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was worth even more than his to realize that, in all reason- one. onest; whom else had he to fear? madwe would not be disturbed before P'raps it's Rothschild." the thirty in the firm, but their writ- instant once he reached Isaacstein's

"Where's the fare?" demanded the days earlier. ? cabman, angrily, looking up and getting hold own the street.

Cabby eyed him with scorn.

"What's the gyme?" he growled. siness relations. the cabman's edification. It is difficult to surprise your true | er!"

tockney whip. The man carefully folded the evening paper he had been reading, stuffed it under the strap which held his rug and cape, and chirmed to his horse:

"Kim up, lazy bones! We've got millionaire erossin-sweeper inside. What, he! Any bloomin' perfession s better'n drivin' a keb." The run was shorter than Phillt

anticipated, but, true to his promise, be proffered the two shillings.

The calman looked at him. Something in the boy's face seemed to strike him as curious, and, notwithdanding Philips rags, his skin was scrupulously clean.

"Gow, on." he cried. "I'll make you the present of that trip. all give yer a fresh start in handsom swung away into the trafhe, leaving the boy standing on the pavement on the north side of the viaduct. He made a mental note o the cabman's number. It was easy to remember-three 8's and a 9 - and walked off toward Hatton Garden.

Meanwhile the cabman, after varying luck, drove to his yard, changed horses, securing a fare to a theatre, and joined the Haymarket rank while he took a meal in the cabman's shel-

"What's to-day's bettin' on the National?" he asked a friend.

The evening paper was passed and he cast an eye over its columns. Suddealy he rapped out a string of expressions that amazed his compan-

"What's the matter, Jimmie? Missa twenty to one chance at Lin-

Great Scott! I thought he's lift me Go easy, mate. Theres lydies out-

this is what he read: "The boy, Philip Morland, whose deal with me or not?"

possession of a collection of meteoric was last seen in the neighborhood of an instant. merchant, whose name has figured in plainly: connection with the case, elicited the able that developments in this pecu- put up with it." har and exciting affair will take

place at any moment." of a very readable bit of news. No ef- his own office?" obvious purpose. Philip must be dis- of it. covered by hook or crook, and badgThe head of the firm of Isaacstein & of all the accustomed grooves of busited income. Philip must be disted income. Ph

secret of the meteor. brains are a fuzzball, 'Ere! Some one drink my beer. I'm goin' in fer eyes. cow-cow. I 'ad this young spark in

offered me two bob, 'e did, an' I sich a scarecrow.'

"I am," roared the disappointed

probability, his meteor was "Well, look sharp. There's a hold ragged loafer like you came in and able probable. The police had failed in gent a-wavin' is humbreler like showed me a diamond worth a thou-

that her tenancy of Johnson's be there in 'arf a tick. Who knows.

promise to her was verbally con office. A new note in his charcter was frmed to Philip by the manager. It revealing itself Always resolute, fearfirmed to the 25th. He had five clear less and outspoken, now he was confiwas now the was connhis arrangements. The forced se- with the manner of one who expects his arrange of the prison had helped him his fellows to bow before him. Was in one way—it gave him a program, a he not rich—able to command the serdetailed plan. Each step had been vices of men — why should he falter? marefully thought out, and Isaacstein's He forgot his rags, forgot the difficuloffice was the first stage in the cam- ties and dangers that might yet beset his path, for in very truth he had angin.

I prowling hansom passed. Philip achieved but little actual progress since he first entered that office five

But he had suffered much since diamonds?" then, and suffering had strengthened Isaacstein recovered his seat. He tions are." him. Moreover, he had taken the wiped his face vigorously, but the said the boy, with his foot on measure of Isaacstein. There was a trading instinct conquered his fury. score to be wiped off before that worthy and he entered into amicable bu- do you want for them?"

