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"You cremember, I see," ' remarked The warm blood stained the cheeks of face across the tea-table and noticed that "And your stock is all mortgaged?" They brought home the philosopher's stope, and began to live by an humbler system. The hired girl was discharged; and Ellen had so much to do in attending to her household duties, that she had no James, under this reproof. It is often the he did not eat. James, "and I shall have cause to remem-BY OLIVER OPTIC. "Yes, for one thousand. "My head aches," he replied, as he ber it while I live. The error was in favcase that more shame is felt for a blunder THE SEAMAN'S SONG "You have done a good business?" CHAPTER I. than a crime. In this instance the lad felt turned partly away from his mother's or of Mr. Carman, and I asked if I should BY NELLIE WILD. "Yes.' "What makes you look so dull this a sense of mortification at having done correct the figures, and he answered 'No; "Well, well, I am in a hurry just now, but I will go by and by and dine with direct gaze. Landamen tell of the whispering leaves "Perhaps the tea will make you feel what Mr. Carman considered a silly thing; and he made up his mind if they should let them correct their own mistakes. We don't examine bills for other people's benmorning, Ella?" inquired Mr. Chester, a And the voice of the summer stream, and he made up his mind if they should overpay him a thousand dollars at the bank he would bring the amount to his employer, and let him do as he pleased with the money. "Let name is the text with make you let the better." "I'll lie down on the sofa in the parlor for a short time," said the young man, with the money. "Let name is the text with make you let the better beotter beotter beotter beotter beotter beotter beotter better. "I'll lie down on the sofa in the parlor try, and I never forgot the words. I saw the bill settled, and Mr. Carman take twen-may give relief,"—and he went from the back do at first it seemed such a wrong the bill settled at first it seemed at the settled at the bill settled at first it s you, and will talk it over," and Uncle time to be lonesone, and they were much Luke went out of the shop. Writing a hasty note, he dispatched his boy to inform his wife that Uncle Luke The rastling of the ripened grain That is kissed by the sun's warm beam ; merchant in a small way, of his wife. They had been married about a year. I love the sound of the whispering waves. and thus far not an ill-natured word had The sca-shell's murmur low-Like a stream of song is a summer sea. been spoken by them. At his marriage, Chester had taken a small but convenient "Let people look after their own mis-takes," said Mr. Carman. would dine with them. With its ceaseless ebb and flow. the piano was duly returned to them. hocked at first. it seemed such a wrong house in the upper part of the city. He had been able to furnish it in a plain mandining-room. Mrs. Lewis followed him into the par-They say that the music landsmen love Is sweeter than aught beside; Like a grand cathedral organ's tone Is the rush of a rising tide; CHAPTER III. akes," said Mr. Carman. James Lewis pondered these things in lor in a little while, and setting down on simpleton for handing back to the teller of PRINCE ALBERT'S FARM. per; but since his marriage, his business had added many articles of luxury to his Dinner came, and so did Uncle Luke Prince Albert's farm near Windsor Cashis heart. The impression they made was the sofa on which he was lying, placed her a bank fifty dollers overpaid on a 'check; too strong ever to be forgotten. It'may hard upon his head. Ah! it would take Ellen had a nice dinner ready, and her tle, occupies one thousand acres, one hunestablishment. The "times" had begun to tighten up, pretty face was covered with siniles when Grand is the storm-song of the winds-The boom of a breaking sea dred acres of which is never plowed, and "May I ask the protection of the court?" he welcomed the honest old man to parbe right," he said to himself, but he did more than the loving pressure of a mother's not feel altogether satisfied. hand to ease the pain from which he was is wooded and sown in orchard grass, top-On a rocky shore—the sea-bird's cry— These are the songs for me. A month or two after the occurrence of that bank mistake, as James counted over his weekly wages, just received from Mr. Carman, he discovered he had been paid said Mr. Carman, appealing to the judges. "Is it true what the lad says?" asked take of the hospitalities of her board. however, and business was dull. The dressed every four years with liquid ma-Uncle Luke seated himself at the