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for comfort and propriety of appearance .--With reference to such arrangements ou mutual friends and relatives favored us with a good deal of advice; and as there was con-Columbia, Pa. [D'Eutrance, between the Book and Dr. Herr's Drug Store. [August 21, 1858 iderable difference in the opinions expressed rendering it impossible for us, with the best intentions in the world, to follow every one's counsel, I need scarcely say that we managed to offend, more or less, about nine in every ten of those who were good enough to "take an interest in our welfare."

> There was one point, however, on which a remarkable unanimity of opinion appeared to subsist: that point was "servants." It was demonstrated that we could'ut get along at all with only one, and, further, that we could'nt afford to keep two, This would at first sight appear rather a dilemma; not so, however. Two servants "proper" being clearly proved unattainable, the alternative was as clearly proved to be one, and "a page." We were informed that an average female servant, at average wages, cost from thirty-five to forty pounds a year; but that a page-buttoned and ornamental to open the door and wait at table, unbuttoned and use ful to clean knives and shoes, and so forth -was an article almost costless, and quite

BRACTICES the Operative, Surgical and Mechan-ical Departments of Dentistry. OFFICE Locust street, between the Franklin House and Post Office. Columbia, Pa May 7 1859 priceless, to young housekeepers. I must affirm that I did not see the ad-AT HENRY "FAILLER's, Locust street, opposite the Franklin House, can be had CUBA LEAF, CON-GRES, and several other brands of the beat Chewing Tobacco, to which the attention of chewers is invited. untages of the proposed functionary in quite so strong a light as some of our advisers, and that it was more in deference to MAY 1, 1858. **MPORTED** Lubin's, also, Glenn's Double Extract-for the handkerchief, at the opinion of others, the parents and guardians of my youth, than of my own free HARRY GREEN'S. Feb. 19. 759. Opposite Cola, Bridge, Front St. will, that I was induced to try the experi-BROOMS 100 Doz. Brooms, at Wholesale ment. And oh! if I had had the smallest H. PFAHLER'S. Locust street. idea of what I was preparing for myself and Emma Maria, I would have quarreled with SiNE'S Compound of Symp of Tar, Wild Cherry and Housthound, for the cure of Cough-Colds, Whooping Cough, Grund, &c. For sule at Family Medicine Store, Old Fellows' Hull October 23, 1895. every relative I possessed in the world, rath. er than have taken the course I did. If the recitul of a few of my miserable experinces (a very few, for a volume of this peri-Patent Steam Wash Bollers. dical might be filled without exhausting THESE well known Boilers are kept constantly of hand at HENRY PFAHLER's, Locust street, opposite the Franklin House. the subject) be the means of preventing any young couple from treading the same dreary path, I shall be amply rewarded. Oh! my Oats for sale by the bushel or larger quan-buy by B. F APCOLD, Columb in Dec. 25, 1853. young friends, it you would be happy, re-

main pageless! particulars. Well, having settled upon kceping a page. the next question was how to produce one; and here an aunt of Emma Maria's (from reason with him on such preposterous conwhom she had expectations, never, alas! fulduct?" filled) stepped forward. This old lady took an interest in an orphan asylum, the popils

Yes. Emma Maria had reasoned with him. of which being put out to service, were "And what did he do then?" bound to their employers for a term of years; and it was represented to me that, in addi-

"He da-da-danced at mel" with sobbing. tion to suiting my own purpose, I should be argument, and descended to the kitchen .--assisting a deserving charity by taking a boy from the establishment. Accordingly, But I could do no good with him, and I the week before we were married, Emma found that the notion that "we had him" Maria and I, accompanied by her aunt, went | for so long a time, had taken entire possesto inspect the school. Sundry boys were sion of hina.

found her in tears.

"He jast said he would'nt."

"But, my dear," I asked, "did'nt you

untarify added by our page. When the fai- | find such a partner, and I will forthwith | particularly wide awake individual. Do Emma Maria was rather mollified by this It may be well supposed how this occurnote; she said Bernard was a nice name, rence acted upon Skeggs. He, of course lor's boy-the real Simon Pure-arrived, join your fraternity." Edward broke wildly in upon Emma Maria and would sound so well. I had misgivings learnt the result of the interview between but I only shook my head; after all, they the superintendent and myself-(I'll swear with a voluntary confession, the substance were but misgivings; I knew nothing about I saw the committee ludy lurking in the of which I have related. The top coat he the Ind, and could hardly send him back street one morning)-and shaped his course said he thought wanted mending, and it because of his looks. Besides, we were to accordingly. But deliverance was at hand.

