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# Poetry.

The Song of a Felon's Wife.

BY BARRY CORNWALL The brand is on thy brow,

A dark and guilty spot; Tis ne'er to be crased! Tis ne'er to be forgot! The brand is on thy brow,

Yet I must shade the spot; For who will love thee now, If I love thee not? Thy soul is dark,-is standed-

From out the bright world thrown By God and man disdained. But not by me,-thy own!

O, were the tiger slain, Hath one who ne'er doth fice, Who soothes his dying pain!-That one am I to thee!

## Selections.

My Only Adventure.

BY A DENTIST.

It is of no use to ask me for a ghost story; for though I have stayed in nearly every town in England of any size, I have met with none. Railways have put haunted chambers out of fashion. Fancy a ghost being bold enough to venture into one of our vast hotels! There is not a single white robed customer that would have the impudence to do it. Ghosts lived in old coaching days, and dwelt in the quaint wayside inns; and I was never lucky enough to have my bed-curtains disturbed by invisible hands; but I am ashamed to own that I once got a terrible fright.

In my early days, I-like most of my profession-traveled from place to place, Just remaining in each long enough to pocket all the spare cash the inhabitants were willing to expend on dental ornaments. Sometimes I made large towns the centre of my operations, and remained in them for months, visiting the lesser ones in the neighborhood on stated days. It was in one of our large manufacturing towns in the west of England that I met with the adventure I am going to give you.

I had been uncommonly successful, and find made a long stay in the place on that necount-indeed, I had spent some months there when it happened. I had excellent lodgings, and occupied three apartmentsa sitting room, and a sort of reception room for patients on the ground floor, and a first ffloor bed-room, all facing the street. I always worked in the last named apartment, and laid the necessary tools and materials on a little bench near the window. Here I generally took my station, and spent the time from six or seven in the evening until anidnight, as I was less liable to interrup-

My apartments were all furnished with gas-burners, and before winter set in, I added a gas stove to my bed-room, that my working there might cause no needless trouble or expense to my landlady. One evening, being very busy, I sat later than usual, and when at length my task was done, I drew my chair close to the stove, and sat half an hour reading before extinguishing my light.

You are aware that we make use of gold plates and wire in fastening artificial teeth: and, in consequence of my numerous orders. I had been particularly well supplied with the precious metal in this form, ever since I came to this town. Moreover, I was by no means deficient in those pieces which bear a likeness to our gracious sovereign. Being particularly weary, and intending to recommence my labors again early in the morning, I did not trouble myself to put away my materials. But I was careful to examine the fastenings of my door; and this duty done, I extinguished the fire and light, and got into bed.

I fell asleep almost instantly, and had a somewhat ludicrous dream. I fancied myself keeper in the Zoological Gardens, which I had visited a few days before, and that while handing some food to my especial was tumbled into the pit among the grizzly brutes, when the shock awoke me.

Again I dozed off, but only to get among the bears once more. I thought a tremen dous specimen, a perfect Ursa Major, had just been purchased, and that to me was en-

trusted the task of taming the monster. No pleasant thing, even in a dream, particularly at that moment, and in the incom prehensible manner only to be accomplished in sleep, the scene shifted to my bed-room,

I thought I leaped on my bench, seized the the house. blind roller, and as he advanced, dealt a tremendous blow at him.

But, alas! he eluded it with the dexterity of an accomplished fencer, and I, losing my balance, toppled head first to the ground. The brute sprang upon me. He tugged, and so did I, with might and main. I was

howl, and the way he applied the paw just taken from my waist to the wounded car. were too much. I burst into a perfect roar of laughter,

I was still laughing at this whimsical ence to an apprentice who was to come under my care on the morrow, and who was, tleman need have to lick into shape, when I fore I commenced working, and, having fall- houses. en asleen, been awakened by the boisterous aughter which had dispelled my own dream.

What was I to do? I feared the moment set foot on the floor I should be seized, and what could I-a little fellow, almost ing a few days; but finding I should be de- done with the knife. At first the latter naked, unarmed—do against one, or perhaps more, doubtless prepared for a struggle?

