the Money-Maker.

Stephen Girard. Up to the age of ten or twelve, there is no record of the life and progress of this boy. At that time he was found, with one eve. embarked as a cubin-boy, with no other accurrencets than an imperfect knowledge of of the elements of reading an 1 writing, on loard a vessel bound for the West Indies. His one eve was made the subject of ridi-| cule amongst his companions, and his tempor was thus early soured for life. With this physical deformity, without friends,

dies, but bound him-elf apprentice to a shipdence of his employer, and he was made

house down amongst the vessels that traded to that city. The girl was plain, but comely. and employed as a domestic servant in a not appear to have been looked upon with hade him the house for some time. They

he applied to the Legislature of Pennsylva-He still continued to rent the small house in Water street, to which he had taken his

the servant; so I determined to have a laugh the need by a superstition equally internoise and purchased by a superstition equally internoise and purchased to do when I are not in the expense of my generous Hebe. I I believe there are few who, searching into soldier, as he often threatened to do when I her nasal treble to her husband's sonorous and purchased two vessels in which to trade it the expense of my generous Hebe. It believe there are lew who scattering into vexed him. I only meant to punish him her nasal treble to her husband's sonorous and purchased two vessels in which to trade readily accepted the brining cup, "O, thank the memories of early days, cannot recall vexed him. I only meant to punish him has as the most enchanting union of sounds to the island of Saint Dominge. The brigs readily accepted the briningeup, "O, thank the memories of early day, cannot recan for being so jealous, and never dreamed he bass as the most enchanting union of sounds to the island of Saint Dominge. Inc brigs you; I just wanted such adraught, and Ibe- some incident in-significant in itself which for being so jealous, and never dreamed he that had ever saluted my ears. The ser- were captured by British men-of-war, and see you are an angel." She tried to put on tions; or a sentence, uttered pethaps thought- was in when I knew. This was two years The Lord Control of the house.-- Sent to Jamaica: a misfortune which dis-

solved to see something of life; I would down. But first I must go to see Dr. Carle-

He possessed an iron will and a degree of perseverance which impelled him having in Derbyshire, whose eldest son had just once resolved on a thing, to execute it at all hazards. Hiscareer was cited generally as a taken possession of my vacated rooms at of her. Exactly oppo-ite, still as a statue, them. wonderful example of luck; but the word Cambridge.

Selections.

My Godfather's Guinea.

obstruct success.

My godfather was a man in a thousand

Most studious men are awkward on en-'luck" ought never to have been used with respect to him, since no man ever owed less tering society-I was extremely so; but to mere good fortune than himself. He had Mrs. Carleton proved my good genius, for worked his own way, literally by hairshe had the rare art of making all domesticated under her roof feel at home. When breadths at first; and I believe one of his I saw her, with her group of olive-branches grand elements of success was his determiand genial-hearted husband gathered round nation never to owe to the aid of another the hearth. I was a very boy again in my what he could, by any amount of labor, acdelight at forming one of the social party. complish himself. Self-dependence, perseverance, steady resolution and industry, Dr. Carleton's profession engaged much of were the various component parts of which of his time; but weariness or canui was unmy godfather's "luck" was made up. I known under the roof of Mrs. Carleton .--

can see this now I am old and groy; but With her I was a lad; and on my return who reasons thus on his eighth birth-day? from a ramble, she invariably called for a relation of my doings, when forthwith I I did not; but having heard the above abused term "lucky," so often applied to my godflung myself on the rug at her feet, and gave a full and particular account. I ranfather, I regarded him as one favored by some good protecting genius, whose invisisacked my memory to amuse "mamma," as

ble hands removed everything calculated to I called her; and, amongst other things, gave her a half-jesting, half-earnest, but wholly whimsical and imaginative, history

My godfather always dined at our house of my godfather's guinea. She in turn told on my birth-day. On its eighth anniverthe doctor, and the same evening expressed sary he filled his usual place at the board. a wish to see the talisman. I drew out the and to this day I can see him exactly as he little case, still suspended; but that was not looked then. Ilis hair, white enough by enough, she must see the coin itself. I hesnature, was powdered, and tied in a queue. itated, but her merry laugh conquered; and He had a wide and also high forchead, with after fifteen years' concealment the guinea thick, snowy-white shaggy eye-brows overagain saw the light. hanging such keen black eyes. Ilis dress

