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The Gentleman Beggar. AN ATTORNEY'S STORY.

in pursuit of a Levanting customer-for Balance, quilline features, reduced to literal skin and bone, when the cab stopped at the passage which leads eagerness, and made more hideous the foul pallor past the pawning boxes to his private room. The of the rest of the countenance. As he stood leaneyed him rather impatiently, remembering that and premature age, too horrible to dwell upon. or a bundle of rags, rose up at his feet, and bar- which he devoured like a ghoul, and set to work red his passage for a moment. Then Balance to unravel his story. It was difficult to keep him cried out with an exclamation, in answer appa- to the point; but with pains I learned what conrently to something I could not hear, 'What, man vinced me that he was entitled to some property, alive !- slept in the passage !- there, take that, whether great or small there was no evidence .- ty.' and get some breakfast, for Heavens' sake!' So On parting, I said-" Now, Mr. F. you must stay saving, he jumped into the 'Hanson,' and we in town while I make proper enquiries. What bowled away at ten miles an hour, just catching allowance will be enough to keep you comfortathe express as the doors of the station were clos- bly !' ing. My curiosity was full set, for although Balance can be free with his money, it is not exactly 'Would you think ten shillings too much!' to beggars that his generosity is usually displayed; ished with-

'You are liberal with your money this morning; pray, how often do you give silver to street cadgers !- because I shall know now what walk to take when flats and sharps leave off buying law."

Balance, who would have made an excellent parson if be had not been bred to a case-hardening trade, and has still a soft bit left in his heart that is always fighting with his hard head, did not smile at all, but looked as grim as if squeezing a lemon into his Saturday night's punch. He answered slowly, 'A cadger-yes; a beggar-a miserable wretch, he is now; but let me tell you, Master David, that that bundle of rags was born and bred a gentleman; the son of a nobleman, the husband of an heiress, and has sat and dined at tables, where you and I, Master David, are only Roy. allowed to view the plate by favor of the butler .-I have lent him thousands, and been well paid .-The last thing I had from him was his court suit; and I hold now his bill for one hundred pounds, that will be paid, I expect, when he dies.'

'Why, what nonsense you are talking! you must be dreaming this morning. However, I'll light a weed, in defiance of railway law, and you shall spin that yarn; for true, or untrue, it will fill you have lent this profligate person money and up the time to Liverpool.'

short enough; and as for truth, that you beg, as my Jezebel bade me when we parted.'

'I lost sight of Molinos for a long time, and when I next came upon him it was in the Rookery of Westminster, in a low lodgeing-house, where I was searching with an officer for stolen goods .-He was pointed out to me as the 'gentleman cad-'in luck.' He recognised me, but turned away the address of my solicitors; apply to them if you then. I have since seen him, and relieved him think you have any claim. Robert, show the permore than once, although he never asks for any- son out, and take care he is not admitted again.' thing. How he lives, Heaven knows. Without money, without friends, without useful education of any kind, he tramps the country, as you saw him, perhaps doing a little hop-picking or haymaking, in season, only happy when he obtains the means to get drunk. I have heard through the kitchen whispers, that you know come to me, that he is entitled to some property; and I expect if he was to die his wife would pay the hundred pound bill I hold; at any rate, what I have told you I know to be true, and the bundle of rags I relieved just now is known in every thieve's lodging in England as the 'gentleman cadger.'