have him a month on trial before linding One evening I was returning home, and twelve pounds odd, and the services of Ednim for three years. I may state, too, that some fortunate wind having blown a brick ward. the resources of sartorial science had con- down our hed-room chimney the night besiderably diminished the angularity of his fore, I bethought me that I would go up

the back street, and look whether any During his month of probation, Skeggs outward damage was discernible. It o conducted himself as to cause me many was just dusk, and hastened up the pangs of self-reproach for my judgement of street, doubting whether the fading light him. He was respectful and attentive-p-rwould serve my purpose, when I sudhaps a shade too demonstratively so, though denly became aware of an old and very this may be an after thought, begotten of ill-favored woman at our yard door, in earnsubsequent events. The knives and boots est conversation with some one within .-Before I could reach the spot a bundle was ed him down and sat upon him, he would were resplendent: the door was "answered" without undue delay; and the maid-sertransferred to her, and she straightway decant's report was in addition so favorable. parted. I went around to the front, was that, on a certain day, I, the superintendent admitted by Emma Maria, who was at the of the asylum, and Skeggs, set our hands window looking out for me, and called Mary, and seals respectively to a document wherethe muid-servant. Mary was out. "At by I bound myself to provide Skeggs with last, Skeggs," thought I, "I have thee," and food, shelter and raiment, for three years- I regret to say that I felt something like which was about the worst quarter of an triumph at the idea.

I summoned him up stairs, and imperious Very shortly after this the perfidious hyp- 1y demanded what woman he had just been crite threw off the mask, openly stating to talking to? Of course the first impulse of Mary, the maid-servant, "that we had him the ingenious boy was bold, barefaced falsefor three years, and that he was'nt going to

slave as he had bin." He became idle, "He hadn't been talking to any woman." saucy and gluttonous, to a degree I should I convinced him gently that this line was have before thought incredible; he was aluseless; and then, "Oh, yes; there was a ways eating, notwithstanding which it came vomanl" as though it had quite escaped his to my knowledge that he had complained to memory. "Well, it was-yes, it was his a neighbor's servant that we-that is, aunt.'

Emma Maria and I--were "a rubbishing "Oh! and what had he given her?" starving lot; and that he could hardly get "Nothing."

enough to keep body and soul together;" It required the threat of a policeman be ind that he had likewise given to the world re Skeggs a mitted, as he ultimately did, sundry other statements, which, though in that a few articles of household linen had geniously and diabolically falsified, were been considerately lestowed by him upon yet sufficiently based upon circumstances of this relative. actual occurrence to convince me that he

I may as well state here what we afterhad acquired habits of porsevering and juwards found out--that "a few" very inadedicious eaves dropping. He speedily be quately described the number ind variety came the bane of my life; nover did I leave of articles which had disappeared, evidentthe house in the morning, without some uning him since. ly during some time. pleasant reminder of his presence there;

Next day I had the pleasure of visiting never did I return in the evening but to the school, and informed my friend the suhear the voice of lamentation and complaint perintendent that if he didn't at once ease respecting his behavior. Unblacked were me of Skeggs, I would be under the necessinow the boats, unpolished the cutlery, unty of bringing the matter before a magisheeded the knocker and the bell: nay, one trate, who would not only deal with the said day he absolutely declined to wait upon ome extent our misfortune. Skeggs, but would cancel the indenture Emma Maria at dinner (I dined at a chopwhich had bound him to me. I was sorry house near my place of business,) and was after all, for the superintendant-he seemed so violent that, on my return at night, I irude, signifying many. so cast down and really grieved at the affair:

but I was firm; and, to prevent the scandal I could'nt believe that any same person would behave as Skeggs had done without and consequent detriment to the institution he consented to quash the indenture. He some cause, fancied or real, and I demanded much wished me to try another boy, but

forbid!" and left the place, which I have never since entered.