I scarcely liked to see it in any hand but was always handsome; his shirt-frills like my own, though I was in a manner comvery snow-flakes, his buckles resplendent pelled to submit; and it was examined, duly with diamonds. He dressed becomingly, compared with a new one, and replaced in because he considered that, like everything my hand just as a visitor entered. else, worth being done well if worth being

Next day, Dr. Carleton and I went for a done at all. On each succeeding birth-day long drive through the most charming part especially, though not then alone, I received of that romantic district "the High Peak," substantial proofs of his good will towards and combined the agreeable with the useful myself-always wonderfully appropriate, by calling on such of Carleton's patients as generally something I had actually longed lay in our way. Wending homeward to-

wards evening, we stopped at the house of Doubtless his keen appreciation of chargentleman on whom he had lately been in acter and habits of observation would enable attendence; but the patient was convalescent. him to guess what would afford me most and the call-the most agreeable a doctor pleasure. I thought an invisible agent followed me, and reported accordingly. I therefore received his gifts with awe, and one. I awaited his return, sitting in the cherished them as I did no other of my early possessions. the servant's cloak, by accident brought with

It was after dinner, then, on my eighth us. I was running over in my mind all the birth-day. I was full of wonder as to the coming present; for, contrary to usual custom, no outward visible sign, no parcel heralded the git, "Has he," thought I, "ean of beer, accompanied by the whisper, "I powerless. he have guessed what I so much wish for?" have brought you something to drink." My longing, be it known, was, that the se-I had the affair in a moment. The pluck eret of his "luck" might be revealed to me,

I could feel my heart throb, though my breath was almost suspended, as, in compli ance with his request. I went to his side .-"Francis," said he, "hold out your hand." I obeyed. He placed an antique guinea in the extended palm. "Francis, that guinea

felt sure of seeing my shopkeeper in per-

ton, an old friend of my father's, resident spective; and the first bustle of introduction over, I glanced round, and soon eaught sight her mouth open to no great width, the said

with her eyes round as bird's, she stood the picture of astonishment. In one respect she was unlike a statue, for she was as red as scarlet-face, neck and arms all in a glow. The instant she caught my amused look she busied herself at the sideboard, and youch-

We stayed very late; and when about to depart, I went to ask from her a light for my segar, taking the opportunity to slip a little present into her handby way of atonement for the trick I had perpatrated, telling her in a quiet whi-per the while, "It will help to stock the shop."

At breakfast the next morning I told the rated me for cheating the damsel, though she laughed at the speerly discovery of my imposture.

missed my godfather's guinea. I ransacked my neck-the guinea was gone. At first I thought Mrs. Carleton had contrived to possess discomfiture: but no she assured me she

knew nothing of my lost treasure. At this distance of time I can own how then I was ashamed to let it be known. I gloaming.

sat down on a portmanteau, and surveyed the thing; but I thought myscholidly as dessing to start shopkeeping with me." when a smart tog at my cloak aroused me; for any undertaking: without it I was the nearly drove me crazy."

followed, convinced me I was mistaken for he has not been at some period of life in- him nor let him come to see me, he got agreeable. the servant; so I determined to have a laugh fluenced by a superstition equally ridiculous? quite desperate, and one day he 'listed for a On this occasion I hailed the addition of with one Isaac Hazlehurst, of Philadelphia,

safed no second glance.

Do! I tell you, I rather guess She was a wonder, and nothing less! Colts grew horses, heards turned gray, Dencon and deaconess dropped away, Children and grand-children-where were they? But there stood the stout old one-hors-shay As fresh as on Lasbon-earthquake-day!

FIGHTEUS HUNDRED,-it came and found The Deacon's masterniece strong and sound, Eighteen bundred mereased by ten:-"Halansum kerridge" they called it then Eighteen hundred and twenty came;-Running as usual; much the same. Thirty and forty at last arrive, And then came fifty and fifty-five,

Little of all we value here Wakes on the morn of its hundredth year Without bo h feeling and looking queer. In fact, there's nothing that keeps its youth, So far as I know, but a tree and trath. (This is a moral that runs at large; Take it.-You're welcome --No extra charge.)