table. notes were due; and he had to bestir nure. The arable land is sub soiled every himself to make his payments. Fortunate-His accustomed smile had disappeared, Landamen sing of the landscapes wide the presiding judge. Mr. Carman hesitated, and looked conthree or four years with four enormously That aleep 'heath a southern sun, Of the perfamed wind, with its pare, fresh life, That comes when the day is done. ly for him, however, as the stringency in the money market began to weigh most heavily, his father's administrator placed him in possession of two thousand dollars, and he looked rather stern. large Scotch horses, driven tandem ; rota-"Fred," said he suddenly, as the young tion of crops much the same as ours, with-merchant inserted his fork in the breast out the Indian corn. He crushes barley fused. All eyes were an his face; and out the Indian corn. He crushes barley and oats in a mill, driven by steam ; keeps half a dollar too much. The first impulse her hand on his forehead. judges, jury, lawyers and spectators felt I sing of the sunshine on the deep, The charm of a moonlit sen; of a nicely browned turkey, "you have not of his mind was to return the amount to "Not much," he replied; and rising as his employer, and it was on his lips to say: he spoke, he added, "I think a walk in certain that he was guilty `of leading the found the philosopher's stone yet," Calm or storm, in the free wind's breath There is life enough for me. which had been reserved to await the conunhappy young man astray. eight short horned and Aiderney cows; Fred suspended the operation of car- the cow stalls are made of iron; iron "You have given me too much, sir," when the unforgotten words, "Let people look after their own mistakes," flashed upon his thoughts, and made him hesitate. To hold a parley with evil is, in most cases, James went from the parlor, and taking "Not long afterwards," resumed young tingency of a law-suit, which had now ring the turkey, and gazed with a look of trough always full of water in each stall, I love not their goragous palaces; Give me a vessel's prow, When the sun goes down and the lady moon Lewis, "in receiving my wages, I found that Mr. Carman had paid me fifty cents been satisfactorily settled. astonishment and surprise full in the face with waste pipe to the gutter behind of the speaker. With this sum he had been able to pay too much. I was about giving it back to him, when I remembered his remark about letting people correct their own mistakes, and said to myself, 'Let him his more pressing demands, and to lay by a surplus of five hundred dollars to meet Looks out with her beaming brow "What do you mean, Uncle Luke?" from which it is pumped into carts, similar On the deck are pictures of rope and sparsaid he. a note which would fall due some two to be overcome. up his hat, passed into the street without to ours for watering streets and sprinkled My drapery is the sail. "You don't know what the philoso "Pmust think about this," said James, months hence. "You don't know what the philoso-over the grass. Keeps none but Suffolk and Berkshire pigs; prefers the former on account of their taking fat; as one of the swine herds said, "a dale o' fat' a dale My harp is the sweet-toned su another word. pher's stone is, do you ?" The receipt of this sum induced him to correct his own errors,' and dishonestly as he put the money into his pocket. "If My organ is the gale. "There is something more than the it is true in one case it is true in another. headache the matter with him." was the kept the money. Again the same thing increase the luxuries of his house. The Flowers spring on the landsman's grave Mr. Carman don't correct mistakes that thought of Mrs. Lewis, and the slight feelparlor had to be newly furnished, and the old furniture placed in the sitting room. happened, and again I kept the money young man, and what prosperity has quicker." The pig pens are made of stone, Under the weeping tree, And sculptured marble tells his deeds people make in his favor and he can't com- ing of trouble she had experienced began that did not, of right, belong to me. This They had everything that was necessary for comfort or creditable appearance in crowned me, I owe to that. What is such fame to me! Let him sleep, if he will, by his m plain when the rule works against himand paved with stone, being the lowest in was the beginning of evil, and here I am ! deepening into a strange concern that in-"Pray explain, Uncle Luke." "After dinner I will." Somehow, in spite of the extraordinary preparations Ellen had made for the re-ception of her uncle, the dinner did not nass off very pleasantly. There was re-"Pray