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Rotes of Advertising.

"Will you mind having the window up, old fellow?" said I to Charley Howard, one foggy afternoon as we were traveling by railway down to Scotland together, "it is a precious raw day this same twenty-ninth of February."

"Twenty-ninth of February!" repeated "Twenty-ninth of February!" repeated

Charley, like a parrot, pausing with the window half up in his hand, "is it possible?"

"Possible, alteit improbable, I admit, seeing it comes but once in four years. But what on earth is the matter with you, Charey? It is Leap-year, certainly, but what of that, unless you have been trifling with pursue you to make you an offer, which she is entitled to do this year! Is she after you? By Jove! I believe you are afraid she will come after you here."

"Fred," said Charley, in a subdued quiet way, very unlike himself,—for a noisy felhall, with perhaps a lean-to for a billiard fellow to take nervous fancies into my very line, four years ago this very day."

"I had performed about half the journey the train stopped at a junction station about five o'clock in the afternoon. There was a a good deal of crowd on the platform, and, secure in the purchase I had made of the guard's promise, I amused myself by watching the people elbowing and pushing each other about. There was one figure, however, which attracted my attention by the contrast it formed to the rest. It was a lady, wrapped in a long white bournous, which looked cold and chilly that foggy afternoon.'

"Possibly her dressing-gown," said I; "an ill-judged costume, certainly."

"She was apparently young, for the tall figure was very slender; but she had so thick a veil on her face I could not distinguish the features. She alone seemed to know neither bustle nor hurry; she moved slowly along, with a sort of undulating motion, and with the utmost unconcern walked up and down until the bell had rung, and the train was just starting, when, to my surprise, she stopped opposite my carriage, gently opened the door, and placed herself on the opposite side to me. 'Hang the fellow,' said I to myself, 'I thought he told me the door was locked.' But there was no time for remonstrance then, for the train had started. She sat quite still, with her veil down, and I bagan to wish very much to see her face."

"Very pardonable, as you thought she was young," muttered I.

"There was a long bright curl hanging from beneath the veil which took my fancy very much"----"I should have taken the curl, I think,

said I.

"So, to begin a conversation, I said I was afraid she might find the carriage smell of smoke. As I spoke, she turned her head towards me. 'I am afraid then, sir, that I riage, for I must have interfered with your smoking.' As she spoke, she lifted her veil beautiful a face. It was a perfect oval, with beautiful soft brown eyes, very deli-vorad me. cately traced eyeballs above them, and long lashes that rested on her cheek when she

"How they must have tickled," I once more interpolated.

"The only fault of her face was perhaps want of color." "Result probably of dissipation-hot

cooms," interrupted I, but Charley got impatient.

"Positively, Fred, I will tell you no more, you won't attend,"

"Attend, my dear fellow! my little remarks are all to show the unflagging attention with which I am listening. But go on Charley, I wont say much more if I can

himself than to me—which was rude, but I spoken escaped from under the thick veil to lock you in." forgave him. "I have seldom had a more witty and intellectual companion. She such a fool as I look in general, but I must ofterwards—there is a lady—here under our could talk of every subject delow the say I was a little staggered for a moment; feet—help me to move these timbers, man." stars and some beyond them. I can't my next impulse was to enter into conversatalk to women generally; for I can't tion with her. pay compliments, and never go to the opera But this woman was as reasonable as a man

while she was as quick as a woman." "Ah, intellectual women-wisdom and vater; I know," suggested I, but this time as I am a very light sleeper, and I consid- hand. so low that he did not hear me, and he went ered he had disturbed me by the very dis-

"It had meanwhile got dark, but there was a young moon, and by the uncertain light of the lamp I could see the soft out voice, as the lady bowed in return, "for you line of her figure and the dazzling white- did not seem to heed the bustle of the Junctime, noticed a wedding-ring; but, to my surprise, the hand was streaked with blood. Good gracious! madam, I am afraid you have hurt your hand,' I said, starting for-

'it is stained.'

"She did not attempt to move it or to change her position, and I sat looking at it

what her history was, i.e., thinking it must picked it up and restored it to me. Her to one of the other men. be a mournful one, for she never once glove was off. smiled-not even the shadow of a smilewere witty enough, as I have told you-" "I heard you say she was," I replied, "and don't deny the possibility of that; but the quiet answer. from what I know of you, can scarcely credit it of you both."

that way.' "'I beg your pardon, sir," said a porter, from the top.