FIRST OF NOVEMBER .-- the curthquake-day .--There are traces of age in the one-hoss-shay. A general flavor of mild decay, But nothing local as one may say. There couldn't be .- for the Deacon's art Had made it so like in every part That there wasn't a chance for one to start. For the wheels were just as strong as the thills. And the floor was just as strong as the sills, And the panels just as strong as the floor, And the whippletree neither ics- nor more. And the back cros-bar as strong as the fore. And spring and axle and hub encore And yet, as a whole, it is past a doubt In another hour it will be worn out

First of November, fifty-five! This morning the parson takes a drive. Now, small boys, get out of the way! Here comes the wonderful one-hoss-shay, Prawn by a rat-tailed, ewe-necked bay. "Huddup!" said the parson.—Off went they.

The parson was working his Sunday's text,-Hadgot a fifthly, and stopped perplexed At what the Moges-was coming next. All at once the base shood still. Close by the meet's house on the hill, -First a shiver, and then a thrill, Then sensiting deviating the peril Then something decidedly like a spill,-And the parson was sitting upon a rock, At half-past nine by the meet'n'-house clock,-Just the hour of the earthquake shock! -What do you think the parson found, When he got up and stared around? The poor old chaise in a heap or mound As if it had been to the mill and ground You see, of course. if you're not a dunce, How it went to pieces all at once,-All at once, and nothing first .--Just as bubbles do when they burst

End of the wonderful one-hoss-shay. Logic is logic. That's all I say. Atlantic Monthly

Ber"I wish to procure the Biography of Pollock," said a student to the bookseller at the corner of Water street, Boston .- "We have it not, sir," was the reply .-- "Oan you the 'Course of Time.'

was given to me when I was eight years old. Had I not noticed the care you take of my a frown, but the pretty face would not ac- lessly enough, which possesses a charm for after I began to save. I had a tidy bit of hotel as I did, anything short of being another gap in the story of Stephen Girard, gifts, I should not, after preserving it more commodate itself to the needful lines and them which only death can disolve. than half a century, now give it to you .---"Yes," he said, "that guinea was the foundation of my fortune. I had never before

owned such a sum when it came into my possession; but I determined to gain more. master will behere in a minute." I readily frankly confessney-uperstitious feeling with me what was amiss. I told her; and she complied with the first and most material of regard to the "lucky" (?) coin, increased said, 'Never mind; he must be bought off.' Some people," he added, "would call it a lucky guinea, and if it be, I am satisfied to this advice; I drank the beer-no difficult tenfold after I had lost it. task when a man is thirsty and the draught I declare I was not one bit surprised when Jim; but she saw I was sorely grieved, and transfer it to you. May you be as prospergood Derbyshire homebrewed; but hold my on the morning fixed for my departure from she spoke to the master. He got to know ous in your career as I have been, and from bother, I did not: on the contrary, as I re- Carleton's, I received news of a very seri- all particulars for me, and all the family the same cause! Pray guard it carefully; and remember, as long as you possess that turned the glass I heaved a deep sigh, partly ous change of fortune. I expected a blow gave me something toward taking my to revive suspended respiration after my from some quarter and was almost indifferent sweetheart out of pawn, as they said .you will never be in want of money."

I did not see the stately smile on my draught, and partly-I like economy even whence it should come. godfather's face, or understand the laugh of in sighing-to express the state of my feelmon-place which concluded his harangue. how to say something complimentary, not in addition to that I trusted him with a sum took this place, and got married. Jim dropped there. I could have should and proach of the British to Philadelphia, he I was absorbed in an awful feeling of re- being used to that sort of thing, and at amounting to many thousands of pounds .sponsibility-in the thought that my god- length blundered out awkardly enough, "I The man was honest but infortunate: and wish I'd never seen you; I don't believe I my one lost coin was immediately followed friends than ever; so we would keep it, and father indeed possessed supernatural power, had divined my wish, and not only revealed shall ever be happy again; and if I'm not, by all these thousands of his golden breth- call our house the "Lucky Guinea." to me the secret of his "luck," but had won't you have something to answer for, ren. So said a letter I received. It was a great but not a ruinous loss .-

placed in my hands the talisman which was | that's all." "How you talk!" answered she. "Why Strange it affected me less than the disap- if they still kept the guinea. also to secure my own. For many nights shouldn't you be happy? I've done nothing pearance of my godfather's guinea. I conafter I scarcely slept. I exulted in the rossession of my treasure; but it was with to hinder you." trembling, for if I should lose it! A cold "Do you call it nothing to come giving a

perspiration covered me at the bare idea of fellow beer just to steal his heart?" such a calamity.

