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make shift without. But O !" she cried, London poor, while wages were not so of my fate. all at once, " father's coming to morrow, | bad. and you've no tobacco."

Well, I'd never thought about that, for when I'd had my fingers in the little jar there seemed enough for me, even if next day was Christmas day; but with company-why, there would not be half enough. So that settled it, and I got my stick and hat; when Polly declared I couldn't go out a night like that without something round my neck, so she tied a comforter round twice, close up

" Now, don't be silly, Sam," she says. "Why, wot's silly," I says.

Why, your being such an old goose, and making so much fass af er being marrie I all these mouths. Now, let go. do," she says. But I didn't, of course, but held her for just a few moments while I looked down in her laughing eyes that seemed to have grown brighter since we'd married; and then I smooth. ed,-no, I didn't, for no hair could have been smoother,- I passed my rough, chopped about old hand down the bright shiny hair that I felt so proud of, and then kissed both her pink checks, and felt somehow half glad, half sorrowful, for it seemed to me that I was too happy for it to last.

"There, now," she says, at last, "make haste, there's a dear, good boy! and get back; perhaps I shall be done by that time, and then well have a snug bit of

supper" But I couldn't get away, somehow, but watched her busy fingers getting ready the things for the next days din ner,-and chopping suct, stoning plums, mineing peat,-and all in such a nice, All be asks is a fair neat, clean way, that it was quite enjoy

away even then, but went and steed by always have my drop of beer or become the window for a minute, where the lit- "There's no danger, that's one can Ignatids Garner, Chus. Haigen, St. Mary's, the branches of holly were stuck, glist fort," I said fundes I und benefit of the ening green, and with scarlet berries canal; and even then I shall know when amongst the prickly laves; and there I I am, 'I says, " so that won't be said at I was. stood looking in at the snug bright, very serious matter;" and then I trial something seemed to please her, I all at sible, and then shricking out,once thought to myself, and what's more. Glass, owhy, what a denkey you are not to get black darkness. what you want, and make haste back?"

So I gives myseif a pull together hitches up my shoulders, set my head the bottom of my pockets, off I goes.

Now, we'd been together into the town that night to bring home a good basket. my ears. fut of Uhristmas cheer; for even it you

though the snow made it hard work walking, I wasn't long before I was better the horritudging like a white statty right through mind as if to unnerve me—thoughts of the horritudging like a white statty right through the horritudging like a white statty right th the town street, then throughd with peo feel choking gases, of fearful things, wrong out the water, when I Telt on Convernor Brandene of Kentuckey ple, when I goes into a shop, and, after swimming about in the black water, or outting them on again comparatively has received \$150.50.50 form the Unital a good deal of waiting, gets my lemons of herrid monsters lurking in its terri-warm. But what a position! Trumb States, towards the liquidation of the and tobacco, pays for 'em, and starts off ble depths ready to drag me under and ling there in the midst of that durk. Kentucky was date,

Aug bill-ly | cut; and now I begin to find out what | bold on there without becoming numb- upon me that I was buried alive, I be less of the Porte.

"We must have a lemon or two, in which the snow ext into your eyes San," she save; and so, though I'd just we sensiting terrible. But I tough: San," she save; and so, though I'd just was senething terrible. But I tough to my the save and so, though I'd just was senething terrible. But I tough to my the save and so, though I'd just was senething terrible. But I tough to my the save and so, though I'd just was senething terrible. But I tough the save and senething terrible and or so, but spinching water beneath my rect warmset down to my tipe and drop of beer, I but my vary on, acting up an opposition have all the while that it was uscless, and me to me have been and my tough the save and my true to me have been and my tough the save and my true to me the save and senething terrible. got up again, and I says, " Now, I tell whistie to the wind and thinking about knew all the while that it was useless you what it is, lass, it's just two miles to the warm fireside at home, with the the to the town, and its snows like fury, so if you can think of anything else you of what a blessing it was in a hard winwant, just say so, and I'll get it same ter to be close to the pit's mouth, and get midst of that fearful darkness, I must and put a wet piece in my mouth, and want, just say so, and I if get it same terious close to the pit's mouth, and get time."