Oddly, enough, the remembrance of my tols in the room, and once out of bed, should gladly took possession of them a second greedy fool, who must begin to cat before be able to seize them in a moment. I re- time. solved to leap out and secure the weapons before lighting the gas, since I, being, as I presumed, better acquainted with the ar- near Christmas-I received many invitarangement of the furniture, might manage in the dark to clude my antagonist. These were not the less numerous because I was thoughts occupied but a flow seconds. In as many more the pistols were in my hand and the gas lighted. The intruder did not courage. I boldly commanded that indialarm. What was it, think you? You We had a glorious evening. eannot guess. I will tell you: it was a wo- All sorts of joyous Christmas-fun was

me with broken vows, etc.

she had lived as servant in the house, but vengeance against me. discharged her shortly after my arrival.

it advisable to have a witness, I commanded and always both lock and bolt it. her to remain where she was, and insured When I reached my lodgings on Christprisoner, I heard my bed-room window ting into bed I could not sleep.

she ventured to visit her. enough, and but for the sequel, would have policeman waiting for admittance. He stated that passing a short time before, he

observed one of the front windows hastily pened. Something was thrown out, and then it was as quickly shut. After a search, he found a very large and sharp Spanish thrown from the window. He also observed two fellows, of suspicious appearance, loitering about the place, and discovered

precious creature advancing open mouthed. returned to see if anything were amiss in

On being informed of my visitor and her

had dismissed. getting the worst of it, when suddenly give her into custody. No one present at I am not ashamed to own I was perfectly recollecting that any sort of attack is her examination entertained a doubt that, paralyzed with terror; and utterly incapalawful, and that one may be permitted to during the short time she was in Mrs. Win- ble of doing anything-indeed, what could waive ccremony with a bear, I seized the gate's house, after I became an inmate of I do? I saw them remove the candle from creature's car between my teeth, and bit it, she had remarked the materials I had the lantern, and convert my inkstand into a the piece completely out. He dropped me used, and that a regular plan had been or- candlestick. One proposed lighting the gas,

and so much noise did I make that it awoke visit to her was paid against her will, she This done, and the plunder tied in a handtance with a person more than suspected of with an oath, that they should finish him. vision; and wondering if it had any refer- dishonesty. Still, we could charge her with He approached my bed, drew aside the nothing but the concealment, and after be- curtains, and, though I durst not look, I

The story was much talked about, and I if in search of something. heard, not a ghost—they make no noise— got well quizzed by many ladies of my ac- I had hoped all along that by feigning but a sort of uneasy grunt, then a yawn, quaintance; but, after all, the thing might sleen I might escape, since they were nowsuch as a person emits when disturbed from have proved no joke to me. I remained erful men and I quite unarmed. While a sound sleep. I listened attentively, ly- some moths longer in the place, and before the was feeling in his pocket, I could not mercy vouchsafed at that period. ing perfectly still, and, in a moment, dis. I left it heard many accounts of threats help stealing my hand up to my throat tinetly heard something move below my which the woman's male relatives had ut- thinking at the same time how little chance bed. I knew no one could have entered tered against me for easting suspicion on there was that it would be used as a vehicle after I laid down, as I am a light sleeper, | innocent (?) people. I had probably in- | for Christmas oheer. Guess my horror, if and the door was too well secured to be jured their business: for, I fancy, after that you can, when the older secundrel, in an opened without a noise, I therefore felt had occurred, few parties would be willing impatient tone, bade his son "make haste if sure that they had been under the bed be- to employ any nocturnal visitor in their he meant to do it, and not keep him wait-

Three years had clapsed since the date of my adventure, and I had almost forgotten it, that had been displaced in their search for when business again called me to the same plunder, and not finding what he sought, town. At first I only thought of remain- inquired with an oath, what his father had tained longer, I sought out my former land- seemed puzzled, and then informed his son. lady, as-that one night excepted-I had with an equally elegant expletive that he been particularly comfortable under her had left it on the pantry shelf down below. dream gave me courage. I had loaded pistroof. Finding my old apartments vacant, I The younger bitterly cursing him for a