repository for it. At length I persuaded my cious half smile, which, try as she would left England at twenty-three; I was eight before. I was bewildered at the whole conmother to make a little wash-leather bag she sould not screw into a frown, convinced and thirty when I saw it again. with an outer covering of silk, in which 1, me my compliments, though clumsily ex-

placed my guinea, and hung it round my ecuted, were duly appreciated. "Now do," said I, "be serious, and tell neck by a black ribbon. Year after year did the feeling that its preservation was es- me if you have a sweetheart; and if not, if fortune you ever read of happening to a 1 sought the privacy of my own room to sential to my well-being continue predomi you think you could manage a little shop. nant; and long after the gentle mother who To my fancy, you're just the right sort of smiled at my whim and humored it was article; for I know lots of customers would I never did gamble. I felt too sure I could this part of England, and I knew I could dead, the guinea hung by the black ribbon come for the sake of being waited on by in its usual place. My career at school and such pretty smiling girl."

Again she looked in my face, but this college proved successful; my tutors praised time as grave as a judge, and with an exmy industry, fellow-students said I was the hardest reader in the University, my friends pression on her own of the most complete pearance of that coin, but of the number But what need of concealment? Simply innocence and candor answered thoughtfulsang my praises as a genius, and I smiled, ly, "Well, to be sure, there's Jim Allen has doomed me to old Lachelorhood. and played with the ribbon whence de-Well, as I said, I returned to England: followed me this good while; but if I look at pended my godfather's guinea. How could I be otherwise than fortunate? You may any body else he quarrels, and is always and though I knew Carleton and his family much importance to this as ever I had done

laugh and call this weakness, but it influ- saying he'll go 'list for a soldier; so there's had long since left Derbyshire, I felt a great with good cause-I won. At twenty three think I should like to keep a shop."

the morrow, since those who were "born heard and the noise sent off my fair enslaver done fifteen years before. It was dark when and having inadvertently transferred my ing to touch the ribbon of my guinea case, building, before mo" had taken that upon themselves; with the speed of an antelope. Little was I desended from a stage coach at the hotel- lack along with it, I had a perfect right to I felt it was all right enough, and I went to In seventcen hundred and eighty, Stephen free from control, since my guardian's juris- she, or for the matter of that was I, pre- door, where, if I found the arrangements to reclaim the latter.

"Hold your bother, drink your beer; your comparison with those of a later age; and I seeing me in trouble and fretting, she asked

She give me a good talking to for teasing

a way, it had brought us together better

There was little more joking between the hu-band and wife, after which I asked and stitched it up.

"Yes," was the answer of my hostess; "and we shall whilst I live."

sidered it only as a beginning of my misfortunes. I started for the continent two From all that I heard I could draw but days after leaving Derbyshire not in quite one conclusion, viz: that I had transferred "You're only poking fun at me," was the the same style I originally intended and my godfather's gift and its accompanying I was sorely puzzled where to find a safe reply; but her pretty coquetish air and con- very far from feeling in the same spirits. I luck to Jim Allen's "missis" fifteen years to cera. That I should after this lapse of As to giving a detailed account of my ill time, and when all hopes of its recovery luck during these years of wandering, it is had long gone by, hear tidings of my treamore than I dare do. Imagine all the evil sure, was to me little short of a miracle .solitary wandering adventurer, gaming table think about it. It was certainly fortunate Lucky Guinea, its hurly landlord, and smil- followed with all the steady energy of an excepted-and you will have about hit mine. I had not told them of my former visit to ing landlady; and leaving "the Peak" in iron will. That elject was, to make money. its Autumn beauty, I journeyed to London. by no possibility win to risk my cash thus, not be recognized: for not my own mother I had a disappointment in love too, which I would have been able to trace any likeness also attributed to the loss of the guinca .- between the pale student of twenty-three Some of my friends say it was not the disap- and the weather beaten visage I now owned. which followed, that did the mischief, and this; I was resolved to regain that guinea or perish in the attempt. I could see mine host and his wife, in their way, attached as