Our next venture was not a bad boy like Skeggs, but he had his faults. He, too, was gluttonous; this, however, I find to be a pe-

culiarity of the genus page; but it was unpleasant that this youth by gross feeding ap extent that he was often unable to wait at table. Not that this was an unuise subject of vexation, especially when we had | but we were fortunate, as we were perhaps friends at our social board; for Edward used

"Don't talk rashly. James: but rather make all the preparations you need for a long visit, and join me two hours hence." He named the place of meeting. Buth mightas well go. The little freak cost me Villa. I did not expect to see such a lovely d-

I have left myself no space to describe in main as that which called my old friend detail the misdeeds of subsequent pages, master, and its extent as far exceeded my and can only name three briefly: James, anticipations as did its beauty, "So this is who in conjunction with Enama Maria's your home?" I asked my face expressing brother, aged fourteen, in the course of some both surprise and pleasure. experimental philosophy involving the use

"Yes, all is really mine these boundaries of gunpowder, set himself on fire; and had enclose. I see you wonder how it came to it not been for the presence of mind and be so; but I do not like to begin a long story body of Mary the servant, a female of great bofore dinner, so be patient a little while above. Woll do I remember leaving home dimensions and weight, who at once knock- longer," We were near the house when we came

he came from beneath Mary bald and but- withered remains of an old hop-vine. tonless, his clothes being utterly ruined. "Is it quite dead, Scott?" asked my friend.

Then there was Henry. Well do I re "Quite sir; Shall I remove it?" "I suppose you must; but I feel sorry to member returning one summer evening at

about half-past eight, from a friend's house give the order. Remember, you procure and seeing our "pretty page looking out and plant another immediately. I must not atar"-that is, perhaps fifty yards from our have Hop Villa without one vine." "I have been wondering," said I, "what door-at a single combat between two of the youth of the neighborhood. It was induced you to give this charming place the Mary's "day out," and Henry had been left name it bears-if, indeed, you acted as its in charge of the house. The neglected door | sponsor."

"An! thereby hangs a-or rather thehad fortunately or unfortunately slammed to,

and I thus found myself shut out from my tale; but wait till after dinner." hearthstone and my household gods. After I must say I felt very forlorn, in compar ison with my friend, when I saw the joyous attracting the delinquent's attention to this state of things, I had to beg temporary ac- greetings he received from a handsome mu commodistion for Emma Maria at a neighiron, and half-a-dozen boys and girls varybor's, whilst I sought a glazier. I thought ing in ugo from six to eighteen. In spite myself fortunate in finding one in a neigh- of his mock lugubrious expression of face, boring street, on his way home; and amid when he informed me that those formed the jears of the multitude, I had to super- only a portion of his "responsibilities," for atend this individual whilst he cut a pane one olive branch was at college, and the of glass from the parlor window. Having youngest tendrils of his household, vine thus gained access to the house, he opened would come in with the dessert, one might the front door; but I regret to say that on see that his home deserved the nume. 1: the way he managed to possess himself of was pleasant to receive a sort of reflected Emma Maria's gold watch, which was al- edition of all their cordiality, and I feit my heart warm in return, though I knew their ways hung from a stand on the mantlepiece, welcome was for Luke's sake, not from per and that I have not had the pleasure of seesonal friendship towards me. "Scott is just grabbing up the old hop After this youth's ignominious dismissal,

came a string of pages, principaly characvine, Nelly," said my friend to his wife. This remark called forth quite a chorus terized by general incapacity; among them however, stand prominently forward in my of regretful expressions, and made meask remembrance. John, who was subject to fits, noor fellow-not his fault, certainly, but to versal interest. "Patience, James," said Swinton; and

It will be seen, when I mention our "Dinner," said a servant at the same moment; so I was fain to marshal my hostess page," that I use the word as noun of multo the dining-room, and endure uncomplain-Talk of thirty-five pounds a year as the ingly several jocose remarks on the subject

cost of a servant! I am convinced that I am of "hops," which were evidently generally within the mark, when I declare that the understood, though I could not comprehend average annual expence of our page, or their meaning. series of pages, was not one farthing under

Much as I admired my host's charming to this proposal I hastly replied, "Heaven fitty pounds, taking into consideration the family, I felt glad when he and I had the almost constant renewal of clothing requi- dining-room to ourselves, with the prospect site, and the damage and loss consequent of an unrestrained chat.

"My wife was a very fall-in-love with able upon stupidity and evil doing. When I at length became convinced that person, seven-and-twenty years ago," said the saving to be effected by the employment Lake after the door had closed upon that of these boys was a myth, I registered a lady.