During my former stay I made many agreeeble acquaintances, and now-it being tions to supper parties, &c., which I fancy still a bachelor.

it with a friend at his house, where there nicely. Fetch the knife, and have no more venture to appear, and the delay gave me was a very large and charming family of law, or we shall wake the chap, instead of involved in his affairs who were less able to sons and daughters. The father was a fine sending him up quietly to spend his Christ- lose than himself. He could not look upon will break my heart." vidual to advance and take the chance of a jovial old fellow, and the mother just the mas in Heaven, without an invitation." He bullet. Something immediately began to cheerful but even-tempered gentle soul who chuckled, and the old fellow seemed equally move, and I soon saw the cause of my alone could bring up such girls as her's .-

man! I see you are all beginning to laugh; carried on, and I kissed pretty girls under and suppose you think there is some long the mistletoc until, either with that pleasant story in the case; and that a damsel, beau- exercise or with quenching the thirst it extiful as a Houri, or a heroine-which is all cited, I became slightly elevated. I was to the same-whom I had woodd only to be- dine there next day, and my friends would the father's absence, the son was not idle. and golden; and with a desperation born of tray, had concealed herself there to reproach fain have persuaded me stay all night: but I was determined to return to my lodgings, All wrong. The deuce a bit of romance as I knew Mrs. Wingate would sit up for s there in the whole affair. Had you seen me. It was past midnight when I bid my

the odd figure I cut on the occasion of my was the height of the table, was reviewed in every nerve to get invited to the house of the glory has departed." There stood I, shivering in my night habilithe two men who had played the street part the fair girls I had left, and how, an hour his wife; and lonely and miscrable, without After all, the scene was droll enough, old adventure. She also informed me that ments, pistol in hand, ready to interrogate had been since detected whilst attempting my visitor. She looked carving-knives in to commit a burglary, and imprisoned for return: but not seeming in the least shocked twelve months, but were now at liberty .at my scanty garments, though evidently The good lady manifested no small amount desirous of turning her back both on them of uncasiness on my account, and cautioned escape my impending fate. Once I fancied, word had ever cheered her solitude since he desirous of turning ner back both on them of uncasiness on my account, and cautioned and on the wearer. On looking, I thought me to be very careful not to give them any her features seemed familiar, and recollected opportunity of executing their threats of

my landlady suspecting her of dishonesty, Her evident timidity and anxiety only excited my mirth, but I was nevertheless I was about to question her, but thinking careful to examine the fastening of my door

her obedience by locking the door. I roused maseve, I was, as I said, a little elevated, footsteps first became audible. the family, and as I was returning to my and contrary to my usual custom, on get-

are, for the window is strongly barred." On been so close to, wishing I had such a being interrogated, she said my landlady cheerful home; speculating as to my chance had forbidden her coming into the house, of success in the event of my asking one of but being friendly with the other servant, the said fair damsels to part with her name in favor of mine, and thanking my stars Whilst talking in the kitchen, she heard that, at any rate, I should be a guest at the mistress approaching, and fearing dis- the same place on the morrow. The clock leave the house when all was quiet. My current of my ideas. I heard a sort of early entrance cut off her escape, and she grating sound, and then felt certain some supposed she had fallen asleep, as she re- one was moving stealthily up the kitchen membered nothing more till aroused by a stairs. At first I was a little alarmed, and every article of plunder was there also; loud fit of laughter. This seemed plausible thinking thieves were in the house, and then -pshaw! thought I, Mrs. Wingate has been passed off very well. As we were about to sitting up later than usual to finish her dismiss her with a caution not to repeat her christmas pudding. It is rather singular charges, (the bears,) I overbalanced, and visit, the door bell rang, and we found a that my former adventure did not then enter my mind; though it had occurred in that very spot. I listened again. The footsteps certainly were audible, close to my room door-a hand was on the lock-it turnedthey were stealing along the floor to my apartment-I became sensible of the presknife, which, he presumed, was the article ence of two persons—and now I felt all the having sufficed to prevent his indulging his from it. She owed it no favor: It had no horrors of my situation. Every iota of favorite propensity, when the temptation what had formerly happened there, the me- was so strong. naces of the two fellows who had then, them to be father and son-men of bad doubtless, been disappointed of their prey, and I found myself standing, en chemise, character, who got a living nobody knew and the thought of my own powerlessness dow, their skeleton keys having made the without any means of defense against the low. He had warned them away, and then nearly drove me mad.