explain, Uncle Luke." "After dinner I will." Mr. Carman has shown an eagerness to self.' volved a dread of coming evil. When life and its strife are o'er. But the boy was very far from being convict and have me punished, as the court has seen. If he had shown me any mercy, the world. But the boy was very far from being in a comfortable state. He felt that to keen that half dollar would be a dichoract any purpose in his mind beyond escape But give me a grave with the loved, the brave, On the sands of the ocean floor. "You look so very dull," continued the keep that half dollar would be a dishonest I might have kept silent. But now I in husband as he rose from the breakfast tafrom the presence of his mother. Every phase of Mr. Carman's manner towards act. Still he could not make up his mind terpose the truth, and may it incline you ble. Miscellaneous. to show some consideration for the unhap-Ellen looked at him with a languid to return it-at least not then. He would him after the receipt of that letter was piest being that is alive to-day." The young man covered, his face with smile, but niade no reply. on the whole affair. But it was finished at last, to the relief of all. retain it for the present, and think the reviewed and dwelt on, in order if possi-"What ails you?" "I was thinking how lonesome I should matter over more carefully. He could, if ble to determine whether suspicion of the case did not prove clear on further reflection, make all right with himself and his hands, and sat down overpowered by wrong-dealing was entertained. At last, UNEORGOTTEN WORDS: "Now, uncle, come into the parlor, and be here all day," replied she. "Lonesome? Why don't you go out and take the air? Walk down Washinghis feelings. His mother, who was near his aimless walk brought him into the Ellen shall play you a tune or two on her piano," said Fred, as he led the way. Mr. Carman. "Have you examined that bill, James?" him, sobbed out aloud, and bending over, neighouhood of, Mr. Carman's store, and To hold a parley with evil is, as we in passing he was surprised at seeing a light within. laid her hands on his head, sàying, "My poor boy! My poor boy!" "Yes, sir." "On what?" said the old man, with have just said, in most cases to be over-come; and it was unhappily so in the "Anything wrong ?" ton street. and around the commonstart of surprise. "On her piano, of course." There were few eyes in the court-room undimmed. In the silence that followed, "What can this mean?" he asked himwill revive your spirits.' "I find two errors." present case. James did not return the "Ah! let me see." The lad handed his employer a long bill that had been placed on his desk for ex-"How absurd you talk! Walk round self, a new fear creeping, with its shud-dering impulses, into his heart. "Then you keep a piano?" "Certainly, we could not possibly get rested. They contribute in a variety of half dollar, but spent it for his own grati-fication. After he had done this it came Mr. Carman spoke out, the common in the month of December! Why, I should freeze to death." "Is my character to be thus blasted on He went near and listened by the door along without one, could we Ellen?" suddenly into his thought that Mr. Carman "Not so bad as that," replied the young husband, chucking his wife under the the word of a criminal, your honors? Is amination. and windows, but could hear no sound might only be trying him, and he was filled with anxiety and alarm. How bit-terly did he regret having spent the half dollar! For two or three days it was as "Oh, no, it's such a comfort." "Here is an error in the calculation of this right? Is this just? Is this the prowithin. "Such a luxury, you "nean," answered Uncle Luke, with a cold sneer, "what did you give for it?" tection a citizen finds in the court-room'?" ten dollars, which they have made against chin. "There's something wrong," he said. "Your solemn oath that this charge is "Go to the Athenaum and see the picthemselves; and - another error of ten What can it be? If this thing is discovuntrue," said the Judge, "will place you all right. It was the unhappy boy's only opportunity, and the court felt bound, in don't k dollars in the footing." ed, what will be the end of it? Ruin! "I couldn't do that every day, and you 'Five hundred." much as he could do to keep from starting "Also against themselves?" ruin! My poor mother!" "Is it paid for ?" when Mr. Carman spoke to him; or to don't know how lonesome I am." "Yes, sir." The wretched young man passed on. "Certainly it is." umanity, to hear what he wished to say. The merchant smiled in a way that look steadily into his face when receiving "Can't you read ?"

