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Recollections of a Relieving Officer.

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Mr. Jones and I were chatting about refractory paupers. "You don't remember 'Desperate Deborah,' do you sir?" asked the Relieving Officer.

"What's become of her?" "Oh, she married at last, and is now living quite as a lady, over in Tarnsey yonder.

"Well, sir, it's not a very long one. Deborah Tomkinson was the daughter of a very humble shopkeeper in Bramblestone, a widower. Who John Tomkinson was, and where he came from, nobody ever knew.

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The moment I was in the house, its master clutched me by the arm. "Haven't been out, not one yard, since the morning," he said, in a subdued tone.

"No, not sick," he replied; "but, but, look here—see what you see." I looked from the front window, and, not far off, I descried the terrible Deborah, evidently keeping a lynx eye upon the house.

"Just you read," said Mr. Tourneville, and he put into my hand a dirty scrap of paper. "This was left here this day."

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