"I was alone in the carriage. Good heavens!' said I, 'where is the lady?'

must have got out in the tunnel.' but the porter, with a mysterious face, shook how much she was hurt? his head, and said, 'Ah, you've seen her,

too, sir, have you?' "The train, however, went on that momoment, and I had no time to investigate the matter further. Well, Fred, what do cate him. Can I assist you?" you think? Don't think me mad, for it is

"Mad! certainly not, my dear fellow, only ing story has made me."

"I was not asleep, Fred," replied Charley: 'I was broad awake as I am now. Besides | they lay right on her chest. the norter evidently knew there was a mystery."

"Oh, if you are going to make the whole cannot help me otherwise." dreaming, or else eating cat-pie at the last sent a shiver to my very ssul. station.

muring something about not eating cat-stake. Oh go!" pie at stations."

count. "Good heavens! Charley," said I, "how with our carriage. the dickens do you expect a fellow to sleep your mysterious fiddlesticks?"

"Hush!" said Charley, "there she is!" I jumped round-sure enough, next the "What more I have to say will soon be wrapped, as Charley had described, in a which concealed her face from us. I'm not

> raising my hat, "I am a fraid you must have but I felt myself aggrieved by my friend, you rise now, madam?" and I held out my

agreeable face he was making." a sleeper either, sir," replied a sweet, low is gone mad! Mr. Frederick!" me from her astonishingly white brow.

"Take some sherry, Charley," said I, "'I have not hurt it,' she replied faintly, frame quivering. "And may I offer you my companion must catch the flame. some, madam?" "None, thank you." she replied.

"Heavens, madam, it is broken! It has

"I have not hurt it; it is stained," was

I was getting very uncomfortable; how

sigh and her dress rustling. I remember stotion, stopping sometimes, and hearing cloak. She was still standing there when the affections of some fair damsel who will There was such a rush of cold damp air time Charley sat opposite, pale and strange doctor; one had been sent for, and was exover us; then we began to emerge and I looking, and I could see his lip tremble wondered with a kind of a childish specu- when the light shone on him. Beside me lation how soon, by the feeble moonlight, I sat our silent companion, still and motionshould be able to trace her outline on the less, her face resting as Charley had deopposite seat. I sat with my eyes fixed on scribed it, on the stained hand. I tried to it, but could see nothing. It is too dark, shake off the feelings of dread that were low is Charley, six foot high, and always in thought I to myself, though I could distin- creeping over me, and turning to her began the open air. I believe he thinks a house gulsh the divisions of the seats and my a conversation with her. I found that Charneed only consist of a bed-room and dining cloak and rug on one of them. We must be indeed had not exaggerated her powers get the lamp relighted,' said I, aloud, but of mind, and we were still talking, (she and table on a wet day. "You know I am not there was no answer, and I shivered at the I), when I became aware of a singular move sound of my own voice. I bent forward ment in the carriage in which we were, head; don't laugh now, if I tell you a very and felt over the seats. I could feel nothing which increased till we were swung violentstrange thing that happened to me on this there. I spoilt match after match of my ly backwards and forwards. Then there cigar lights, as I endoavored to make one was a tremendous crash, the carriage upset, burn. I thought we should never stop and all seemed going to pieces. An immense in much comfort," resumed Charley, "when again; at last, however, we came to a sta-spar struck the lady violently on the head; tion, and I hallo'ed to the guard to light I heard a crunching of delicate bones, saw the lamp. 'The door is not locked after all Charley sinking under another; I myscli yeur promises,' said I to him, 'take it out was stunned by the concussion. When I on her pale face. I was still busy with my recovered, there seemed nothing around me friend, when I heard the clatter of horses but a mass of broken timbers; but after a hoofs outside; the door opened, and at the 'the door is locked,' and he lighted the lamp time I distinguished Charley lying bleeding same moment a dreadful shrick ran through and insensible under the debris. The greater the air, and turning, I saw the lady had dismass, however, seemed on the lady's side. appeared, and a stout, middle-aged man I groped my way to her, and shuddering to standing in the doorway. That dreadful "The men stared at me. 'I tell you think what I should find there, with no exthere was a lady here,' I repeated, 'she pectation of there being any answer to my slumbering brain; he opened his eyes, and question, remembering what I had heard "'There was no lady, sir,' said the guard; and seen against that small head, I asked

"Not at all, I thank you," replied the sweet low voice I never thought to hear again. "How is your friend?"