"You need not tell me what she was, old vow-that is, I told Emma Maria-that J "He da-da-danced at me!" with sobbing. pleasant that this youth by gross teering yow that is, I tota among marginal darma that the darma that the darma still; began to buy there was as good a prospect I admitted the difficulty of refuting this used to bring out boils upon his face to such would no more of them, to her great delight. Tellow," I replied; "she is charming still; began to buy there was as good a prospect I admitted the difficulty of refuting this used to bring out boils upon his face to such would no more of them, to her great delight. Tellow," I replied; "she is charming still; for the coming season. Thanks to my bring bring the boils upon his face to such would no more of them, to her great delight. We got another respectable female ser- and I would soon lot her know my opinion my friends tell meif she were a widow."

"To be sure I do; and I deserved it. Still, as you say, I am not neturally speculative. I make the most of things in a regular way were punctual, and we duly arrived at Hop of business, but run no needless ricks -Above all, I hold that he who endangers a pound more than he really rossesses, commits a breach of the command, 'Th u shalt not steal.' Yet I have speculated desperdely: and it is of my one gambling transaction I am gring to speak. I had made such satisfactory progress under old Stanley's tuition, that at length he proposed that I should invest my little capital, and become his partner to the amount I have named on the morning of the day on which he made this proposition. As I passed through have set the kitchen on fire also. As it was, upon the gardener, who was examining the the gate which led into the little shrubbery -yo. recollect the place, James, for you spent many a jovial day at our house when we were lads-I was attracted by the beantiful appearance of a hop-vine which twined lightly round a sapling hard by. I had watched its growth, and now as its flowers trembled in the soft wind, I paused to admire it as I passed on my way. Before, I returned in the evening, I- had made arrangements for becoming a partner in the great house of Stanley & Co., and my little

capital was, I may say, in my hands ready to re-invest.

"Any person would suppose that, under uch circumstances, I should be too much absorbed in meditating on my commercial prospects to notice small external objects .--But such was not the case. As usual, I was 'all eyes;' and when I reached the little shrubbery gate. I noticed that the plant which, in the morning, looked so beautiful, was now shrunken, and appeared as though scorched and withered. Curious to know the cause, I went immediately to the library and took down a work which would. I thought, enlighten me. In it I found a description of what is termed the hop-blight;" and on comparing my own small experience with it, I could scarcely doubt that my favorite plant had been thus suddenly struck with the disease. Still, I was not quite satisfied; so I consulted the gardener, who happened to be at work on the lawn. H. shook his head when he saw the vine. It for information as to the cause of such uni- is the blight, sure enough.' said ho. 'Very few hops will there ba this year. It comes in this way, and covers a great extent of country all at once, just as though a flame had passed over it."

"Then, you think,' said I, 'the crop will bespoiled.'

"Not a bit of doubt of that, sir." "That will do; thank you. I folt auxious to know what had spoiled my vine so suddenly.'

"The man returned to his work, and I. never waiting far dinner, hurried back to town, to purchase every peaket of hops I could lay hold on. ' It was a desperate game, for I risked every furthing I possessed, but no more. Hops were then particularly cheap, for the proceeding year had been one of remarkaby plenty, and a few hours before I began to buf there was as good a prospect ing 'all eyes,' I was first in the field.

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A. Dyspeptics, and Arrow Root valids and shudismonew articles the Family Medicise Store, April 16, 1659. ia Columbia, a

Teas.

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called forward and put through their facings So, on the morrow, I presented myself as it were, before as. Among these was one before the superintendent of the asylam, of the most ungainly youths I ever remem- and laid before him my complaint I found ber to have seen. His bones stuck out all him a different man from what he had been over him in great lumps; his head was of at our last interview-cold, not to say unthe most peculiar shape-all angles where civil.

"It was very strange; Wilkins had alordinary heads have curves; and there was ways shown binself a remarkably good boy that in his face which made me whisper to Emma Marin, in my droll way, that I was if I doubted this, I could see his character sure an admirably interesting melo-dra- duly certified in the books of the institumatic story might be written, suggested by tion."

his appearance, entitled "Skeggs; or, The I declined this solace, not seeing its ex-Futal Orphan." As he came from his seat act bearing on my case, and being already toward us, he took the most exaggerated aware from experience that Skeggs was a pains to tread on the tips of his toes, so as finished hypocrite. Shall I confess that I to avoid noise-a mode of progression which only kept my temper with difficulty, seeing ended in his overbalancing, falling heavily

as I did in the superintendent's manner an against a desk, and eventually rolling up to evident expression of opinion that I had no Emma Maria's little boots, much to her business to have a boy from the institution alarm; though she could'nt help laughing behaving badly in my house?

when he had picked himself up, at his rue ful expression, and the ape-like way in which he rubbed himself.