The instant the immature Jew be- increases. The first time you saw this the boy found himself idly speculating "Oh, don't talk so much," cried hind the grille set eyes on Philip, he diamond"—and he held up the stone on developments in the Jew's future "Are you afraid bounded back from window and gaz- originally exhibited to the Jew-"you life. The man, on his part, was seek-See! If you lose ed at him with a frightened look. Had said it was worth six or seven hun- ing to read the boy's inscrutable charmore time, I will give you this," this young desperado broken out of dred pounds. To-day you name a acter, but the fixity of Philip's gaze and he held up a two-shilling piece prison and come to murder them all? thousand. However, I will take your at his denuded crown disconcerted "Help! help!" he shouted. "Murd own valuation for this unimportant him again.

Clerks came running from the in- pounds." ner office, among them the elderly man who interfered in Philip's be half on the last occasion.

Philip, calmly, "and tell Mr. Isaacstein I am here."

room, his presence would be announce recognition.

muffin was intolerable, or nearly so. But Isaacstein ruled his minions with a rod of iron, and they would fain wait the little man's pleasure ere they ventured their wrath on the boy. sides, they were atraid of Philip. most of the people in London, they had read the newspaper reports of the police court proceedings, and they were awed by his strangely incomprehensible surroundings.

So he was silently ushered upstairs and soon he caught the thickly-voiced order of Isaacstein:

"Show him in." The Jew, however, dived into his private sanctum before Philip enter- Your price is my price-fifty thou- only you will believe this statement ed the general office. The boy found sand pounds." him there, seated at a table.

The duel began with questions: were remanded for a week."

"Don't be rude, boy, but answer might be revealed.

iostity, Mr. Isaacstein. I have called it away. I want you to advance, say faint. simply on a matter of business. It fifty pounds, to-day. I require clothes "My God!" he gurgled, "do you ing, in the rough, so many carats, and Isaacstein's letter safely lodged in But the cabman still swore and gaz- is sufficient to know that Mr. Abing- and other things. Then ,to-morrow, know what you are saying? Where and you, or anyone you may appoint, his coat. The mere weight of the gold round-eyed at the sheet. And don has set me at liberty and restored you can bring me to a bank, and pay are they, boy? You will be robbed, can see the sale vouchers subsequent- suggested an unpleasant possibility. my property to me. Do you wish to a portion of the purchase price to my murdered for their sake. Where are ly, when I will hand you the balance His clothes were so worn that the frail

The diamond merchant tingled with amonds of great value has created anger. He was not accustomed to be- within a week, or a month—any rea- I swear it, by all that I hold sacred. not exceed fifty thousand ,or it may So with one of Mr. Abingdon's shillmuch sensation, was brought up on ing browbeaten even by the represenremand to-day at the Clerkendale Po- taatives of the De Beers Company, lice Court and released. Mr. Abing- yet here was a callow youngster addon thought fit to hear the case in dressing him in this outrageous fashamera, so this ragged urchin is wan- ion, betraying, too, an insufferable ering about the streets of London air of contempt in voice and manner. again with a pocketful of gems. He He glared at Philip in silent warth for

he police court, and inquiry by our The boy smiled. He took from his representative at the Hatton Garden pocket the paper of diamonds and beoffices of Mr. I maestein, the diamond gan to count them. The action said

"You know you cannot send me information that Morland called there away. If I go to your trade rivals, about 3 p.m. Mr. Isaacstein positive- you will lose a magnificent opportunrefused to make any further state- ity. You are in my hands. No matment for publication, but it is prob- ter how rude I am to you, you must I am in a difficulty, but the offer I abouts of his treasure? In his pocket

Nevertheless, the Jew made an ef fort to preserve his tottering dignity. It a word, the journalistic world "Do you think," he said, "that you der ordinary conditions he might as unknown as that his mother's spirit place at the top. Even the magnates took out his remaining couple of was looking down on him from heav- of Kimberley would be staggered by shillings and the three pennies, and things are behaving properly in treating a well expect to find emotion depicted this new source of supply. What did Abingdon and the Jew for balking it man of my position in such a way in in a pound of butter as in that oily man of my position in such a way in in a pound of butter as in that oily ment

fort would be spared to defeat their In his own office—that was the sting molded by years of sharp dealings.