struck the lad as peculiar. prise.

lad. takes. We don't examine bills for other people's benefit," replied the merchant.

from him any direction. It was his first "Twenty dollars against themselves " sad experience in wrong-doing. But ias hours, when he returned home. His moth-he remarked, in a kind of pleasant sur-no lack of confidence was exhibited, James er met him as he entered, and inquired, with wrong-solid envirt "Shall I correct the figures?" asked the Not long afterwards Mr. Carman repeated the same mistake. This time James d. "No; let them correct their own mis-kept the half dollar with less hesitation. "Let him correct his own mistakes," said he, resolutely; "that is the doctrine he acts on with other people, and he can't heart. He was silent, and evaded all her Carman :complain if he gets paid, in the coin he puts into circulation. I just wanted half a dollar.' startled James, and he turned his ear to scatter the allegation of a criminal to the From this time the fine moral sense of listen, in a nervous way, which did not winds." Will you swear ?" James Lewis was blunted. He had taken escape the observation of his mother. "Who is it ?" asked Mrs. Lewis, as the an evil counsellor into his heart, who hot only darkened his clear perceptions of servant came back from the door. right, but stimulated a spirit of covetousness-latent in almost every mind-and "A gentleman wishes to see Mr. James," caused him to desire the possession of replied the girl. things beyond his ability to obtain. James arose instantly, and went into the half shutting the dining-room door as James had good business qualities, and he did so. Mrs. Lewis sat, in almost so pleased Mr. Carman by his intelligence. breathless expectation, awaiting her son's | rights of a citizen." model man; and when Mr. Carman agreed | industry and tact with customers that he return. She heard him coming back in a to take him into his store he felt that advanced him rapidly and gave him, before few moments; but he did not enter the withdrew. After a brief conference with he was eighteen years of age, the most redining-room. Then he returned along the sponsible position in his store. But James The words made a stong impression on had learned something more from his ent the mind of James Lewis. When first ployer than how to do business well. He spoken by Mr. Carman, and with the had learned to be dishonest—that is the hall to the street door, and she heard it addressing the criminal :-shut. All was now silent. Starting up, she ran out into the passage, but James the temptation to which in tender years was not there. He had gone away with you were unhapily subjected, the court the person who had called, and without a gives you its lightest sentence—one year's meaning then involved, he felt, as we word. He had never forgotten the first have said, shocked; but as he turned them lesson he had received in this bad science; over and over again in his thoughts, and and he had acted upon it not only in two word! And, that was a sad going away! Mr. instances, but in a hundred, and almost Carman had spent half the night in examalways to the injury of Mr. Carman. He ining the accounts of James, and discoverhad long since given up waiting for mised frauds to the amount of over six thou-sand dollars. Blindly indignant, he had God and man, and leads only to suffering. takes to be made in his favor, but originated them in the varied and complicated sent an officer to arrest him early in the When you come forth again, after your transactions of a large business, in which morning; and it was with this officer that brief incarceration, may it be with the he was trusted implicitly; for, strange the unhappy boy went away from the resolution to die rather than commit a

and walked the streets, for more than two hours, when he returned home. His moth-

with unconcealed anxiety, if he were better. He said yes, But with a manner that only

up hastily to his own room.

James Lewis stood up again instantly,

"And the curtain fell on that sad scene

looked upon her again.

ence, addressed the party thus:

President of the Universe!"

aid to the Millerite:

trial.

ng eyes upon Mr. Carman :--he exclaimed.

increased the trouble she felt, and passed

The countel for the prosecution now interfered, and called the proceeding an In the morning, the strangely altered outrage on all justice, and unheard of face of James, as he met his mother at the fore in a court room. But the Ju outrage on all justice, and unheard of bebreakfast table, struck alarm into her commanded order, and then said to Mr.