Fool, idiot that I was-I had in my tipsy olly rushed upon my fate.

I had refused the cordial invitation which elder, and sister of the younger man he ing my room, almost the first time within purpose by her most gracious majesty. my recollection. I became aware of a dim Instead of liberating the woman, as we light, and partially opening my eyes, I perthought of doing, we deemed it prudent to ceived two rascals fumbling about a lantern. like a hot potato. The lucierous, pitiful ganized to rob, and perhaps murder me. | but the other objected that if disturbed he The other servant also deposed, on oath, might be flurried and turned into the wrong that her hiding in my room was needless, way. They then with singular quickness and as she had abundant time to leave the house dexterity, ransacked my desk and ease, which unperceived, had she chosen; and that the they opened by means of skeleton keys .having no desire to continue any acquain- kerebief, the younger of the two suggested.

ing cautioned against placing herself again felt he was gazing in my face. Again he truly, as uncouth a looking cub as any gen- in such a situation, she was discharged. turned aside, and fumbled in his pocket as

ing there all night.".

The young man tumbled over the articles

the work was done, bade him fetch it.

"Well, Bill," replied his parent, "that ham was stunning, and you know you my pistols.

"Yes, a pretty thing; fire, kick up a row On Christmas-eve I accepted one, to spend and he scragged for it-that would pay delighted at his son's wit; then, taking up the candle, went off to fetch the knife.

All their motions had been so noiselessly carried on in a tone so clear, though low, People are but too apt to call it dishonesty. that I was astonished at the perfection they return.

few minutes. I verily believe that every dead and buried. turn. Then I thought of the morrow, and the rich merchant, never paused to ask after Christmas came round I should call one my pined, until the beauty which her husban? own, Still I found time for carnest grayer, so praised was changed into d'anness. She of parting with Hortense: but once the that everloshed hers. and to think of all sorts of expedients to never heard from M. Valentin. No single, Rubleon passed, he became more calm. A! The first time that he saw her was in the might do something; but just then the touch slow weight along, and no tidings reached would be all the happier for the sequential in for his loss or her late husband's! He soon of the muscular hand on my throat reminded her, her heart utterly sank within her, and me that a movement would cause my in- she believed him dead. What, indeed, could stant destruction. Indeed, I have often won- she think? It was better to think so than his impatience. How bitterly did I reproach after day she watered his memory with tears

teeth with rage, and uttered a smothered exthe implement of murder.

in my hand.

for their skeleton keys lay on the bench, for, intending to return, they had not conreyed it from the room.

joined the chorus, and soon, at the head of a last consented. host of niarm, searched the house from top to bottom. One of the mon I knew had left in the cellar, the danger of his position not shaken hands with the world and parted

We found they had gained admittance by

tale, he expressed a wish to see her, and at would have secured me from all danger, and father eventually obtained a free passage to be obtained. No one knew anything of M. new he said usly thought of returning home. once recognized her as the daughter of the had even neglected the precaution of secur- a distant land in a vessel provided for that Valentin.

The affair made a prodigious sensation, and I became the lion of all Christmas par- should Rugene press his suit ancw, she small-jox. That he lived through this, was ties that year; and the extraordinary sym- would consent to marry. She liked him - only because his constitution was so excellpathy manifested by a certain fair individ- She was weary of her own life, eaged and ent that even this enemy could not vanquish ual at the recital of my story, brought about cribbed as she was: she longed for free lom it. He William has own mother could a most satisfactory explanation. My next from the restraint that poverty and will be not have known him, so decally scarred and Christmas dinner was caten in my own hool were constantly imposing upon her disigned had he become. With his first home, with her as its mistress.

the liberal replenishing her cellar under- married at all until she became hi, wife. Would II ortense love the scarred and disfunctions when the time arrived.