tred incessantly until he divulged the Co., of London, Amsterdam and Kimsecret of the secret of th berley to be bearded in such fash- lem so novel that his experience was his shattered nerves into order. At last the cabman became lucid. | berief , to be bearded | not wide enough to embrace it. "I'm done," he groaned. "My Why the thing was monstrous! Philip looked him squarely in the

"Mr. Isaacstein," he said, calmly, My keb to-d'y an' didn't know it. 'E "have you forgotten that you caused offered to-d'y an' didn't know it. 'E "have you forgotten that you caused me to be arrested as a thief and drag- "Oh, he treated you kindly to-day," sich a drive as a treat, 'e looked ged, handcuffed, through the open streets by a policeman? I have spent Who's next?" cried a racous voice five days in jail because of you. At the moment when I was praising your

honesty you were conveying secret signals to your clerks in the belief that I was something worse than a and do not need stimulants." pickpocket. Was your treatment

uously; the Jew swung from side to panion, and that is why he did it. side during his lecture. He strove hard to restrain himself, but the feverish excitement of Saturday returned with greater intensity than ever. He jumped up, and Philip imagined for a second that robbery with violence was

"Confound it all boy !" yelled the merchant, "what was I to do when ! and pounds and told me he had dozst; whom had informed his moth- "Keep 'im. Don't let 'im go. I'll ens, hundreds more like it? Did you expect me to risk standing in the thirty-first. Of course, her death Meanwhile Philip did not lose an given fairer evidence in your behalf "what more can I do than agree to than I did? Who proved that you your terms?" could not have stolen them? Whom "I asked you for an advance of stones do you possess, and what are

before in this world?" sion had exhausted itself. Then he write me a letter stating the agreewent on coolly:

satisfied yourself concerning all those it." points without sending me to prison. However, this discussion is beside the you?" present question. Will you buy my

collection, and accept fifty thousand

"Oh, you will, will you! And how "Make that idiot shut up," said cheap sarcasm. The situation was For some reason it profoundly dis-The office boy was silenced, and the his glance rested more critically on up his mind, though he sighed perexcitement calmed down. Yes, the Philip, the boy's age, the poverty of plexedly. The Jew was not a bad diamond merchant was in. If Philip his circumstances, the whole fantastic man. In business he was noted for would walk upstairs to the waiting incongruity of the affair, forced his exceeding shrewdness combined with

"Thank you," he said; "but kindly Philip gathered the stones together, tained all the elements of temptation. of wits. see that this urchin does not let others and twisted the ends of the paper. No matter how clever this boy might The contest had one excellent effect. know I am here. I don't want a Evidently the parcel was going back be, he was but a boy, and opportuni- It stopped all further efforts on Iscrowd to be gathered in the street into his pocket. He glanced at the ties for cheating him must arrive. If accetein's part to wrest Philip's sec-Such cool impudence from a raga- over the office door.

Wilson-"

"Sit down. Sit down," growled the ing unrecorded years. Now that it Jew, vainly striving to cloak his ner- was suggested to him it disturbed vousness by a show of grim jocosity. him. "I never saw such a boy in my life. You are touchy as gunpowder. I was You can earn more money than you only joking."

"Do you think I carry that amount of money in purse?" demanded Isaac-"How did you get out so soon? You stein, striving desperately to think out some means whereby he could get "Are you going to send for a police Philip into more amiable mood, when,

sonable period, in fact."

The diamond merchant was quickly of." becoming serious, methodical, as he his bewildered faculties.

"Tell me, boy," he said, "who has will yield now to your apepals." been advising you?"

sulting any person?"

have just made is my own."

countenance, with its set expression But to-day the man was startled out

So Philip caught a gleam of resentistrate's name, and he instantly resolved to see Mr. Abingdon again at the earliest opportunity.

did he?" snarled Isaacstein. "Yes, most kindly."

broke in the other abruptly. "No. I am only a boy of fifteen,

of He was favored with a sharp glance me so free from blame at our first at this remark, but he bent over his meeting as to serve as a model at the diamonds again and began to examine them, one by one. He knew that the The chair was creaking now contin- action was tantalizing to his com-Isaacstein went to a sideboard and

poured out a stiff glass of brandy. He swallowed it as an ordinary person takes an oyster.