This story produced an impression upon me-I rion of pauperism.

this gentleman will apply to David Discount, Esq. dear creature,' although he afterwards hung him. Solicitor, St James', he will hear of someting to his advantage. Any person furnishing Mr. F.'s drives a cab, wears a tip, and does the grand hacorrect address, shall receive 1l. 1s. reward. He ha style, non ratio as wade address address was last seen, &c.' Within twenty-four hours I Times.' My office was besieged with beggars of came at last to the following dialogue: every degree, men and women, lame and blind, 'Well, my dear Mr. Discount,' began Mr. Lea-Irish, Scotch, and English, some on crutches, some sem, who hates me like poison, 'I'm really very

ternity of tramps the justice to say, that not one you know what women are, eh, Mr. Discount !that I meant the 'gentleman' no harm.

pearance of the advertisement, my clerk announced 'another heggar' There came in an old man, leaning upon a staff, clad in a soldier's great coat there, I can assure you-meat twice a week, and all patched and torn, with a battered hat, from unshoulders, and half his face. The beggar, in a weak, wheezy, hesitating tone, said, 'You have advertised for Molinos Fitz Roy. I hope you dont mean him any harm; he is sunk, I think, too low Cards, Circulars, Bill Heads, Notes for enmity now; and surely no one would sport with such misery as his.' These last words were me to suggest, that these appeals to feeling are uttered in a sort of hideuous whisper.

> I answered quickly, 'Heaven forbid I should sport with misery; I mean and hope to do him good, as well as myself.'

'Then, sir, I am Molinos Fitz Roy!'

While we were conversing candles had been brought in. I have not very tender nerves-my One morning, about five years ago, I called, by started and shuddered when I saw and knew that use it.' appointment, on Mr. John Balance, the fashiona- the wretched creature before me was under thirty ble pawnbroker, to accompany him to Liverpool years of age, and once a gentleman. Sharp, acab man rang twice, and at length Balance ap- ing on a staff half bent, his long, yellow, bony finpeared, looming through the mist and rain in the gers clasped over the crutch-head of his stick, he trains wait for no man, someting like a hairy dog, made him sit down, and sent for some refreshment

so when comfortably ensconced in a coupe I fin- shabbily, so I said, 'Come every Saturday and you shall have a pound.' He was profuse in

wife was in England, living in a splendid house your privileged communications then ! in Hyde Park Gardens, under her maiden name. On the following day the Earl of Owing called up- twinkling, his comfortable confident air vanished, clock the same evening. It was a case of life or death with him, so I made my terms, and took advantage of his pressure to execute a coupe de main. I proposed that he should drive me home to receive the money, calling at Mrs. Molinos in Hyde Parke Gardens, on our way. I knew that the coronet and liveries of his father, the marquis, would nsure me an audience with Mrs. Molinos Fitz

My scheme answered, I was introduced into the lady's presence. She was, and probably is, a very stately, handsome woman, with a pale complexion, high solid forehead, regular features, thin, pinched, self-satisfied mouth. My interview was very short. I plunged into the middle of the affair, but had scarcely mentioned the word husband, when she interrupted me with, 'I presume want me to pay it.' She paused, and then said, 'As for yarn,' replied Balance, 'the story is 'He shall not have a farthing.' As she spoke, her white face became scarlet.

But madame, the man is starving. I have strong reason for believing he is entitled to property, and if you refuse any assistance, I must take other measures.' She rang the bell, wrote something rapidly on a card; and as the footman appeared, pushed it towards me across the table, with ger,' because he was so free with his money when the air of touching a toad, saying- There, sir, is

So far I had effected nothing; and to tell the truth, felt rather crest-fallen under the influence of that grand manner peculiar to certain great ladies

and all great actresses. My next visit was to the attorneys, Messrs. there I was at home. I had had dealings with the firm before. They are agents for half the aristocracy, who always run in crowds like sheep, after the same wine merchants, the same architects, the same horse dealers, and the same law agents. It may be doubted whether the quality of law and land managements they get on this principle is quite equal to their wine and horses. At am fond of speculation, and like the excitement of any rate, my friends in Lincoln's Inn, like others a legal hunt, as some do a fox-chase. A gentle- of the same class, are distinguished by their courtman a beggar and a wife rolling in wealth, rumors eous manners, deliberate preceedings, innocence of unknown property due to the husband; it seem- of legal technicalities, long credit, and heavy ed as if there were pickings for me amidst this car- charges. Leasem, the elder partner, wears powder and a huge bunch of seals, lives in Queen Before returning from Liverpool, I had purchas- square, drives a brougham, gives the dinner and titled to something; pray, what do you mean to to obey them. At last the lad came slowly in, his leg by a dog. He at once rushed to the ed the gentleman beggar's acceptance from Bal- does the cordial department. He is so strict in ance. I then inserted in the 'Times' the following performing the latter duty, that he once addressed advertisement :- Horatio Molinos Fitz Roy .- It a poacher who had shot a duke's keeper, as 'my