Thus have I told the only adventure of any and let me add, that whereas rich and poor side there was every comfort that a loving neighborhood where Hortense had proposed alike welcome Christmas as a season of joy heart could suggest. The heart of Hortense going after his departure. He inquired and thankfulness, I doubt whether any feel awoke to life, to love, to happiness; and to everywhere for Madame Valentin. No one more keen emotions of the kind than I do, see her thus, rejoiced that of her husban ha knew her. He himself was not recognized. since it recalls to my mind an additional Two years of almost unmingled bliss went even when he haunted the old places of bu-

The First and Third Marriage.

death.'

The weeping wife could not be comforted. with the thought of leaving her. His heart approach. had been bound up in his beautiful Hortense.

She had been his ided from boyhood, the mute evidences of his brief happiness .bright dream of his existence; and when he Every window where he had sat with her. had attained the distinction of one of the every arbor where they had rested, every he said carelessly, "Can you tell me where couldn't stand those 'ere cheesecakes; but merchant princes of Montreal, he married tree under whose shades they had walked, Madame Valentin lives now, my man?" won't this do for him?"-handing up one of her, and placed her in the very heart of or whose trunk he had carved with her

luxury. Misfortunes came on swift wings to the happy pair. One by one his possessions left him; and worse than that, others were rooms and garden. the ruin of those around him; for he had a kind heart, and would not wrong any one for the world. They that lost by his ill-fortune admitted that M, Valentin was a strictly honest man; and that is great praise from performed, and the conversation had been those who are injured by a man's ill-luck.

There was but a single bright spot before had attained in their horrid craft. During M. Valentin. Australia gleamed up warm He netually loosed the collar of my shirt, love to his wife, and justice to his creditors, and then stood quietly awaiting the other's he secretly embarked for the land of pro-You could never imagine, unless placed where he was gone, and to what purpose: in similar circumstances, what a multitude and then he died out of the thoughts of the value in her eyes. The tree, he had planted backgood of Hortense, read "Stanbury

beloved dead.

door, dashed it to, turned the koy, shut the devisel some ingenious expedient to be in-There was no chance of their re-entering, reasons why he should not visit her.

He overruled them all, be ought her to waive all ceremony with him, to consider him as a deeply attached friend, a brother -anything, in short, if he might be permit-I made noise enough from the window: tod to see her sometimes; and Hortense, my hostess and her damsel, now roused, weary of her monotonous and dreary life, at

Once having renewed the delicious consciourness of a protecting presence, she he premises, as I heard him dash over the found it hard to give it up for the merarea railings and down the street; but the punctilious fear of what the world would elder ruffian was discovered, stupidly drunk, say of her. Indeed, she had long sine right to criticise her conduct. Thus she reasoned while listening to Eugene's impassioned entreaties that she would lay aside cutting away the zine from the pantry win- her sorrow for the dead and become his wife.

known to escape detection. He was cap- letters she had written him, the many in- for his enterprise. Gold had showered in tured in a few hours, and both he and his quiries she had instituted, no answer could upon him in almost fabulous profusion; and

I have often blessed my stars that good fully in Eugene's favor. The marriage was Hortense! Montreals were now the begin-Mrs. Wingate was not a member of the total strictly private; and half Mr. Stanbury's bing and end of his aspirations. One only abstinence society, for had it not been for friends had no suspicion that she had ever thing marred his joy no the homeward route.

went a few days before Christmas, in read- He took her to a pleasant home, as come figured face that booked at him from the ness for sons and daughters who were to fortable if not quite as lumning at the case little glass in hi cabin? Would she endure gatherround her, and celebrate in her house, she had shared with M. Valendin: gal all the long, she gay leads, by which he was that true home festival, my throat would that she could ask for was showned upon enablen to cover a part of the deep sears? have been in no condition to perform its her with generous profusion. Their dweller. He had taken his age in an American consequence in which I ever played a part, flowering shrubs of every description. In- way to Montreal. He beat his course to the

back, never again to be separated until consumption. Hortense struggled with this "They will remember me when they find time that she had watched over one dear to bitterly. It was hard that, so soon after her marriage, hert it was the first time she had seen the He turned into a by-street, and saw a begwhen the world seemed so bright and gay, offects of this insidious disease; and hope gar sitting in the sunshine. It was the

It was hard to see him parting with the seemed, he thought he would ask it.

name all received a farewell look. "How can I part with you, dearest?" he asked, after his painful journey round the grand house stood."