"That's better," he said, turning to his desk. "Now we can get to close quarters. Hand over the stones." Philip did nothing of the sort. "Why?" he inquired, blandly. "You

know all about them. You can hard-

y want to examine them so frequent-"Confound it!" cried Isaacstein, sententiousness brought the man dock by your side? Who could have growing red with renewed impatience, the point.

have you to thank for being at liber- fifty pounds. I said nothing about their sizes? I must know." ty now, but the exipert who swore leaving the diamonds in your charge. Isaacstein, cooler now, pursed his that no such diamonds had been seen Please listen to me. I make no un- lips and pressed his thumbs together Philip waited until the man's pas- keep the stones now you must first of dislocation. It was hi sfavorite atment betwen us. If it is right I will signified that he had cornered "That is your point of view, I sup- give you the diamonds. If it is not pose. Mine is that you could have according to my ideas you must alter

"Do you think I mean to swindle

"I have no views on that point. am only telling you what my condi-

Isaacstein sat back in his chair and regarded Philip fixedly with as much "Yes," he snapped. "How much calmness as he could summon to his aid. A ray of sunshine illumined a "I notice that their value steadily bald patch on the top of his head, and

"What are you looking at?" he de manded, suddenly, "I was wondering how you will look

will you have it, in notes or gold?" when you go to heaven, Mr. Isaac-He could not help this display of stein," was the astounding reply. losing its annoyance; the humor of it turbed his hearer. He wobbled for a was begining to dawn on him. When little while, and finally semed to make Not unprepared for such a retort, case that now presented itself con- worsted by a gutter snipe in a war leock, too, which ticked solemnly not he, Isaacstein, there were others. ret from him. Thenceforth he asked "Going to some one who will deal agents could rob him with impunity. probing the extent of his juvenile patwith me in a reasonable manner. It | Yet, in answer to an unguarded | ron's resources. is not very late yet. I suppose there question, this extraordinary youth ad-

"Oh, yes. Why should you rob me? can ever need in this world by look-"I am not joking, Mr. Isaacstein. ing after my interests properly. If it will save you much future worry,

assure you." "Were you in earnes t when you of stones like those in your hands?" "No," was the answer. "Even if big-let me see-as big as an egg."

"They are quite safe; be certain of agreeable?" listened. This business-like proposal that. Reveal my secret I will not. I was the one thing needed to restore ha-ve borne insult and imprisonment to preserve it, so it is not likely I

Philip's face lit up with a strange light as this protest left his lips. The "Do you mean to say you came here meteor was his mother's bequest. She to-day to trade with me without con- gave it to him, and she would safeguard it. Had she failed hitherto? "I certainly told Mr. Abingdon I Was not all London ringing with the

ment at the introduction of the mag- to tell you something you don's know. If your boast is justified—if you real- that." ly own as many diamonds, and as good ones, as you say you own-there must be a great deal of discretion ex- shout, and a flurried clerk appeared. liceman in London would have failed would have starved. I can ill afford ercised in putting them on the market. Diamonds are valuable only be-"You don't drink, I suppose?" cause they are rare. If the diamond el space cleared for them on the desk. chance. Yet Philip was rich honest-

mines of the world were to pour all Philip, of course, had never before ly, and there were men driving away their resources forthwith into the lap seen an instrument so delicately ad- from that city at that hour whose of the public, there would be such justed. A breath would serve to de- banking accounts were plethoric with a slump that prices would drop fifty, press them. sixty, sixty, even eighty per cent. Do you follow me ?"

"Yes," nodded Philip. A week earlier he would have said, "Yes, sir," but his soul was bitter yet against Isaacstein.