Fashum has chambers in St. James street,

My business lay with Leasem. The interviews my office, for fear of a scene, had ample proof of the wide circulation of the and letters passing were numerous. However, it

in bowls, some in go-carts. They all knew him sorry for that poor dear Mr. Molinos-knew his

as the 'gentleman,' and I must do the regular fra- father well; a great man, a perfect gentleman; but eral drove up—the shout might have been heard a painious he went and sat down by himself, would answer the question until he made certain My client won't advance a shilling; she knows it would only be wasted in low dissipation. Now, One evening, about three weeks after the ap- don't you think (this was said very insinuatingly) -don't you think he had better be sent to the workhouse; very comfortable accommodations excellent soup; and then Mr. D., we might conder which a mass of tangled hair fell over his sider about allowing you something for that bill.'

'Mr. Leasem, can you reconcile it to your conscience to make such an arrangement ! Here's a wife rolling in luxury, and a husband starving ! 'No, Mr. Discount, not starving; there is the workhouse, as I observed before; besides, allow

quite unprofessional-quite unprofessional.' But Mr. Leasem, touching this property which

the poor man is entitled to.' 'Why, there again, Mr. D. you must excuse me; you really must. I don't say he is; I don't say he is not. If you know he is entitled to property, I am sure you know how to proceed; the law is ohead would not agree with them-but I own I pen; and a man of your talent will know how to

'Then, Mr. Leasem, you mean that I must in order to right this starving man, file a bill of discovery, to extract from you the particulars of his in addition to pawning, does a little business in were begrimed and covered with dry fair hair; the rights. You have the marriage settlement, and all in the sixty per cent. line. It rained in torrents white teeth of the half open mouth chattered with the information, and you decline to allow a pension, or afford any information; the man is to starve or go to the workhouse.'

'Why, Mr. D., you are so quick and violent, it really is not professional; but you see (here a entry, illuminated by his perpetual cigar. As I was indeed a picture of misery, famine, squalor, subdued smile of triumph,) it has been decdied that fifty pounds amongst his friends the cadgers, at a some little portion of the bounty which so many I a solicitor is not bound to afford such information as you ask, to the injury of his client.'

and starve, while you keep secret from him at his in private. wife's request, his title to an income, and that the Court of Chancery will back you in this iniquiti-

I kept repeating the word "starve," because I saw it made my respectable opponent wince.

'Well, then, just listen to me. I know that in the happy state of your equity law, chancery can't He answered humbly, after much pressing, help my client; but I have another plan-I shall go hence to my office, issue a writ, and take your I don't like, if I do those thing at all, to do them | client's husband in execution—as soon as he lodged in jail, I shall file his schedule in the Insolvent Court, and when he comes up for his discharge, I thanks of course, as all such men are as long as shall put you in the witness box, and examine you on oath, 'touching any property of which you know I had previously learned that my ragged client's the insolvent to be possessed,' and where will be

The respectable Leasem's face lengthened a pon me, wanting five thousand pounds by five o'- he ceased twiddling his gold chain, and, at length he muttered,

'Suppose we pay the debt !'

. Why, then, I'll arrest him the day after for an-

'But, my dear Mr. Discount, surely such conduct would not be quite respectable.'