"He is insensible; I cannot, I fear, extri-"Do not mind me," she answered; " go :

once for assistance for your friend." "But I cannot leave you." I was trying a little sleepy, as indeed your most interest. to remove the spars that lay over her; how she could breathe under such a weight astonished me, for I could not move one, and

"Only assist me to extricate my hand, and

turn upon the porter's shaking his head, I With the greatest exertion I managed to and even the man who helped me to carry have done with you," said I, incredulously. effect an opening, through which she passed | Charley, evidently thought I was delirious 'I could make it a good romance and call her hand. I started, for the blood seemed in talking of the lady who had walked by it the Porter's Wink, if that is all that is fresh on it. The next moment I remembered our side. necessary. Seriously, Charley, how can the singular stain. I took hold of it to pull I returned to the waiting-room, where the you be such an old fool? You had been it through; it was deadly heavy, cold, and doctor was binding up Charley's wounds,

I had indeed been neglecting poor Charmust have been an old Tom; the remem- if I could get help. It was a frightful scene am a most unwelcome intruder in your car- brance of it makes me so uncomfortable I as I made my way out: there were a few must go to sleep at once." Thus speaking, glaring torches brought from the next sta-I wrapped myself up well in my rug, as I tion, which we were near, and people runand-upon my life, Fred, I never saw so naturally did not believe a word of the nar- ning madly up and down; whilst amongst merely my excited fancy. He was not at rative with which my friend Charley had fa- the broken timbers, you saw mangled and first disposed to communication on the subbleeding bodies, hopelessly entangled .- ject; but Charley's hurts were severe; for I might have been asleep half an hour or Another train, running into ours, seemed to more when I suddenly woke up, feeling have caused the accident by throwing us ment, and from him we at last gained the thoroughly chilled and uneasy, and, looking down an embankment. I was fortunate history of the lady whose mysterious likeup, saw Charley who was sitting opposite to enough to fall in with the guard of our ness had disappeared so suddenly on his arme, with such a look of terror and amaze- train, (who happened to be an old servant rival with us. She had confided it to him ment on his pale face that I immediately of our family and knew me well,) directing on her death-bed. put down my uneasy slumbers to his ac- some fellows with spades to dig for the passengers, and prevailed upon him to begin

I set them to work on poor Charley, who from disgrace and ruin, she had forged her if you sit pulling such long faces opposite was still insensible, and climbed over to the husband's name to cheques for an amount

> "Make haste, my lads," said I, "the lady is still conscious.' "What lady, sir?" asked the guard, com-

other window on my side sat a lady, ing towards me. "There was no one in the manager of the bank there on which the forsaid," continued Charley, speaking more to white bournous; the curl, of which he had you and the poor gentleman. You told me have had a frightful quarrel in the railway the slightest notion of involving myself in a evening in her father's garden, she confess-"But there was a lady, I tell you, got in

> The man stared at me, as if he thought me insane; but helped to remove one or two "I beg your pardon, madam," said I, spars, and she raised herself on her arm. "Gently, gently, man," said I. "You will thought I used strong language just now, let that fall on the lady's head again. Can

"My good sir-my dear sir-there is no one there," said the guard, catching my seat at the next station. "I should not have thought you so light outstretched arm. "By heavens, I think he

I. shaking him off. "You must be mad .- next the wall; she saw it coming-and com- friend's, and then went back and announced ness of her hand, on which I, for the first tion on my getting in." So saying she Come, madam;" and as I touched her cold ing, but she would not speak. The next that he was the advertiser. I thus discharge in their welfare. Its suggestions are appliraised her veil, and the identical soft brown hand she rose to her feet, as if she cast the moment there was a blow-a crunch, and od in full one or two practical jokes which cable to other forms of evil, and especially, eyes Charley had spoken of gazed sadly at timber off her like water. "You will set her husband's corpse fell heavily accross her my neighbor had played upon me. The with some modification, to the use of intox. cloak on fire man!" I exclaimed, rushing lap with the skull fractured by concussion answers were of the usual character-sever- icating drinks:

A fearful sensation overpowered me-was all the time we were talking, though we cut your hand!" I exclaimed; "it is bleed was extricated, and with the assistance of as it was thrilling, and both Charley and one of the men, whom I retained to help me, we carried him to the station-house. The

lady walked noiselessly by our side. I do not know if the other man was aware of her was this? I know one often has a feeling presence. I almost thought that Charley "-when a sudden gust of wind coming when a thing takes place. I have done this felt it, unconscious as he appeared, for the whistling down the cutting, extinguished before. I know exactly what's going to expression of his face changed as she came the lamp-" ("What a disagreeable smell happen next; but it was something more to his side. It was a mounful walk; but we it must have made," said I,) - "and left us than that now. Was I dreaming? Surely reached the station house at last and placed in perfect darkness. 'How very unfortunate,' not, for I heard the train go whizzing on him on the one side of the sofa, in the waitsaid I to the lady, just as we are coming to through the evening air, the occasional ing-room. The lady stood by his side, like a tunnel, too.' I thought I heard a faint | whistle, the flash of light as we passed a | a tall statue, still wrapped in her white thinking how cold it was in that tunnel .- | feet crushing the wet gravel; while all the | I came back from inquiring for the nearest

> nected to arrive immediately. "A doctor is coming," said I; "perhaps we can do something mean while. Can you chafe his hands?"

"Is this likely to warm them?" she re plied, softly, laying her icy hand for one moment on mine; the touch almost paralyzed it.

"You are ill yourself!" I exclaimed. "What can I do? Rest yourself." "Rest. Oh, Heavens!" she answered

vaving me away. "Do not think of me. I cannot rest, attend to your friend." The advice was good. I knelt down by Charley, loosened his cravat, and endeavor ed to stanch the blood that flowed from the wound in his head. She stood at a little distance from us, her arms folded on her breast, and an expression of intense agony shriek had penetrated even to Charley's

faintly asked where he was. Meanwhile, the new comer, who proved to be the doctor, advanced hastily towards me, and in agitated tones inquired in the name of Heaven who that lady was?

"I know nothing of her," said I, "except that she traveled with us part of the way .-Where can she be gone now?"

"Do not go. Do not go after her," exclaimed Charley, faintly detaining me, as I was rushing from the room. "Is she gone? It must be about the time she disappeared the license. This, however, was not the before."

In spite of his remonstrance, I, however, went out, and inquired of the people in the outer room which way the lady in the white It was through no disinclination or difficulthen hasten away," she answered; "you cloak had gone? They all denied having seen any such lady either enter or go out,

and told him of my fr "Now go," she said, "you can do no more asked what he knew of her! He replied Toby's—a want of acquaintance with fecost her an effort, asked where I was stay-Charley shook his head, and began mur- for me, and your friend's life may be at that he did not know her; but was struck by her likeness to a lady whom he had attended in that neighborhood some years be-"Well, at any rate," said I, "I did, the ley. I now freed his head and chest as fore, whose husband had been killed in a very last time we stopped; and I think it much as I could, and then crept out to see railway accident, not far from this station.

"What became of the lady?" I asked.

"She died." was the short answer. I funcied I heard a moan run through the building as he spoke, Lut it might have been some time he was under Dr. Healall's treat-

It appeared she had married a rich cotton spinner, many years older than herself, and in order to save her favorite brother him. No wonder I could'nt keep quiet.—
other side to encourage the lady. I found which freed her brother. The husband, hent. In either case, all applicants will be however, had discovered the fraud, he put to the office of this paper. the police on the track of the brother, and carried her off with him, intending to take her to Glasgow, to confront her with the carriage you recollect, Mr. Frederick, but geries had been drawn. They seemed to carriage, he had reproached her with her dishonesty, and she fiercely upbraiding him with wishing to deliver her brother to jus-

"Sooner than you should succeed!" she cried in her passion, "may we never reach and it was jokingly suggested by more than happy!" our journey's end-may I rather see you dead at my feet!"

He started up, saying he would travel no

Charley's hand shook so he dropped the replied the man, southingly. "I believe the she was almost paralysed to idiotey; how was from a lady, who proposed an interview of the gambier. We know there are many

morse, time and space fail me to tell here: she then invisible? By this time Charley but Dr. Healall's narrative was ar solemn I left M-, sobered and saddened men.