"Eugene! do not name it," she said; "you

"But you must hear it, Hortense. I cannot stay with you long. Thank Heaven that I leave you above want. Promise me, dear, that you will never leave this home .-Trust me, I will be with you in spirit, when the form is laid in the earth-watching, guarding, if possible speaking to you."

It was his last night on earth. When the morn broke, his eyes were closed in the slumber of death.

few years he thought would find them to- gordon. She booked still handsome, but

Australia. Day by day he wrought those, and quiet like; that she had little company, enduring hardships unhearl-of before, but and kept early hours. It was early spring, dered that the fellow did not strangle me in to think him unmindful of her; and day bearing them with the courage and fatitude but he had plenty of flowers and fruit in of a hero. Ever hefore him yers the word the green-house, and he sent some for her myself for not raising an alarm when the of genuine sorrow, as one sorrows for the Hortense: It nerved his arm in the rough a ceptunee, with Mr. Richie's compliments. mines, when he struck his iron into the Again and again he repeated the gifts, and At length the fellow fairly gnashed his | She put on the deepest mourning, kept | gold giving-soil; it soothed him when he lay each time with a selection that marked a her room for months, and when she finally burning with fever, in a vude shorty in the delicate taste. Hortense was charmed with clamation of 'Hang the tippling beast; he's went out again, and that only to church, mountains; his thought by day and his her new neighbor, whom she had not seen, are all right there for staying where you the evening criticizing the fair faces I had at that wine agin." he also left the apartment, to recall his truant parent, and fetch which, if it had lost some of its heauty, was Not a word, however, ever reached him when he added to them a request that he yet most deeply interesting. So at least from her; and often he shuddered at the migat call on the lady. She returned a Now was time, and you may believe Host thought the young Eugene Stanbury, an fearful probabilities that arose to his min l. favorable answer, and, under cover of the none. The instant he left the room, I was Englishman of unblemished character and Hortenso might be sick, sufferings might twilight hour, he found himself in the room on my feet; moiselessly I approached the prosperous business. He sawher at church, deem him dead or unfaithful; no, the could with Hortense. The sound of his voice never be-she would have faith in him as filled her with in lescribable emotion, bebolt, lighted the gas, and once more I stood, troduced, and begged the privilege of wait- in the sun. Come what would, she would cause it resembled that of her first husband; my heart ready to jump into my throat with ing upon her. The lady pleaded her ina- not be shaken in her trust. But as he key but she persuaded herself that it must be and hid herself below the bed, intending to busy; but a sudden check was given to the joy and thankfulness, with my trusty pistols bility to entertain company, the impropriety in the miserable shed which held his sick fancy. She for all her red, abort agreeable of her receiving gentlemen, and a thousand | bed, he would have given worlds for one and attentive. He did not neglect any opglance from her eyes, one pressure of her portunity of I ing with her. They rode hand to show that he was not forgettine Highther, on good fer, and often his voice and as he watched the stars overhoad, shine would then through the soul of Hortense ing through the crevices of the low rock he like a remembered key from some far-off thought that if Hortense were deal, she built would appear to him then in his need.

watching every movement, and trying to od, at recolling an oner of his hand. live him ease; or bringing water from the ! She was alone in the world; she had no the spring, he would hathe his fevered fore-time so consult, no one who had any right to head with his little hands. A tender nurse that is her fir trusting to one of whom she indeed was little Ben, and on his recovery has weather o. It was her own risk, and Still she hesitated. She truly believed in M. Valentia made the laundress happy by she accepted him; frankly telling him how her husband's death; for would be not have providing for the boy.

