HAND TO HAND.

By REBECCA HARDING DAVIS.

[Copyrighted.] "The sun was down, but the reflection from the snow on the roofs threw a pleasant brightness into the many windows, while the clock ticked cheerfully the last hour of daylight away. A noise below broke the silence into which they had fallen. The stairs were long and rickety, and steps could be heard creaking from one flight to the other.

"It's Jack!" The major spoke hoarsely, standing up. He had been thinking it over as he sat. However false and disreputable his course had been since he was a man, he at least was right, he thought, in this act of its close.

"'Nothing in his life so became him as the ending of it," he quoted to himself. "But McMurray would call it a theatrical trick." Jack was at the street door; in a few min-utes it would be too late. He thrust his fingers into his pocket and secreted the little vial in his palm. He went to the door as if to close it. At that moment Maddy caught sight of a yellow bit of writing on the hearth, stooped, picked it up. She nodded as she

read it without surprise.

"His son? And Jack wants the old man now to deny it? Not to stand in his way?"

The first hint about that poor white rabbit Clara had turned her blood to gall. She was suddenly bitter and unjust as death to Jack, to whom she had given her whole life of ent, sweet tempered trust.

The steps came nearer. The poor old ma-jor backed toward the inner door, his un-couth face white and wet. "I'm not well. couth face white and wet. "I'm not well.
I'm going to lie down on your bed. Take him
away with you, Maddy. I can't see either of
you to-night." Yet even then it gave him a
vague pleasure to hear how light and gay
and resolute the boy's steps were.

Maddy came quietly between him and the
door. "No, we will both see this Jack, who

The door opened. There was the old short, stout built Jack! The old sturdy, honest face under the same fur cap, the twitch in the mouth ready to make a joke at anybody or at

"Why, Maddy? I did not hope to see you here, little woman," giving her a brotherly shake of the hand, and so figuratively setting her aside. How the dull morbid shadows that had filled the room crept aside before him! Madeline felt that her life had been but a passionate dream. Practical, commo sense people on the same plane of society saw each other a month ago in Chicago, and mar-ried rationally. And why should a prac-tical, rational man encumber himself with this late discovered father, with his undoubtedly unwholesome fancies and stagey

"Maj. Standish" - Jack with all his hearty manner was embarrassed—"I came to speak to you on business of importance. You have no secrets from Maddy?"
"Don't speak, boy! For God's sake! In a little while I will set it all right! Wait one

minute!" retreating to the door,
"But I won't wait," Jack had his hands

on the major's shoulders and forced him down on a chair. His face flushed as he spoke, and on a chair. His face nushed as he spoke, and his voice grew unsteady. "Look at this old man, Madeline. Twenty years ago he came here a healthy, middle aged man, with a comfortable living and a son; a boy that he could have educated plainly and had to work for him and be a companion as he grew old. But what does he do? Futs the boy where he will he tended like a price he getted in will be tended like a prince, be clothed in purple and fine linen, gives up his income to him, while he—look at this cockloft, Maddy! Look-here!" He put his hand on the old man's head and drew it through the thin white hair. Once or twice he began to speak, but stopped. At last he said: "I know the shifts you have made to live, the insults bore, that I might sleep soft and live warm! It's well I do know them all. You will neves want the care of a son again, so help me God!"
"Yes, yes, I knew you would say that,"

cried the major. "But of what use was it You have ruined yourself, I know tlam. Who told you this? "A man who came from Virginia to find

"What does he want," "He would not tell me." Proctor's face clouded. The major's quick eyes marked it.
"He has a warrant for me, I suppose?" sul-"I do not know. He refused to give me

"There were several little affairs—there's no use in their stirring up muddy water, that I can see," peevishly. "But if it's criminal—let me alone, Jack, catching the young man's sleeve. "You shall not drag yourself down for me. I'll not have

my whole life thwarted," flercely.