Such things had been done I knew: but jous at this period, con-idering the disturbed when I saw the printed request that his old and depressed state of the country. He was in mine, and would not part with it on any enced me; nevertheless I laughed also, and no depending-and-and-I always did longing to see it again. I resolved to go to account. However, I argued thus: when creditors would assemble and receive their quietly biding his time. His store was well no depending—and—and—I always did the old place, take up my abode at a country the coin left my possession I never intended think I should like to keep a shop." At this most critical moment a stop was inn, and indulge in long rambles as I had to bestow anything but simply a guiaca: or she leiver in the out of the out of the ship indiverses of the ship indit indit i

the meeting and received my cash, which Girard again commenced the New Oricans not, sir; but I dare say you will find it in diction ended at the usual time, and his pared for the approaching denouement. my liking I intended to take up my quarters, It would take too long to tell how my stay made me really a rich man again. From and Saint Domingo trade. In two years he death-for my godfather was the individual Carleton had accepted for both of us an in- about four miles from the town were Carle- in Derbyshire was prolonged from weeks to that time I was very cautious, and began to had progressed so far as to be able to pur-

I had no fear of them; and living in the solved the short partnership. There is money: for I had many a present after that eaught in the act of "prizzing the cash" I extending irom : eventeen hundred and sizirangles. She then locked up slyly in my If the child be indeed father to the man, first-the locky guinea,' as I used to call it. was prepared for. Softly, noisclessly, I (troto resenteen handred and seventy-siz, face, pouted out her lips as far as a strug- so are the impressions received in early I had lived four years in one place, and the stole down stairs. The moon was shining It is probable that during this time he congling smile would permit, and replied.- youth as a strong man to a puny child in mistress was very kind to her servants; so, through the window, iron-harred but shut- tinued his old bu-iness, tra'ing as shipterless, and gave me light enough for my master and merchant to New Orleans and Saint Domin's.

> I succeeded in opening the bureau. I The war put an end to the sea enterprises took out the little dirty-looking parcel. of Stephen Girard, and he was compelled to replacing it by the other guinea duly turn his attention to the land.

wrapped in a ten pound note as dingy as | He opened a small grocery store in Water the one enclosing my guinea. Again I street, joined with a bottling establishment, locked the bureau, and finally deposited where he worked hard with his own hands Would you believe it, I had just enough the key on the floor close to the table where at the occupation of bottling claret and ci-Just after coming of age I placed in a and that guinea to spare! After that Jim the bunch had lain, three hours before, that der. About the year seventeen hundred certain individual unlimited confidence: and and I got along well enough, and in time it might seem to have been accidently and seventy-seven, upon the alleged apsaid, though the guinea made us quarrel in committed all sorts of absurdities in mr purchased a small tract of land from his extravagant delight at recovering my treas former partner, Mr. Haslehurt, on which sure; but I was compelled to restrain my- there was a house, to which he removed his self. I did not unfold the paper, I was too husiness; employing his time early and late, sure of my game to need the confirmation in preparing claret and eider for the market, of sight-but hastily pushed it with the and selling them at a large post to the guinea into a new case prepared beforehand. American array, cucamped near Lis residence. Here he remained until ceventeen

I slept not: I was too much excited: and hundred and seventy-nine, sometimes makwhen morning came I feigned illness, and ing a toyage in a boat as a water-pellar to lay in bed for fear my intense delight should 'Philadelphia, to dispase of his wates. His manifest itself. As to describing what I appearance was not much in his favor. His felt, it would be ridiculous to attempt it .- skin was dark and dingy; his form was I stayed a week after recovering my trea- short and thick: he was coarse, rough, vulsure: I witnessed the finding of the bureau gar, and ungainly: and his one ere glare I key by ny landlady before she was aware common-ly on his castomers. He met with of its loss, and became pretty well convinced jeers and taunts from every side, which he that detection was impossible. Then, pre- here with great faciturnity and composure. tending business. I hade forewell to the He had but one object in view, which he Arrived there, I chanced to take up a news- British in seventeen hundred and seventypaper, and in it saw a piece of news which nine, Stephen Grand was again found in deserved the name of a "staggerer." It Water street, this time occupying a range of was to the effect that my former banker, frame stores upon the cast-side. He was no having been fortunate in his second start more than twenty-nine years of age, but to in life, was in a position to make amends plain, grave and repulsive in appearance, to those who had suffered by his first false that he was known as "Old Girard." His business could not have been very prosper-