"Very well. It may take me months years, to realize your collection. To do it properly I must have some idea of its magnitude. If there are exceptionally large stones among it, they will be dealt with separately. They may rival or eclipse the few historical diamonds of the world, but their worth can only be measured by the readiness of some fool to pay hundreds of thousands for them. See ?" "Yes," nodded Philip again.

"Therefore you must take me into your confidence. What quantity

reasonable demands. If you wish to until they appeared to be in danger titude when engaged in a deal. victim. Philip appealed to it 'n this strictly commercial way, could not fail to see it was to his own interest to tell his chosen expert the ex-

> The boy, singularly unflurried in tone and manner, hazarded an in-"What amount of ordinary diam-

act facts and nothing but the facts.

onds, in their money value Imean, can you dispose of readily in course of a year Mr. Isaacstein?" "Oh, two or three hundred thousand pounds' worth; it is a matter de-

penedent largely on the condition of

the trade generally. But that may be regarded as a minimum." "And the bigger ones, worth many

thousands each?" "It is impossible to say. Taking from a thousand each to fancy figures, perhaps fifty thousand poundls "It would be safe to recken on

quarter of a million a year, all told? "Quite safe." "Then ,Mr. Isaacstein, I will supply you with diamonds of that value ev-

ery year for many years." The Jew relaxed the pressure on his thumbs. Indeed he passed a tremulous hand across his forehead. He strict commercial honesty. But the was beaten again, and he knew it -

The boy possessed a large store, pos- for, and obtained such diamonds as "Here, what are you doing," cried sibly a very large store, of rough he needed, and resolutely forbade gems, and in dealing with them his himself the luxury of questioning or

But there was a long pause before are plenty of firms like yours in Hat- mitted that Isaacstein might merit he found his tongue again. His voice ton Garden, or I can go back to Mr. eternal bliss. Such an eventuality had had lost its aggressiveness when he not occurred to the Jew himself dur- said:

"In the police court I valued the

diamonds you produce at fifty thousand pounds. It does not necessarily follow that I am prepared to give such a sum for them at this moment. I might do so as a speculation, but I take it you do not want me to figure in that capacity. It will be better for you, safer for me, if I become your agent. I will take your stones to Amsterdam, have them cut sufficiently to enable dealers to assess said that that you have an abundance their true worth, and sell them to the best advantage. My charge will "So many, Mr. Isaacstein, that you be ten per cent. and I pay all expensperchance, the true story of the gems will have some trouble in disposing of es. To-day I will give you fifty them. I have diamonds as big, as pounds. To-mororw I will take you to a bank and place five thousand to of a fine, but chilly March day when "I am not here to satisfy your cur- you gave it to me I should not take The wonder is that the Jew did not your credit. Meanwhile, I will give Philip regained Holborn with fifty you a receipt for thirty stones, weigh- pounds, making a lump in his pocket, credit, giving me at the same time a they? Let me put them in some safe after deducting £5,050 pounds and my calico might give way and every golwritten promise to pay the remainder place. I will deal honestly with you. ten per cent. The total price may den coin rattle forth to the pavement. But you must have them taken care be less, but I do not think I will be ings he made his first purchase, a far out in my estimate. Are you capacious tobacco pouch with a snap

the Jew was talking on sound busi- shop and ordered some refreshments ness lines. There was a ring of sin- While the waitress was bringing his had thrust temptation aside, and was trived to slip all the sovereigns but firmly resolved to be content with his one into the tobacco pouch.