"I don't want to read all the time." and turned his white face and dark pierc-"Read part of the time, then."

"But, Fred, I have been thinking "Let him take that oath if he dare!" something," and a smile played upon the

pretty lips of the young wife. "I miss something in our house." "What, Ellen ?"

"Do you?" "O, very much indeed."

pass off very pleasantly. There was re-serve on his part that threw cold water are indigenous, and ripe all the year round.

are forty men to attend the garden alone.

Country NEWSFAPERS-THEIR USE.-Country papers are of much more use than people imagine. They aid in directing public attention to matters in which every ways, to the formation of public opinion on subjects of public interest. They aid in giving character and importance to the county in which they are published. They stimulate a taste for reading, and disseminate, in the course of one, year, a vast amount of useful information which would "Certainly it is." "And your note due to-morrow, which, through any other channel. They are of ou cannot meet?" "Fred channel?" at Film which had an "Fred glanced at Ellen, who looked as woe begone as though she had lost every try papers enjoy an advantage in this respect over papers published at a distance, "It was not his fault, uncle. I teased because many of their items are of a local him to be," said Uncle Luke, contemptu-ously. "And when he was not doing bu-this class of readers. Country papers, by

"It will be time enough for us to rectify these errors when they find them out. All so much gain as it now stands? The boy's delicate moral sense was

shocked at so unexpected a remark. He was the son of a poor widow, who had given him good instruction and taught him to be just was the duty of all men. Mr. Carman, the merchant in whose employment he had been for only a few months, was an old friend of his father's,

and a person in whom his mother reposed the highest confidence. In fact, James had always looked upon him as a kind of great good fortune was in his way. "Let them correct their own mistakes."

connected their utterance with a person who stood so high in his mother's estimation he began to, think that perhaps the thing was fair enough in business. Mr. Carman was hardly the man to do wrong. In a few days after James examined

the bill a clerk from the house by which it had been rendered called for a settleenough, it had never for an instance oc ment. The lad, who was present, waited Mr. Carman would speak of the error. a snare to this young man.

But he made no remark upon the subject. ken

"Is that right?" James asked himself this question. His moral sense said No; gard. but the fact that Mr. Carman had so deted Th bewildered his mind. · 1-

"It may be the way in business he thought with himself-" but it don't look honest. I wouldn't have believed it the most respectable company, and as of him !"

Mr. Carman had a kind way with him that won upon the boy's heart, and nat-urally tended to make him judge what-house, for which he paid a rent of four be pronounced against him. All eyes So much for the man who gave me in tenever he might do in the most favorable hundred dollars. His salary was eight manner. hundred dollars; but he deceived his

"I wish he had corrected that error," he said to himself a great many times, when thinking, in a pleasant way, of Mr. she needed was fully supplied, and she Carman and his own good fortune in having | was beginning to feel that after a long been received into his employment. "It and often painful struggle with the world don't look right; but maybe it's the way her happier days had come. in business.

One day he went to the bank and drew referred to was received by Mr. Carman. the money for a check. In counting it Guilt is ever on the alert, and suspicious over he found that the teller had paid him | of any movement that may involve betrayfifty dollars too much. So he went back al or exposure. He looked steadily at came forward so as to be in the eye of all. to the counter and told him of his mis- his employer as he opened the letter, and James looked at him steadily for a few take. The teller thanked him, and he turned to the store with the pleasant con- denly. He read it over twice, and James sciousness in his mind of having flone saw that the contents whatever they were,

"The teller overpaid me fifty dollars," he said to Mr. Carman, as he handed him

the money. "Indeed !" replied the latter, a light breaking over his countenance. And he hastily counted the bank bills.

fingers. "There's no mistake, James." A tone aroused by that letter. of disappointment was in his voice.