Bill, the younger ruffian, was too well written had be been living? Of the many M. Valentin had been abilly rewarded

Somewhat enfect led by his late illness, he In an hour of more than usual loneliness was struck with dismay at being again and trouble, she whispered to herself that prostrated, and to find that his disorder was and all these combined operated wonder- returning strength he set out for home .-

ing, two or three miles from the heart of we sel bound for New York. He arrived Montreal, was surrounded with trees and safely, and the next hour saw him on his by; but the third year commenced with siness. Another name, of course, was upon some ularm for the health of Eugene. Twice the familiar door; and hither he turned his had Hortense seen him draw a handkers steps, to see if haply some old friend of "Thus, you see, my own Hortense, that I chief from his lips, which was steeped in former days might not have heard of her .must leave you. I shall provide an income blood; and often his nights were passed in Even the name was unremembered, or preof a hundred louis for your expenses. Look coughing, until nature was exhausted, and tended to be; and yet the person he asked forward constantly to my return; and when the morning sleep found him drenched in was one whom he remembered as plotting fortune again smiles upon me I shall come the terrible sweats which so sucely pertend zealously to be invited to his dinner parties.

new and terrible sorrow. It was the first I am rich again," said Valentia to himself,

and when wealth and fortune smiled so se- and fear alternated in her breast, until at most cordial and happy face that had met renely upon her, all should be swept away length she hoped against all hope, and the this gate since he came back. The man did and she left, like a lone widow, to protect blow came down upon her all the harder not ask for anything, either, nor show him herself. The husband was almost distracted that she had not schooled herself to feel it; the withered arm that hung loosely under his coat; and hopeless as the question

As he dropped money into the ragged hat that lay on the ground beside the begger, "I used to know her when she lived in Queen street. Was that the one?"

"It was the street where M. Valentin's

"She is gone from that house, but she did not forget old Jack, and many's the penny she has given me since. Glad enough was I when I heard she was married again." "Married!" exclaimed M. Valentin.

"Bless you, sir, yes; married to Mr. Stanbury; but, poor man, he died a year ago." "Do you know where she lives now?"

"Somewhere out of town. I don't go so far now, I am so old. I think it is in Bloomsbury Place, West Terrace." To paint M. Valentin's feelings would be

a hopeless task. Hortense married, but still Hortonse wandered for months about her free! A painful revulsion took place in his beautiful home like a perturbed spirit .- 'mind, and he resolvel, as all seemed to formise. There was a nine days' wonder as to There was nothing that had been touched get him, that he would not yet discover by Eugene that had not a solomn and sacred bimself. That night he visited the neighstood before me, wrapped in a dingy plaid hasty but not too steady step, set out on my ing to her that no one else could understand; house, which happened to be quite empty, snaw, you would not suspect such a thing, especially as you have seen a specimen of my taste in the shape of a lady who bears my taste in the shape of a lady who bears.

I was soon at home and in bed. Mrs. Christmas with its accompaniments of fun and feasting at which I had assisted since I locality, the fashionables who had strained wing to her that no one else could under and having its garden a licining hers. The locality, the fashionables who had strained without the locality, the fashionables who had strained her whole heart and like seemed written. commber of servants, bought a fine carriage It is time to go back to the days of M and horses, and under the name of Richie he Valentin, and see what become of the find sould down to watch at his leisure the before, I was full of hope that ere another friends or relatives. Hortense drooped and husband, the courageous adventurer. At movements of his neighbor. He choose all first he was almost distracted at the thraight his private rooms on that side of the house

Full of hope, he went to the mines of became satisfied that she lived a very retired

Insensitly she was becoming interested The rude miners were the intent on win in him. He had tell her much that was to watch beside his bolt and many were due of his past life, and openly mourned the long days and nights in which he day is me being whom he said was lost to him untended. Aid came at last in the shape ! - he did not say by death-but Hortenso of a child-a young boy, whose father was the with that light. Mite and more tender at work in the mines, and whose mother) grow their interestines, for the lady seemed supported herself and child by washing .- interiv to disregard his sears, until she was Hours did little Ben Cole sit basid him, (searcely surprised, and certainly not offend-

I well she had level him who had gone from