And this might well be. Twenty- pocket itself, and more than once five thousand pounds a year earned there was a pleasant clink as the by a few journeys to the Continent- coins fell into their novel spectacle. a few haggling interviews in the Hat- A man sitting near caught the ton Garden office! What a gold mine! sound, and looked up suspiciously. Moreover, he would be the head man Philip, whose senses were very much he felt the great iron key of No. 3 in the trade. He was that now, in on the alert to-day, realized that his Watching Isaacstein's face was an Johnson's Mews, and he was as cer- some respects; but under the new action was somewhat careless. Withinteresting operation to Philip. Un- tain now that his hiding place was conditions none could gainsay his out even glancing at his neighbor, he Phillip. The Jew, in spite of his own great amazed the world, so long as the dia- were missing. The ruse was satisfaclack of composure, saw the fleeting monds were forthcoming? It was no tory. The man gave him no further he made another violent effort to pull of South Africa. Isaacstein had made in payment of his bill. The girl can earn nine shillings a week there. up his mind. Fate had thrust this cashier seemed to be surprised that I start on Monday." "There is no need to talk all day," business into his lap. He would be a such a ragged youth should own so he said ,doggedly. "Now, I am going fool to lose it out of mere curiosity. large a sum. "Yes," said Philip. "I agree to "All silver, please," said Philip, as cold last Christmas, and was buried in

"Samuel!" yelled Isacstein.

"Bring in the seales, Samuel." The scales were brought, and a lev- his store of gold revealed by any further."

his first sight of the diamonds.

five grains-six hundred and twenty- ribly sharp tussle with London life, nine carats in thirty stones. Oh, had already graped this essential fact, good gracious me!" murmured the and with great skill and method he

Isaacstein checked the record care- shabby exterior.

He knew that the Jew would keep his eight shilings six pence, a pair of word. Indeed, Isaacstein told Samuel | boots for five shilings, a cap for nineto bring him fifty sovereigns, and ere pence, a woolen shirt for two shillings the man returned he began to write and a linen collar for threepence, on a sheet of paper:

your name?" he broke in.

"Philip." "Philip what?"

"That will do to-day, thank you. The next time I call I will give you my full name and address."

"Please yourself. I am no judge in this matter," and he wrote on .:

"Received from Philip ,a boy who cent." refuses any other name, but the same whom I saw in this office on the twentieth inst., and again at the Clerk- although he used the simplest phraseendale Police Court on that date, thir- ology, the man glanced at him sharpty meteoric diamonds weighing in the ly. gross six hundred and twenty-nine carats. I hereby agree to dispose of the same, and to render true accounts | The words had not left his lips ere he of sales to the said Philip or his ag- regretted them. ents. My commission to be ten per cent.; the expenses payable by me. I have to-day handed the said Philip quip atoned for the error of the adfifty pounds in gold, and undertake mission. to place five thousand pounds to his credit to-morrow with my bankers. 'im."

"REUBEN ISAACSTEIN." 'Afttr completing this acknowledg an advance, I can assure you." ment he scribbled something else.

"There," he said, with a sigh of re- pers onto the counter. He counted lief, "that is not a very formal docu- out sixteen shillings sixpence. ment, but it will suffice. You can get them in the lump, at values varying it stamped to-morrow at Somerset House. Just sign this receipt for fif- You'll myke yer w'y all right. Nex'

> Philip took the two papers and read an' I'll treat you fair." them carefully. Isaacstein's hand- "Thank you very much," said Phiand signed his christian name. He forget you." was on the point of adding his surname in an unguarded moment, but room if yo uilke. That lot you've got he felt the Jew's eye on him. So on ain't worth takin' ome." stamp at the foot of the receipt.

Isaacstein fully appreciated the in- have a long way to go." cident, and knew that his own eagerness defeated the chance, all the more powerful because it was involuntary, of ascertaining the name of this mar-

Philip gathered up his gold, not questioning. without counting the coins. They thousandth part of the value of those Isaacstein? I've seen that someflintlike pebbles. What a queer prob where or other. Now, where was it?" lem it was, this ratio of worth between a few stones and the bright, too, read the evening paper.

minted sovereigns. row?" he asked, standing, cap in would catch a green 'bus for the Mile hand, ready to take his departure.

"At eleven. But wait one moment. Have you no friends to look after the Bank. Thus far the omnibuses you? See what trouble you may get going east were not crowded. Now into. Why, the mere possession of the situation had changed. so much gold by a boy like you may

aacstein. I will be here at eleven. Good-afternon."