'That's my business; my client has been wronged. I am determined to right him, and when the aristocratic firm of Leasem and Fashum takes refuge according to the custom of respectable repudiators, in the cool arbors of the Court of Chancery, why, a mere bill-discounting attorney like the boy left his play and approached his parent. David Discount need not hesitate about cutting a blundgeon out of the Insolvent Court.'

'Well, well, Mr. D. you are so warm-so fiery : we must deliberate-we must consult. You will give me until the day after to morrow and then we'll write you our final determination; in the meantime, send us a copy of your authority to act for Mr. Molinos Fitz Roy."

Of course, I lost no time in getting the gentleman beggar to sign a proper letter.

On the appointed day came a communication with the L. and F. seal, which I opened, not without professional eagerness. It was as follows:

' In re Molinos Fitz-Roy and Another. 'Sir-In answer to your application in behalf of Mr. Molinos Fitz-Roy, we beg to inform you that under the administration of a paternal aunt who died intestate, your client is entitled to two thousand five hundred pounds eight shillings and sixpence, Three per Cents.; one thousand five hundred pounds nineteen shillings and fourpence .-Three per Cents. reduced; one thousand lbs., Long currence. 'My words scarcely made an im. during a splendid entertainment given at the Annuities; five hundred pounds, Bank Stock; three pression on him. thousand and five hundred pounds, India Stock; 'Kind words are often more powerful,' said The hideous apparition, rising among the Leasem and Fashum, of Lincoln's Inn Square, and besides other securities, making up about ten thousand pounds, which we are prepared to transfer over to Mr. Molinos Fitz Roy's direction forth-

Here was a windfall! It quite took away my

At dusk came my gentleman beggar, and what Being very much overwhelmed with business that they touch. Try him with kind words. They swept away his victims. puzzled me was, how to break the news to him. day, I had not much time for consideration. He will prove an hundred fold more powerful.' came in rather better dressed than when I first saw him, with only a week's beard upon his chin; But it left him thoughtful. An hour passed ere voices in the air which cry: "Traveller, beware, but as usual, not quite so sober. Six weeks had his boy returned. At times during his absence forget not the future." elapsed since our first interview. He was still the he was angry at the delay; and meditated the humble, trembling, low-voiced creature I first

After a prelude, 'I said, find, Mr. F. you are enhundred pounds, take half.'

'No. no; Mr. F. I don't do business in that way; shall be satisfied with ten per cent.' It was so settled. I then led him out into the

I began hesitatingly, 'Mr. Fitz Roy, I am hap-

thousand pounds! 'Ten thousand pounds!' he echoed. tho usand pounds!' he yelled, seized my arm vio-

mile off. He jumped into the first.

Where to ?' said the driver. 'To a tailor's you rascal.'

' Ten thousand pounds! ha, ha, ha!' he repeated hysterically, when in the cab; and every moment grasping my arm. Presently he subsided, looked me in the face, and muttered with agonizng fervor :

What a jolly brick you are !'

The tailor, the hosier, the bootmaker, the hair dresser were in turn visited by this poor pagan of externals. As, by degrees, under their hands, he emerged from the beggar to the gentleman, his spirits rose; his eyes brightened; he walked erect, but always nervously grasping my arm; fearing, appparently, to lose sight of me for a moment.-The impatient pride with which he gave his orders to the astonished tradesmen for the finest and best of everything, and the amazed air of the fashionable hair-dresser, when he presented his matted locks and stubble chin to be 'cut and shaved,' may be acted—it cannot be described.

By this time the external transformation was complete, and I sat down in a cafe in the Hay market, opposite a haggard, but handsome, thorough bred looking man, whose air, with the ex- and break, but in love and gentleness there is ception of the wild eyes and deeply browned face, the power of the summer rain, the dew and did not differ from the stereotyed men sitting around us. Mr. Molinos Fitz Roy had already nearly forgotten the past; he bullied the waiter, and criticised the wine, as if he had done nothing else but dine, and drink, and scold there all the days of his life.