When we adjourned to the Superintendent's room, I was asked if I should like to talk to Wilkins, and give him good advice to

ave fainted.

select a boy. I modestly said that as I keep from future evil. I had'nt the liveliest to see him, when mildly questioned as to the knew nothing about any of the youths, I fuith in this moral prophylactic, but, in an should much prefer leaving it to the super- evil hour, I consented to its administration.

intendent to send me one whom he could How much the remedy transcended the disthoroughly recommend. He said he would ease, it is beyond my power tell.

The committee lady came and talked to think the matter over, and promised that we should find a boy at our house on our return our page, and talked and came, and talked sufficient excuse. He hadn't sense to perfrom our wedding tour, which Emma again. She was never out of the house; ceive that it was an aggravation of the off-

Maria's sunt-who, I am bound to say, she was there somtimes as early as nine A. took a more leading part in the arrangement | M., andon one occasion she left the door at buttoned, and retained him in my service.

than I altogether approved of-had told a quarter before eleven P. M. Whatever What was the convequence? One morning, Bernard was doing, she came and demanded in accordance, with a previous arrangement

him was at hand. At that epoch, when we drove up to our him to be talked to. She routed Emma with my tailor, I told Edward that a person Maria, who hinted to her that her presence would call for some new clothes-sent home door, behind the friends who were in the hall waiting to receive us, my eye discerned was occasionally inconvenient; and when I to me in an unsatisfactory state-which he a well-remembered hideous face; and I in- ventured to second the hint, she wouldn't was to deliver on such application. When voluntarily excluimed, in a tone of horrow take it. She possessed us, and I used to go I returned home, I found that the clothes "Skeggs!" I thought Emma Maria would about my daily affairs thinking of how she were indeed gone, but whither, no one knew. It uppeared that during the forenoon Ed-

was even then closeted with Wilkins in our However, there was Skeggs, sure enough, dining room, and composing imaginary resplondent in bright buttons, (I had made forms of address to her, of which the begin arrangements about the clothing question.) | ning used to hover between "Madam, I mus and on the mantelpiece was a note from the | really request that you will be good enough."

superintendent, stating that Skegge' name and "Fiend, in the share of lady, arount!" was Bernard Wilkins, and that in his (the I don't think I should ever have had the superintendent's) opinion, he was the very nerve to tarn her out, had that course po: been forced upon me.

. . .

in the conversation, and alarm people by breaking out into hoarse chuckles, much ing and doing away with the office of "our behind time, at passing jokes; and cover page." Emma Maria and myself with confusion, either by losing himself in the contempla-

tion of current events, or by dropping the plates and dishes. The fact is, ho was only one remove from an idiot. Skeggs' suit of and sworn chums. In the Interim I had clothes was alcored for him, and it appeared that he must have had some undeveloped views on the bullion question as connected

with the shiny buttons thereof: for, having emoved three of them from the most promhent part of his chest, with a view, I suppose, to some experiments on their nature and properties, he appeared at dinner one Sunday with two common brass flat trouser buttonsu d'one più dis inetty visible in lieu nizo it.

of them. Notwithstanding this, there was as much placifity and self-complaisance in held out my hand. his face as mough his appearance presented

All that I could get by way of proposed no grounds for cavil or complaint; and his and his palm, slowly extended, touched remedy was a suggestion that one of the manner altogether was that of one conscious mine with a doubtful clasp, till I filled up ladies' committee should call at my house, of being in all respects a periodily appointthe sentence: ed page. This was trying: but it was more

ward, on opening the door, found there a

to which the stranger-evidently a man ca-

"James Ashbuston." No want of cordiality when those words cause of this absence of buttons, suddenly fell upon his ear. "To think I did not know pass from absurd equanimity to idiotic des-

you," said he. "But thirty years make pair, giving vent to the must frightful howl nany changes, and yours has been a roving imaginable, and protesting that he "thought life, by all accounts. You shall tell me they were silver," as if that was a good and verything by-and-by."

"I shoook my head. "Mine would be too ence. Well, I looked over this, had him refrom the outline. I went away poor; I have manthe younger."

Hop Villa.

not returned rich, though with enough to supply a bachelor's wants."