"O, 'tisn't worth while to go if it snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says; "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says is "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows," she says is "never mind, and I'll would cheer the heart of some of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of this fit is the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of this fit is the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the bettern of the snows, and then sink to the snows are snows, and then sink to the snows are snows as the snows are s

thing in trying to make a short cut. But from their bed. then one is always slow about owning to being in the wrong; so I blundered and

"Stuff and nonsense!" I says the next minute, and then I has a look round to try and make out where I was, for I knew every foot of it almost; but nothing could I see but snow talling almost like in a sheet all round me, so that I could see a few feet each way, while the snow where I stood was nearly up to my knees. I listened, but there was nothing to be heard but the whistling of the wind; I shouted, but the cry sounded muffled and close just as if I had been in a curboard; then I walked a lit. tle one way, and then turned and went another; and at last, to my horror, I found that I was regularly confused, and could not make out in which direction

minutes. Now, I did not feel alarmed, only bothered, confused; for I felt some that. if I kept on walking. I must come to some place or another which I know

warm kitchen, with Polly making it look | ugain to make our where I was, but the ten times more warm and bright. It saw come down more than over; and wasn't that, it was a handsome place or at best, feeling worried and cross. I star well furnished, for those sort of things | ted off aftesh as hard as I could go, don't always make a happy home-but | when all at once I let go of my stick for plain, bumble, and poor as it was, it I telt one foot slipping, and, as I felt it seemed to me like a palace; and after go a fearful thought came across my watching my lass for ever, -now frown mind. With an agon zing cry. I tried ing, now making a little face at her work, to recover myself; but, from leading for -now with a bright light in her eye, as | ward to face the wind, this was impos

" My God, it's the old pit!" I was I says to myself, "Sum Darrell," Lsays, falling and rolling down-down into the

It was like being in some horrible which, when you consider that it was dream, and for a moment I fancied it snowing hard, blowing harder, and that might be; but no, there I was falling where I stood the snowdrift was over my faster and faster for a length knees, while inside there was everything of time that seemed without end, as I a reasonable working man could wish waited for the coming crash when I for, you'll say was just about the truth. | reached the bottom-to be found afterwards a mutilated corpse.

I thought all this, and much more, as down to face the wind and the blinding I fell down the sloping shaft of the old snow, and then, with my hands right at | pit; and then came a tremendous splash as I was plunged down beneath the icy

I had been down pit after pit in my do live in the black country amongst time, working in the shafts at the wood to mita k me, my common sense told my car kept saying, "I hear up, matey the coal-mines and furnaces, and work as pit carpenter at making bratdees and the different wood work wanter, that direction; but the next thought the different wood work wanter, that seems and my breath came was a terrible one, and my breath came only and the case; or I had been working at the traps The Street Springs are would work wanted, that some street springs are would are stree ons to get; and from where we lived, ty shale; but I never before knew so could still breath freely, and by do ball, with some one sitting at the state, right across the heath to the town, being hideous a sense of fear as came over me, grees this lear went off; while, same as she need to all she could be the next The Combination Silver Skirt two miles, and me being alone, I make the surface of the water.

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I struck out, as if by instinct, for the "splash solash" in the enhance which I did not continue to the surface of the water. get back sooner. So I turned out of the road as soon as I was out of the colliery village, makes sure of the town lights, or thrust into a sort of hole. I remain lower as I receiled from the shaft; and

gord of a of hit it was; for the wind was cell and then slipping off and drawning.

With the thoughts of my wife, came How time went I could not tell ; but it Every now and then I had to stop thoughts of the pleasant scene I had so seemed after a while that I must have and kick the snow off my boot soles, for lately gazed upon semething almost like slept, for I leapt up all at once with the it collected in hard balls, so as to make walking harder; then, not having the und then came weak, despairing tears; calling; but though I stroked my cars town lights to guide me, I found I'd but I roused up, and shouted again and to listen; there was nothing but the wandered a bit out of the track, so that again, throwing my head back to try "drip, drip" of the water; while I the ground grew rougher and rougher, and see the month of the pit, but, heared to call out, for the sound went and more than once I stambled. The though imagination peopled the dark- echoing along, so that it seemed to be wind beat worse than ever; the snow ness with horrors, there was nothing repeated again and again, till I felt to wind beat worse than ever; the snow bess with norrors, tages was about the property blinded so, that I could not look out for a lost I to add to my despair and terror, I could Many hours must have passed, for a

stumbed on; but at last, after walking it must have been very fearful, for Jur- I had heard a cry which seemed to have for some time, I was obliged to own to myself that I was lost in the snow. ing the next minute I was shricking for whispered like in my car. I sat up myself that I was lost in the snow. telt that I must sink buck, and I did, despuring shries for help three times shricking and struggling savagely for and then fainted, life, till the cold water gargled over my When I came to again, it seemed like my mouth and choked back my cry. Walting from a dream; and I felt so the water franticly, as a dog beats it that I was not in my own room at when it cannot swim; but my neeve home; but as I sat up, thought of where soemed to come once more, and even I was came aponima again, while like then, in the midst of that horner and despair, Leould as help thinking of my self as being like a rat in a well, as I give a tremendous shout was bar the place to hold on by.