Once he wished to drink my health, and would have proclaimed his whole story to the coffee-room assembly, in a raving style. When I left he almost went in terror at the idea of losing sight of me. But, allowing for those ebulitions-the nat. town of Perth. Though they labored incesural result of such a whirl of events-he was wonderfully calm and self-possessed.

house of call in Westminster, and formerly to dia- enjoy without merit; or that their lives and solve his connection with them; those present undertaking for the " fraternity," that, for the future, 'Then you mean that this poor Molinos may rot he should never be noticed by them in public or

I cannot follow his career much farther. Adversity had taught him nothing. He was soon ing conversing: again surrounded by the well-bred vampires who had forgotten him when penniless; but they amused him, and that was enough. The ten thousand pounds were rapidly melting when he invited me to a grand dinner at Richmond, which included a dozen of the most agreeable, good-looking, welldressed dandies of London, interspersed with a display of pretty butterfly bonnets. We dined de- night." liciously, and drank as men do of iced wines in the dog-days-looking down from Richmond Hill.

One of the bonnets crowned Fitz Roy with a wreath of flowers; he looked-less the intellect-as handsome as Alcibiades. Intensely excited and flushed, he rose, with a champagne glass in his

hand, to propose my health. scended on him. Jerking out sentences by spasms, near it, they heard the ringing of an anvil, but tleman-thanks to this-"

Here he leaned on my shoulder heavily a moment, and then fell back. We raised him, loos-

ened his neckcloth-" Fainted!" said the ladies.

" Drunk !" said the gentlemen. He was dead!

The Power of Kindness.

ing in a tone of authority.

his father: but did not leave his companions. 'Do you hear sir?' spoke the father more sternly than at first.

With an unhappy face and a reluctant step Why do you creep along at a snail's pace,' said the latter angrily, ' Come quickly? I want you, when I speak I like to be obeyed instant- tioning whether the gifts promised much, and

Now run as fast as you can go.' The boy took the note. There was a cloud equalled their expectations. upon his brow. He moved away, but at a slow

that going quickly ?' called the angry father, when he saw the boy creeping away. 'If you ingots of gold, which had replaced the masses are not back in half an hour, I will punish you.' of iron. Their joy was unbounded. But the words had but little effect. The boy's feelings were hurt by the unkindness of palace. Their retinue was regal in its splenhis parent.' He experienced a sense of injus- dor. Forgetting their promise to the Evil One and stubborn, and these qualities of his mind its worth. were aroused and he indulged in them, fearless of consequences.

speaking to a friend who had observed the oc-

The father looked surprised.

the gentle rain and refreshing dews, but harsh words bend and break like the angry tempest.

The father seemed hurt by this reproof infliction of punishment. But the words of remonstrance were in his ears, and he resolved play again."

len tly 'You are a brick. Here cab! cab!' Sev. of reckless anger. Instead of joining his com- weeks ago. 6th I never had any dog."

grieving over his act of disobedience. As he sat thus he heard his name called. He listen-

'Thomas my son,' said the father, kindly .-The boy sprang to his feet and was almost instantly by the side of his parent.

Did you call father ?" 'I did my son, will you take this package to

Mr. Long for me ?" There was no hesitation in the boy's manner. He looked pleasent at the thought of doing his father a service, and reached out his hand for

the package. On receiving it he bounded away with a light step. 'There is a power in kindness,' said the father, as he sat musing, after the lad's departure. And even while he sat musing over

the incident, the boy came back with a chereful, happy face, said-'Can I do anything else for you, father ?' Yes, there is a power in kindness. The

tempast of passion can only subdue, constrain the sunshine.

The Devil's Gift;

OR THE THREE BARS OF COLD. A LEGEND FROM THE FRENCH.