> [From Once a Week. How an Advertisement got a Wife. "Tobacco is the tomb of love." writes a modern novelist of high standing; but, with every respect for his authority. I beg

to say it was quite the contrary in my case. Twenty-one years ago, I was sitting by my fireside, totting up innumerable pages of my bachelor's housekeeping book, taking exercise in arithmetic on long columns of "petty cash"—comprising items for carrots and bath-bricks, metal tacks and mutton chons-until tired and wearied. I arrived at the sum total, and jerked the book on the mantel-piece. Nearly at the same time I placed my had in the pocket of my dressinggown, drew out a leather case, and lit a principe, I placed my feet on the fender and sighed, exhausted by the long job of domestic accounts. I was then in businesstwas a small wholesale business then, 'tis a large wholesale business now-yet one morning's totting of carrots and bath-bricks, of metal tacks and mutton chops, would tire me a thousand times more than twenty four hours of honest ledger-work. I sighed, not from love, but from labor; to tell the truth I had never been in love. Is this to go on forever! thought I, as I took my third whiff, and looked dreamily through the thin smoke as it ascended between me and a large print of the capture of Gibralter which hung over the chimney piece. Am I to spend my prime in totting up parsnips, washing-bills? I sighed again, and in the act, off flew the button of my neck-band, as though some superior power had seasonably sent the accident to remind me of my help-

The button settled the business; though as it slipped down inside my shirt, and passed with its mother-o'-peal coldness over my heart, it for a moment threatened to chill my matrimonial resolution. I pitied my own lonely state, and pity, we know, is akin to love. But how was the matter to be accomplished? Most men of my age would already have adjusted their inclinawould have remained to have been done than to decide upon the day, and lay hold upon case with me. I had been too much occupied, teo idle, or too indolent to devote time or make the effort to "form an attachment."

male society, which want arose from anothing. er cause to my case-namely, too close an

application to business. Accordingly I thought of an advertisebusiness, but, as I persuaded myself, for a joke. So I scratched with a pencil on the back of a letter, the following:

WANTED A WIFE .- None but principals need apply. The advertiser does not require cash, but only a companion. He is six and twenty, and, tired of single, he thinks he can settle down to married life.— As men go, he believes he has a moderate share of temper, and want of time is his only reason for having recourse to the newspapers. He has enough means for himself and a second party, and is willing to treat at once. He is quite aware that a great many attempts to convert his honest inten into an extravagant joke will be made, but he warns all rash intruders. If he finds a man hardy enough to make sport of his affections, he will thrash him—if a woman, he will forgive her. He has a hear for the sincere, a horsewhip for the imperti-

I felt proud of my composition, and puffed away my principe with a vague glee and anticipation of something coming of it. I had no very great idea that anything but all a barren joke, pressed upon me. On Saturday the advertisement appeared, and

one, that I was the domestically destitute

individual who put it forth. On Monday morning I sent a boy to the longer in the same carriage with her, and newspaper office for P. P's letters. I expectthrust his head through the window to call ed he might be followed by some curious be your mamma, and she has kept her to the guard that he wished to change his and inquisitive perons; so I told him on his word." way back to call at a bachelor neighbor's As he stood with his head and part of his of mine for a book. The trick told. The lad body out of the window, she saw they were was followed by some persons who never "No one there-what do you mean?" said coming to a tunnel! They were on the line lost sight of him until they ran him to my

and at the wedding-ring, and wondering stopper, and it rolled towards her. She poor gentleman's head is turned," he added she lingered but a few weeks after him and in a neighboring city, about forty miles then faded away a prey to the deepest re- north. She said there was something so frank and straightforward in my advertisement. that she was convinced it was real, and she could rely upon my keeping her name secret, if after we met nothing came of the meeting. She would, therefore, see me at the ---, at ----, on a certain day, and if mutual approbation did not tollow

the interview, why there was no harm done. Most people would have put this down as trap to give me a journey for nothing. I did not. A presentiment impelled me to accept and keep the engagement.