"I am sorry you are a bachelor my dear smiled spprovingly, and advanced me fairly fellow," said my old mate, eyeing me com- enough; but still there was an awful hill to and how my capital was quadrupled by t passionately. "But there is a bright side to everything and you can go homewith me about claiming Nelly, or indeed before cirto dinner without its being necessary to cumstances would permit me to marry with ask permission; moreover, you can give or out pecuniary aid from her father. My ders for your baggage to be forwarded to whole capital amounted to £3.000; it was a Hop Villa-my little place out of town- legacy from a maiden aunt of mine; and man, and, idiotically jumping to a conclu- without fear that your other half will lodge many times during these three probationary sion, at once said, "Oh, you're from the this in detainer. Depend on it, I shall not soon years had I been tempted to speculate with lor, I suppose, for these clothes of master's?" | part with you."

pable of improving opportunity-promptly iton without the cognizance of the lady bit."

replied in the affirmative, and at once hore that owns you? O, happy Benedicti" con- "I cannot fancy you a speculator, Lake," off the babiliments, as also as overcost yol- tinued 1, laughing; "well me where I may suid I, "though I always considered you a Citil Instal and the second second

"Thank you. I have no wish to test your sincerity in the mode you so feelingly hint unfortunate in our selection of boys. at all occasionally to take an obtrasive interest events, never have I had occasion to report at. But take my word for it, in those hyof the resolution which I formed of abolish-

I had not seen Luke Swinton for thirty party and she changed everything." "Did Nelly object to parsons, then?" years; and so long ago we were classmates "No; but her father did. The old man was very rich, and had amassed his wealth by trade; so he was determined to have a me the means of coming home-That is, to merchant, and no other, for a son-in law .--Nelly was dutiful, and though she owned

and I accidentally justled each other "on the end of it was, that I never went back to 'Change," soon after my arrival, there was Cambridge, but entered the old merchant's enough of the old face left for me to recog- office as a clerk." "Very chivalrous, I am sure; but I prc-

"You are Luke Swinton," I said, and same you would have resigned crowas as well as a mitre-in perspective-to win Nelly." "And you are"- He looked inquiringly,

"Say as you will, it requires some solfdenial to give up such fair prospects as I If I lost the money, I knew I should be all

I should win a good position in the mercantile world, he would not refuse me when I

ong a story in detail: but you may fill it up when we first met, and she was twelve ing on diminished prices, had but for an

climb before I should dare to say a word transaction."

it, in the hope of taking fortune by storm;

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muda no confidant-I did not even tell Nel what I was doing. When old Stanley r luded to the pantnership. I quietly request gone days, Nelly would have been bad to permission to reconsider the matter. I match. I was intended for the church, as face told me de deemed me a facil, for ? you are aware, and went to college with offer was certainly a thing to jump at, a that profession in view; but during my very he informed Nelly in my presence, and w first vacation I met Nelly at a Christmas a perceptible sneer, that I was consideri whether a partnership with him would would not be advisable. The dear girl 1 self seemed alia st hurt about it; but I with pered to ber that she must trast me entire and she said no more. Nelly had wom ful faith in my infallibility then. It we have been a great comfort to me to tell days there. I said I had not seen Luke her regard for me, would enter into no en- all about that venture of mine, for I g Swinton for thirty years, and yet when he gagement unsanctioned by her father. So quite haggard with keeping it to mysel I saw the least signs of amendment in appearance, I trembled; and the more of leaves drooped the more did my spirits r I was like a fellow by the sick bed of from whom he expects a rich legacy.] see I embarked not only my cash, but, my future prospects in this one venture

had, and take to plodding and quill driving with no definite notions of any reward. Old Stanley-Nelly's father-would only lows talk of his talent for business; the any that, if through my own unaided efforts lucky one is stigmutised as a gambler a madman.

"But my anxieties did not last long. asked for his daughter. In the meanwhile, certainty of a failure in theorop of hope I was allowed free communication with my came known, and there was an joutery beloved, and we were both young enough to the market. Nobody knew where all wait a few years; for I was only twenty hops were gone to. The brewers, calou hand when the blight came, and now -

"For three years I toiled like a galley eagorly sought to increase their etock. slave in my new vocation. Old Stanley will gues how I held back, and then set " my precious commodity in small quantit .

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"I see it all now," interrupted I: "yos "Stop, and let me finish. Don't be rudes and spail my stary: it is nearly dance When I had parted with my last parcelaof When I had parted with my sale spaces and hops, and found my self the parents of twelve, instead of threathenhand found. I marched holdly into the panter build I want to speak to go the ship you ware good the and I.

"And can you really give such an invita- as it were, instead of winning it bit by

been knocked about, the vory shuttlecock of fortune, until the capricious dame gave