I swam slowly along, striking my right hand against the side at every stroke but, after a few scrokes it dil not touch ered in every foot mark in a very few anything ; and then, striking out more waiting in the water, areas to be once bulliy, I swam on, turning to the right most marer to living oreatures; and I with a ray of home in my bears for I walled on and on till the water was no know that I was on the level of one or in my clain and I could hardly stand. know that I was on the level of one of the my claim and I could hardly stand, the old veice and though relating when I should and now I could for the veins and though at the cartie veil in a the typic quite plointy.

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rushed up the chimney, the candle flock thinking that I'd stopped in the town strekes I be my toot glown slowly and hausting and be drowned. But now the door. But, there-I couldn't get and over again most familiary that I'd I was should where it was only to my as it . I be and an against the side, and . in the reaction that come on again, ore it workly, and like the despairing wretels

with the exertion, I did not feel that add; but som an icy chill respt over mis no I should those listening to the few monte my head sween, and I con la't celoing trip deip, dript of the water buskle for away to my right, racking thoughts. too, oppressed me, and, despating, I foly that there was no chance of my haing discovered, since to keep alive, I must penetrate farther into the mine, though even from where I was then it was doubtful whether my volue earld be herd.

I knew very will whose I was and that very little traffic lay by the old pit's mouth ; while the next day being Pristmas, made the chances less. But would not my wife give the alarm, and would not there be a search? Surely, I thought there must be hope yet ; and then in a disconnected, half wild way. I tried to offer up a prayer for success. Not standing, not with my hand resting upon the wall, but kneeling, with

water which roared and thundered in to think of the dangers I had to en- round me; and then I was swiming counter. As to there being things about and knocking against the rough swimming about, or anything terrible sides of the shaft, while a voice at

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blinded so, that I could not look out for the lights of the village; and at last I to add to my despair and terror, I could to my hands were slowly slipping began to think that I had done a feelish term their bed.

Many hours must have passed, fot a heavy, duil, sleepy feeling oppressed me as I lay there, numbed bodily and Could any man have beerd me down in mind; but at length I started up there, two hundred feet below the mouth. Thoroughly awake, feeling certain that yells, praying aloud, and crying for mor. shout faintly heard as it came along the ey; and then, hourse and worn out, i top of the water, and then I gave a loud

Then, for a few minutes, I was beating coofused that I could hardly believe swam round by the side trying to find a work of a moranut, when my heart rose, for it was notwered though but faintly. and I knew that I was being sought

for and sat Istening. Bat soon I grew impatient and began

ding to pout, "for I do want you back so bad."

So I made a start of it; unlatched the door, when the wind came rearing in laden with flakes of snow, the sparks rushed up the chimney, the candle flak here lower I down as it genug blowly about at the enough of the promes; while as Largeli close by it I say singlething move, whom I get, which we in I how that a man test have beginned By degrees the heavy positional my dawn, and was exceeding notice the heavy received while, where the court while, where his even same riaging along the past of which a charge. With rearre you, make T. Lee at 1 with the

y Can't you got to me ?" he says, after I had an swered.

"Na!" I mys "I dera'they trawbalt." "Then I must," he rays ; and them he shorted our "Slack out" and a c otholog splash came along to my cars.

"How har is it I' he says. "About alxry yards," I graped; and, then he stopped and called out to me to keep up in lears, and he would some be buck; when shouting to those above he was drawn up once more, and it second hours before I heard the sound of his volce again; and, directly after I could see the lantern coming towards me, and then Tve a regold ction of secing more one with a light splanling about in the water, and of having something tied under my grass which floated the water rising to my neek; and I ram me up till I was pashed along to the again stronger, and better able to think. mently of the passage, where I can re-And now I began to look within, and collect clinging to the rope made fast and then, taking mystick under my urm, set off at a trot at the left of the old pits.

The wind was behind me now, and

the darkness is terrible.

Tremain the shaft; and start the left of the old pits.

The place did not feel cold, while as

drown me; but, worse still, as I began ness; with a wild imagination possing | Intelligence from class I; is to the Assoon as I was out of the town again, to recover myself a little were the calm is with every imaginary horror. I by offer that six hundred more of the great, I gets out of the road to take that short or thoughts of the length of time I could descoring till with the thought strong volunteers have sucreachered to the for-

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