Jack's answer was to glance around the poverty stricken garret, and at his own costly, quiet dress. The tears were in his eyes. "We're one now, come what will, father," he said, quietly. "That is the man

The major went to open it. "I'll balk them yet," he muttered. "I'll not drag Jack down." He came back in a moment, a hugo yellow envelope in his hand. "He sent it in a letter. A man can't be arrested by letter! It may be"-turning it over. "What's this! God bless my soul, what's this! Why, it's no

"Thank God for that!" muttered Proctor "Robert Standish is dead, Jack," poring and muttering over a parchment sheet. "Is he, sir!" indifferently. Jack was stand ing awkwardly alone, for Madeline, whom he had time to notice now, was engressed in tying up some drawings of hers, which she was going to take away with her. She would not leave one vestige of herself in her old home, she thought. The old man would go with his son to the delicate little rosebud of As for her, what did it matter that she had no home, nobody on earth but them

that her life had held nothing but them! The drawings looked like masterpieces of art to Jack; he had heard of Maddy's genius How cold and still she had grown in thes two years! It might be devotion to art and work. She looked as impassive and abstracted as if she had gone into some height unknown to him, from whence she would look down on all his fancies and his-Jack never remained long in doubt about

"Maddy!" He crossed the hearth rug to the corner where she stood and took up her "The ring! It's gone." Maddy glanced down carelessly, "Ring? Yes; I remember now. That ring was too

small. I took it off long ago."

Jack's eyes twinkled; he held her wrist tight. "How long ago? Within the hour? See how red and bruised the poor little hand

The pity was too much for heroic Maddy. She gave a sob, but held the tears back in her wet, miserable eyes. Jack never knew in all his life how deep the bruise went when that ring came off. He looked at her steadily, closer, closer; lifted the hurt hand till his breath touched it, then kissed it. Just as he used to kiss her lips long ago; as no man had

touched them since; as they never would be hissed again. She drew back. "You have ne right to play with me in that way." At the first tone of her altered voice, Jack stood startled and "What do you mean, Madeline! need not feign that you did not know I loved you when I went away two years ago!" "You were under no promise to me,"

euickly. "I have no right to reproach you."
"No promise. But I loved you."
"And now little Clara has taken my place,"
with icy composure, "I do not think that

strange."
"That poor little creature! Oh, Madeline!" That poor little creature! On, anderner That touch of contempt was worth more than a thousand arguments. "Do you mean to say you don't love her, Jack!" catching his coat lapels with both her hands. I've been so—so miserable! I"—She despreed her hand and said no She dropped her head and said no more; but the little Burgundy rose had opened its heart to him now with all its sweetness and spicy pofume, and Jack knew the flavor of it well. He had been waiting for it for a good many years.

They sat together in a shaded corner; the major was poring over his parchment by fire-light. After a hille Madeline referred to her rival again, patronizingly. "Clara is pretty, you must acknowledge, Jack. Though she is weak, as you say, poor child!"

"I don't know," said Mr. Jack, whose con-science twinged him with certain moonlight walks in Chicago. "She was very consider-

are and kind to me, madeline. Her father was anxious for me to take the First church here. But I'd made up my mind to that little home in the west—if you would go with

"I always thought you'd come for me," said houset Maddy.

The major was looking at them over his spectacles. "So? So?" he said, in aman-



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Jack laughed and drew his chair over between them. "It will be hard work to live at first. But we three are old comrades, and know how to rough it."

"This is a duplicate of Robert Standish's will," said the major, striving to be legal and lucid, "and by it I find certain demeanes, messuages—well, I don't know, to tell the truth, if it's a fortune or a mere competency, Jack. But it's enough for us all to give McMurray and his cursed Camera the go by for life. We may start a national magazine with it," in his old bragging tone.

"There will be no more of this for you,

"There will be no more of this for you, then, father," glancing around. The bare floors, and pinched poverty and the worn out old man the his white hair in the midst old man the his white hair in the schafed of angry and sore continually.

At last | c

"I had really forgotten I was hungry; but the major, loftily. He rose with alacrity to help her spread the white cloth and set the bot, dainty dishes on it, managing, as he lighted the lamp, to empty a half filled goblet into the ashes. "Such abominable wine as these fellows furnish me now!" he muttered, and then suddenly stopped, looking at Jack, a shamed, defeated look creeping all over his big body. He went to him. "My son," he said, humbly, "it would be better you left me behind, you and Maddy. I'm a miserable, faulty old man."

"And I am a faulty young one," said Jack, hastily. "Pere's that between you and me, father, which God will look to find in us hastily. "P Maddy came closer to the two men. "I think I know what you mean. And I, too," she said with infinite love and very bad grammar, putting her hand softly into

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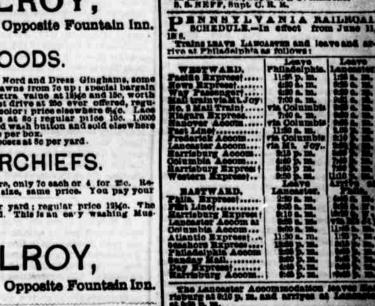
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