There once lived in Scotland three poor blacksmiths. Their habitation was situated in the mountains which surrounded the pretty santly, they could barely obtain sufficiency of the coarsest food; and frequent and sorrowful The next day, his first care was to distribute were their prayers that God would send them

> seemed their lot. Desparing of fortune, they were one even-

wrechedness might end together. Labor and

prayers were alike fruitless; misery alone

" Since," said they, "our prayers avail nothing, let us turn to the Evil One, he may hear us with favor ?"

" At midnight at the Blackrock mountain I will await you. If you have courage to meet me there fortune is yours. Remember mid-

Speechless with terror, the brothers gazed upon each other. The youngest at last broke

"My brothers, do you hear ? Shall we go ?" " We will obey," exclaimed the elder,

On the approach of midnight, they bent their The oratorical powers of his father had not de- steps towards the mountain. As they drew at length he said, " I was a beggar-I am a gen- saw neither light nor smoke. With terror they advanced to discover whence the sound proceeded. They reached the end of the path .-The noise of a thousand hammers resounded; but on looking around they saw but a solitary man at work.

"I awaited you," he said, " and was forging for you. This product of my labor is yours upon one condition. If at the end of nine 'Tom! here!' said a father ro his boy, speak. years you do not return it to me, or the value it has produced you, you are mine both body The lad was at play. He looked towards and soul, and all your possession shall vanish from the earth. A whim sometimes impels me to benefit mortals; endeavor to profit by

> So saying he gave each a mass of iron and dismissed them.

The brothers arrived at home, not much pleased with the event of their journey, ques-Here take this note to Mr. Smith, and not doubting that they should return them at see that you don't go to sleep by the way .- the appointed time. They fell asleep, thinking of their adventure, whose result, by no means On awakening next morning, they were a-

bout to commence their daily toil, having almost 'You Tom! Is that doing as I ordered ? Is forgotten the disappointment of the preceeding evening, when suddenly they perceived three In a short time they resided in a magnificent

tice, a consciousness that wrong had been done to return the value of his gift, they passed their to him. By nature he was like his father proud time in enjoyment without seeking to ascertain The nine years rolled away in festivals, and

the most extravagant delights. The close of 'I never saw such a boy,' said the father the term al length arrived. The demon; punctual to his appointed time, appeared at midnight, palace.

> guests addressed the brother : "The last hour is about to strike. What

'Kind words,' continued the friend', are like have you in return to me?" They were dumb with terror.

An internal smile played upon the features They first develope and strengthen good affec- of the tempter. He struck the ground-the tions, while the others sweep over the heart palace disappeared. A horrid tumult filled the in devastation, and mar and deform all that air as the ministers of the demon's vengence

Even now it is said that the traveller as he hurries over the site of the palace hears three

Dog and Logic. A fat old gentleman was bitten in the calf of

give me in addition to my bill for obtaining it !'- with a cloudy countenance and reported the office of the Justice of the Peace, and preferred He answered rapidly, 'Oh, take half; if there is result of his errand. Having staid far beyond a complaint against a joker in the neighborhood, one hundred pounds, take half; if there is ave his time, he looked for a punishment and was whom he supposed to be the owner of the ofprepared to receive it in a spirit of angry defi- fending cur. The following was the defence ance. To his surprise, after delivering the offered by the wag : " 1. By testimony in famessage he had brought, his father, instead of vor of the general good character of my dog. street, impelled to tell him the news, yet dreading angry reproof and punishment, said kindly I shall prove that nothing could make him so the effect; not daring to make the revelation in 'very well, my son-you can now go to your forgetful of his canine dignity as to bite a calf. 2d. He is blind, and cannot see to bite, it would The boy went out, but was not happy. He be querly impossible for him to go out of his py to say that I find you entitled to " " ten had disobeyed and disobliged his father and the way to do so, on account of his severe lamethought of this troubled him. Harsh words ness. 4th Granting his eyes and legs to be had not clouded his mind but aroused a spirit good he has no teeth. 5th. My dog died six