Oh! how bitterly now did he repent, "Oh! I gave back the fifty dollars. in the dread of discovery and punishment,

takes are never corrected ? If the teller be, to the grave,

home of his mother, never again to return. | crime." curred to Mr. Carman that his failure to "The young villain shall lie in the bed with considerable interest to see whether be just to the letter in dealing might prove he has made for himself!" exclaimed Mr. in the boy's life. When it lifted again, Carman; in his bitter indignation. James grew sharp, cunuing and skilful; And he did not hold back in anything, A check for the amount of the bill as always on the alert, always bright, always rendered was filled up, and a receipt ta- prompt to meet any approaches towards but made the exposure of the young man's day her pale face faded from his vision, as crime complete. On the trial he showed

discovery of his wrong-dealing toward his an eager desire to have him convicted, and employer, who held him in the highest represented such an array of evidence that the jury could not give any other verdict Thus it went on till James Lewis was than "Guilty." in his twentieth year, when the merchant

received made his heart stop besting.

The poor mother was in court, and audhad his suspicions aroused by a letter that ible, in the silence that followed, came her spoke of the young man as not keeping convulsed sobs upon the air. spending money too freely for a clerk on

The presiding judge then addressed the culprit, and asked if he had anything to a moderate salary. Before this time James house, for which he paid a rent of four were turned upon the pale, agitated young man, who arose with an effort, and leaned against the railing by which he stood, as mother by telling her that he received fifif needing the support. teen hundred dollars. Every comfort that "Will it please your honors," he said,

"to direct Mr. Carman, my prosecutor, to come a little nearer, so that I can look at him and your honors at the same time?" James was at his desk when the letter

Mr. Carman was directed to come forward to where the boy stood. There was a breathless silence in the court-room as the prosecutor obeyed the order and observed him to change countenance sudmoments, and then turned to the judges : "What I have to say, your honors, this."-he spoke calmly and distinctly-

"and it may in a degree extenuate, though produced disturbance. While he was yet observing him Mr. Carman glanced to- it cannot excuse my crime. I went into wards his desk and their eyes met; it was that man's store an innocent boy; and if only for a moment; but the look James he had been an honest man, I would not have stood before you to day as a crimin-There was something about the move al." ments of Mr. Carman for the rest of this Mr. Carman interrupted the young man

The light faded as the last bill left his day that troubled the young man. It was and appealed to the court for protection plain to him that suspicion had been against allegations of such outragious character; but he was peremptorily ordered to be silent.

Wash't that right?', "You simpleton 1" exclaimed Mr. Car- Exposure would disgrace and ruin him, his employment, I examined a bill by his band of his mother, it might direction, and discovered an error of twen-James went on in a firm voiceanother car.

i ty dollars."

"Well, Ellen, what is it ?"

"A plano; it would be so very nice to questions. While they still sat at the ta-ble, the door-bell rang loudly. The sound reparation in its power. Your oath will be as happy as a princess if I only had a practice these long dreary days. I should

Mrs. Chester's father was in affluent Mr. Carman turned with a distressed circumstances and before she was marlook toward his counsel, while James kept ried she had been accustomed to many his eyes fixed upon him. There was a luxuries which her husbands limited neans would not permit him to provide. brief conference and the lawyer said :--"The proceeding is irregular, and I "But, Ellen, I cannot afford a piano. have advised my client to make no re-The times have not been so hard for ten

sponse. At the same time he protests years." against all this as an outrage upon the "You have got five hundred dollars in the bank."

"But I reserved that to pay a note." The judges bowed, and Mr. Carman "Don't you expect to make enough to his associates, the presiding Judge said, nav it?

"It is very doubtful; my,business hard ly pays expenses." "You will be able to pay that, I know, "In consideration of your youth,' and

continued the petitioner. "Well, my dear, you shall have the pi-

imprisonment. At the same time, in pro-າກດ.່ "You are a dear husband! You nouncing this sentence, let me solemnly will get one of Chickering's?" warn you against any further steps in the

cents," and Uncle Luke put on his great "Any kind you please, my dear. way you have taken. Crime can have no coat and edged towards the door, with And before dinner time the instrument out even alluding to the important topic came home, and Mrs. Chester was as hapin which Fred felt so much interest. py as a piano could make her, albeit she had a little idea of the significance of "But, Uncle Luke, you can lend me the money I want?" asked Fred, dismay-"three per cent. a month," and protested ed at the thought of a failurc. notes. "No, I cannot."