This was in the old coaching days, when man had time to make an acquaintance in forty miles, not as now, when you are at your journey's end before you have looked round your company in a railway carriage. There were but two insides-myself and a pleasant, talkative, elderly gentleman. Shy and timid in female society, I was yet esteemed as animated and agreeable enough mongst my own sex. We had no trouble. therefore, in making ourselves agreeable to one another; so much so, that as the coach approached G---, and the old gentleman learned that I meant to stop there that night, he asked me to waive ceremony and have a cup of tea with him after I had dined at my hotel. My "fair engagement" was not to come off till next day, and, as I liked

the old gentleman, I accepted his offer. After my pint of sherry, I brushed my hair and went in search of my coach componion and my promised cup of tea. I had no difficulty in finding him out, for he was a man of substance and some importance in the place. I was shown into the drawing room. My old friend received me heartily, and computing corrots, and comptrolling daughters. "All spinsters, sir, young laand introduced me to his wife and five dies whom an undiscriminating world seems

disposed to leave upon my hands." "If we don't sell, papa," said the eldest, who with her sisters seemed to reflect her father's fun, "it is not for want of puffing, for all your introductions are advetise

ments. At the mention of the last word, I felt a little discomposed, and almost regretted my engagement for the next day, when that very night, perhaps, my providential opportunity had arrived.

I need not trouble my readers with all our sayings and doings during tea; suffice tion to some object, so that having made up it to say, that I found them a very pleasant, their mind and counted the cost, little more friendly family, and was surprised to find I forgot all my shyness and timidity, encouraged by their good-tempered case and conversation. They did not inquire whether I was married or single, for where there were five unmated daughters, the question might seem invidious. I, however, in the freedom of the moment, volunteered the information ty to be pleased; for had any young lady of of my bachelorhood; I thought I had no moderately agreeable powers taken the sooner communicated the fact than the girls trouble, she might have married me long passed round a glance of arch intelligence ere then. I should have even been grateful from one to the other. I cannot tell you to her for taking the trouble off my hands; how odd I felt at that moment. My sensabut I was too bashful to adopt the initiation was between pleasure and confusion, as a suspicion crossed my mind, and helped, I I was a bashful man. This weakness felt, to color my check. Presently, however, came from the same cause as my Uncle the eldest, with an air of indifference which

"At the --- hotel." I answered with

some embarrassment. It was with difficulty they restrained a ment, yet with no practical design of doing laugh; they bit their lips, and I had no longerany suspicion-I was certain. So, after having some music, when I rose to depart, I mustered courage, as I bid them good bye, to say aside to the eldest-

> "Shall P. P. consider this the interview?" A blush of conscious guilt, I should rather say innocence, told me I had sent my random arrow to the right quarter; so I pressed the matter no further at that moment, but I did her hand.

> I remained at my hotel next days until an hour after the appointed time, but no one made their appearance. "Then," thought I, brushing my hair and adjusting my cravat, "since the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Muhomet must go to the mountain;" so I walked across to my old friend's. The young ladies were all in. The cldest was engaged in some embroidery at the window. I had therefore an opportunity, as I leant over the frame, to whisper:

"S. S. is not nunctual."

The crimson in her face and neck was now so deep, that a skeptic himself would fun would result; and I certainly had not no longer doubt. I need say no more; that personal collision with any one. Still the ed that she and her sisters had conspired to presentiment that it was not destined to be bring me up to G-on a fool's errand, never

meaning, of course, to keep the engagement. "Then," said I, "since you designed to I heard its style canvassed by all my friends, take me in, you must consent to make me

"And what did she say, papa?" asks my second daughter, who is now looking over my shoulder as I write.

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"Why, you little goose, she promised to

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on the guard, who was waving his torch so against the wall. How she traveled miles al seeking to elicit my name, and still more LEARNING TO PLAY CARDS.—Where is the handing him the flask, for I saw his whole close to us, I thought the light garment of in the darkening afternoon of that awful suggesting places of meeting, where I was source of all the evils of gambling? What twenty-ninth of February, with that dead to exhibit myself with a flower in my but is the fountain from which these bitter wa-"Now do'ce come away, sir—there's noth- body on her kuce, her fair hand stained by ton-hole and a white handkerchief in my ters flow. Are we wrong in answering that ing there-nothing but the broken timber," his blood; how when they found her at last, hand. One only looked like business. It they all come from learning to use the tools