CHAPTER VIII. The Transition.

It was four o'clock in the afternoon mouth, for which he paid ninepence. Some inner monitor told Philip that Then he adjourned to an aerated bread cerity in his voice. Apparently he cup of tea and piece of cake he con-He did this with the hand in the

she began to count his change.

stolen money. For their carriages The boy held forth his paper, and the policeman would stop the traffic. joured the contents into the tiny brass In neither instance could the guartray of the scales. Samuel's mouth dians of the peace be held blameworopened and his eyes widened. It was worthy; such is the importance of mere appearances.

"Four ounces, eight pennyweights | The boy, during his short and terset about the task of altering his own

In a side street leading out of Grays "Put them in Inn Road, he found a second hand clothes shop. Here he purchased a Philip raised no protest this time. worn, but decent, blue serge suit for

He haggled sufficiently over the "Received from Philip, a boy who bargain to suit the needs of a scanty

"I've cut 'em dahn low enough," said the shopkeeper, mournfully. "Things isn't wot they was in the ole clo' line, let me tell yer. Not but what you do want a new rig-aht." "Yes," said Philip. "I've got a job,

and can't keep it unless I look de-For the life of him he could not burlesque the Cockney accent, and

"Where are yer workin'?" he said "At Isaacstein's in Hatton Garden"

"Wot is 'e ?" "A Jew," and Philip laughed. This

"Blime, you won't get a lot aht of

"No. It cost me some trouble to get Philip rattled all his silver and cop-

"Not much left, is ther?" he said. "Well, look 'ere." time you want some duds come to me

writing was a scrawl, but legible lip, considerably surprised by this enough. The boy reached for a pen generous act. "I certainly will not "You can change in my little back

he simply wrote "Philip" across the "I'm obliged for your kindness, but I must be off now. It's late, and I

"Where to ? Holloway ?"

"No cityward." The clothes and boots were made up in a parcel by this time. hurried away, glad to escape further

"Queer sort o' kid, that," mused the felt strangely heavy in his pocket, shopkeeper. "My, but 'e must ha' much heavier than the stones they bin 'ard up afore 'e took on wiv' replaced. Yet they formed but a Jew. Wot did 'e s'y 'is nyme was ! He knew two hours later, for he,

Philip sprang into a bus for the "What time shall I call to-mor- Bank. At the Royal Exchange he End Road.

It was almost dark when he reached

The human eddy in that throbbing center if life was sending off its "I can take care of myself, Mr. Is- swirls to all points of the compass, and the eastbound vehicles were boarded by a neage rcrowd almost before the passengers arriving at the terminus could descend.

A poor woman, greatly hampered by a baby, was struggling with others to obtain aseat in the Mile End Road 'bus. Philip, coming late on the scene, saw her swept ruthlessly aside by a number of men and boys. The conductor jerked the bell-rope and several times. There was no more

The woman, white - faced and disappointed, looked around with a woebegone expression. Philip, who would have gladly paid for her car-fare to take her to her destination, dared do nothing of the sort. But he said: "Keep close to me. I will get you

a seat in the next 'bus." "Oh, I wish you would," she said with a wan smile. "I am so tired. I have walked here from Shepherd's

"That's a long way to carry a

"What could I do? People won't take care of children without payment. I heard I could get work in a laundry there,, so I went to look after it. There's nothing to be had down our way, is there?"

"Things turn up suddenly." "Not for the poor, my lad. I fear

you know that without my telling you.

But you are young and will soon be Her wistful tone went to his heart. "Didn't you succeed at the laund-

"Yet; I ought to be thankful. "Isn't your husband at work ?"

ry?" he inquired.

"He is dead. Poor fellow, he caught January. God only knows how I He would take no more risks is he have lived since. If it wasn't for the :: Coming ,sir," was the answering could avoid them. Not a single po- kindness of neighbors, baby and I to arrest him at that moment were this tuppence, but I can't walk any

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