CHAPTER II.

and he came forth from prison a year afhe prophesy was vain. Merchants failed, terward, his mother was dead. From the brokers failed, banks and insurance com- cle Luke sternly. "Do you know Watpanies failed. Business was duller than e passed from the court room, he never it had been for the last twenty years. Poor men lounged at the corners of the Ten years afterward a man sat readstreets, vainly waiting for a job, while their ing a newspaper in a far western town. He had a caim, serious face, and looked wives and children shivered with the cold, and hungered even for a crust of bread Ruin and distress were the order of the day, and men wondered what would be

Fred Chester's business did not pay his "Convicted on the charge of fraudulent inexpenses, to say nothing of his household, and when the note fell due he had not a dollar towards redeeming it. Ruin stared der years the first lesson in wrong-doing ! him in the face and it was now HIS turn Too well, alas! did I remember his words. to look sad.

But thank God, other words have been since remembered. 'When you come forth procure it. Something must be done .--Some friend must get him out of the scrape, "That will d or he would certainly fail. His wife's fa-ther was wealthy, but he married his plano is mine."

> and he decided to make the application In the course of the afternoon, however, stated his position.

ic, "Ithought things were going on swim-

cedly hard that I cannot make enough to pay expenses," replied Fred, with a dolorous expression of countenance.

New Hampshire w-w-wont go for him!" received from your father's estate?" " I paid my debts with it." "But didn't you tell me that you didn't we above two thousand dollars?"

siness to pay expenses, you dine on roast the local information they contain, are turkey and all manner of fancy stuff." often the means of drawing new and val-Uncle Luke, though conscious that he uable citizens to the county in which they was meddling with that which did not are published. To the objection we freconcern him, could not control his indig-nation at the wanton extravagance of the young people. He felt kindly towards for them is too high, it may be replied them, as he always had, and though his that the price at which the paper can be words were hard and cold, he intended to afforded depends mainly upon the numbers. The chief expenses in the publicado thein a kindness. "Yes, Ellen, and you wear a silk gown for every day, and to crown all you have matter. One thousand, or even ten thou-

you cannot meet?"

it out of him."

creams and pianos.

"The carpenter."

My stock is mortgaged."

"What have you got ?"

A piano, and-

"Not household furniture ?"

shid Fred.

"No."

"Well, uncle, what is it ?"

friend she had in the world.

got a piano. Do you expect to pay your sand copies can be furnished at a very notes in this manner, Fred?" continued small addition to the cost over and above he; here is the secret of hard times-ex- that of composition. travagance-silk dresses, roast turkey, ice

THE BIBLE. There is no book which "Things were going on well with me when I bought the piano," suggested Fred. "No matter; you are a big fool. Now may be more easily comprehended than the Bible. It may be asked, why do so many read it without any benefit? The fault is not with the Bible-it is wholly will tell you what the philosopher's stone with the writer.

The written word is a pointed arrow. aimed by God himself at the heart of "Live within your means. If you earn man; but the reason it is not felt, and unbut one dollar, spend only seventy-five derstood, is because the natural man is not willing to attain this knowledge. He seldom opens his Bible, or, if he does, he reflects not upon what he reads. None of its contents have power to fix his wandering thoughts, except, perhaps, a moral precept, or a poetical expression. He does not seek to be made wise unto salvation. Sufficient light is given him, but he wilfully shuts his eyes. It may be firmly as-"You ought to have thought of that serted that any person who will rever-ence the word of God, and read it with an humble and teachable disposition, holding its contents as sacred truths, and sincerely desirous to impress them upon his mind, "Yes. Apply to him and he will lend may easily and without difficulty, comprehend what he reads.

A GOOD ONE .- Two young ladies ot "No matter-go to him," and Uncle Philadelphia were lately spending the sum-mer in northeastern New York. During their visit they took several long rides with the daughter of ther host about the country. On one of these occasions, as they had been travelling some distance, "What security can you give ?" asked and the day was warm, and as a trough of running water stood invitingly by the roadside, they concluded to give their pony a drink. One of the ladies agreed to get out and arrange matters for this purpose. The others, remaining in the carriage, and deeply engaged in conver-"That will do, give me a bill of sale of sation, for some time paid no attention to that. If not paid within thirty days the the movements of their companion. When, at last, surprised at the long delay, they Fred assented, and received the money. turned to ascessain the cause, they disno hope in that quarter. But Ellen's und The papers were executed, and Fred got covered her endeavoring to unbuckle the crupper. In amazement they inquired, During the succeeding thirty days, he "What in the world are you doing that tried hard to raise the money to redeem for ?" To which she naively replied, Waters took |"Why, I am unbuckling this strap to let

> If the poor house has any terrors for you, never buy what you do not need. Be-tore you pay three cents for a jewsharp, ment, when they arrived, they found the see if you cannot make just as pleasant a noise by whistling-for such nature furnishes the machinery. And before you But Uncle Luke would answer no ques. pay seven dollars for a figured vest, young tions, yet he promised to make them a man, find out whether your lady love present of it as soon as Fred had paid all would not be just as glad to see you in a plain one that cost half as much. If she

spirits, and hever once apologized thit the singular fare he had placed before his but requires the original of the laster."

The dinner consisted of corn bread and would not, let her crack her own walnuts The Editor and the Lawyer: "The

out of his difficulties.

the piano, without success. Waters took "Why, I am unbuckling this strap to let it at the appointed time and seemed per- the horse's head down, so he can drink!" A few days after the young couple were

with Uncle Luke; and to their astonishplano in his little parlor. "Did you buy this?"

baked potatoes, with an apple pie for des- and buy her own clothes. sert. Uncle Luke was in unusually good

spirits, and never once apologized for the guests.

"Then I must fail." Men said the times would be better, but when you bought the plano," replied Uners?" you the money.' "But he is almost a stranger to me,

like one who had known suffering and "Brought to justice at last !" he said to the end of it all. himself, as the blood came into his face.

> Five hundred dollars was a small sum, yet he could not raise it. Even three per cent. a month with "collateral" would not

again,' said the judge, 'may it be with the resolution to die rather than commit a crime !' and I have kept this injunction

in my heart, when there seemed no way of escape, except through crime; and, God helping me, I will keep it to the end." daughter against his wishes, and there was

A SAFE BET .- Stveral gentlemen were riding in a car on one of the Boston

cle, a blunt, honest master-mason, had always looked kindly upon him, and perhaps ie would open his purse-strings. The note was due on the following day, election, and the merits and prospects of

Webster, Filmore, Cass and others were to Uncle Luke, as he was familiarly called. fectly satisfied with his bargain. discussed at large. After some time a solemn individual, who had listened in si he happened to call at the store; and Fred surprised to receive an invitation to dine

" My friends you are all wrong. Before "Eh ?" said said the blunt old mechan-

mingly with you. "So they were, but the times are so deu-

TRUTH is much better than falsehood,

Luke left the house. "O, Fred, this is all my fault," said Ellen, bursting into tears. Fred applied to Waters. the carpenter. "I don't know," said Fred doubtingly.

roads, a few years ago, when the conversation turned on the next Presidential

the election of 1852, the world will have come to an end, and Jesus Christ will be

Up started an enthusiastic gentleman from the Granite State, who stutteringly

"S-sir, I'll b-b-bet you t-t-ten dollars "Where's the two thousand dollars you

A roar of lagughter greeted the exit of the Second Adventist, as he removed to

"I paid off the fifteen hundred."