STRONG AND STEADY

By HORATIO ALGER, JR.

CHAPTER IV (Continued.)

whose small, mean features, closely resem- lost heavily. I can't tell how his affairs bling his father's, expressed considerable stand until they are settled. I may be curiosity. Walter secretly doubted wheth- left penniless." er he should like him; but this doubt he kept to himself. Mr. Drummond opened stopping abruptly and facing his companthe outer door, and led the way in.

"This is my wife, Mrs. Drummond," he said, as she approached, and kindly wel-

comed the young stranger. "I think I shall like her." thought Walter, suffering his glance to rest for a moment on her mild, placid features; "she is evidently quite superior to her hus | ed up this remark by a burst of merri-

band." "Joshua, come here and welcome Mr. Conrad," said his father.

Joshua came forward awkwardly and held out his hand with the stiffness of a pump handle.

"Howdy do?" he said. "Just come?" "Yes," said Walter, accepting the hand, and shaking it slightly.

"Are you tired with your journey, Mr. Conrad?" asked Mrs. Drummond. "Perhaps you would like to be shown to your room."

Walter went upstairs, preceded by Mr. Drummond, who insisted on carrying his carpetbag, for his trunk would not arwarded by express. At five o'clock they old woman to get up such a nice supper. sat down to supper.

very nice, when Joshua said: "If you call this humble, I don't know left?"

what you'd say to the suppers we commonly have."

day, at least, to keep up appearances, frowned with vexation. "Joshua." he said, "I desire that you

will act in a more gentlemanly way or | did not suppose he invited me just because else leave the table. Have you ever been he thought I was rich." in Stapleton before, Mr. Conrad?" "No, sir : never."

kind hearts. I hope you may like the count." town after a while. If you feel inclined to walk, Joshua will go out with you after supper, and show you the mill dam, also point out the store-it is only across the way-where, in my bumble way, I try to earn a living I shall be very glad if you will come in and take a look inside. I may be busy, for work has accumulated during my absence, but Joshua will show you around."

Thank you, sir."

intruding the question-who is left executor of your father's estate?"

"Mr. Shaw, the lawyer in our village. He is an excellent man, very bonest and upright. He was an intimate friend of my father."

"I am gt & & A you say so. Bo many lawy S whill Mr, are tricky. We have no 16.8 do that, pursued Mr. Drummond. You will perhaps to surprised to hear it, but my humble services are frequently called into requisition, in adminlatering and settling estates." "Indeed, sir."

"Yes; but I am glad you have got a man you can trust. Mrs. Drummond, 1 think Mr. Conrad will have another piece from her husband and her son, and Walof pie."

Supper was over at length, and Walter, by invitation, went out to walk with Joshua.

CHAPTER V.

Walter did not anticipate a very pleasant walk with Joshua. The little he had seen of that young man did not preposseas him in his favor. However, having no other way of spending his time, he had no objection to the walk.

"That's the old man's store just across the street," said Joshua, as they emerged from the house. "Your father's?"

"Of course. Don't you see the name of the sign?" Walter did see it, but never having been accustomed to speak of his own father as "the old man," he was not quite sure he apprehended Joshua's mean-

"You were an only child, weren't you? mid Joshua

"Yea," said Walter, soberit. "So am I." said Joshua; adding, com placently, "Between you and I, the old man has laid up quite a snug sum. Of course, It'll all come to me some day."

"I am glad to hear it," said Walter, wondering that Joshua should have made such a communication to a comparative stranger. "To hear the old man talk," pursued

Joshus, "you'd think he was awful poor He's stingy enough shout everything in the house. There isn't a family in town that don't live better than we do." "I thought we had a very good supper,"

said Walter, who experienced not a little diagnet at Joshua's charges against his father.

"That was because you were with us. The old man laid himself out for the oceasion. It's the first decent supper I've eaten at home since the Sewing Circle met at our house three years ago."

Though these communications did not raise Joshua in the estimation of Walter. the latter could not help thinking that there was probably some foundation for what was said, and the prejudice against Mr. Drummond, for which he had blamed himself as without cause, began to find some extenuation.

"When I talk to the old man about his stinting me so," continued Joshua, "he tells me to go to work and earn some

"Why don't you do it?"

"He wants me to go into his store, but he wouldn't pay me anything. He offered me a dollar and a half a week; but I wasn't going to work ten or twelve hours you last night, if you had been in the a day for no such sum. If I could get a house. light, easy place in the city say at ten dollars a week, I'd go. There ain't any chance in Stapleton for a young man of

"I've thought sometimes," said Walter, fother's death and of my loss shut out "that I should like to get a place in the everything else." city; but I suppose I couldn't get enough at first to pay my board."

"You get a place?" exclaimed Joshua, In astonishment. "I thought you was going to college.

"Father intended I should; but his death will probably charge my plans. It is expensive passing through college; I cannot afford it."

"Oh, that's all humbug. You're talking had my own living to earn. What do you like the old man. Why, you're rich. The propose to do?" old man told me that your father left a hundred thousand dollars. You're the only store? Joshua told me you wished him to Life. son; you told me so yourself."

"Your father le mistaken." "What, wasn't your father sich?" "My father was unfortunate enough to

"Do you mean that?" asked Joshua,

"I generally mean what I say," said Walter, rather stiffly. Joshua's answer was a low whistle of

"Whew!" he said. "That's the biggest

joke I've heard of lately;" and he follow-

Walter looked at him with surprise. He certainly did not know what to make of Joshua's conduct.

"I don't see any joke about it," he said. 'I don't complain of being poor, for think I can earn my own living; but it doesn't strike me as a thing to laugh at." "I was laughing to think how the old man is taken in. It's rich! He thinks

you're worth a hundred thousand dollars."

said Joshua. "Well, he is mistaken, that's all, I don't see how he is taken in."

"He's been doing the polite, and treating you as if you was a prince of the rive till the next day, having been for blood. That's the reason he told the He expected to get you to take him for a "I hope, Mr. Conrad," said Jacob, "you guardian, and then he'd have the handwill be able to relish our humble repast." | ling of your money. Won't he be mad "Humble again!" thought Walter. He when he finds out how he's been taken in? sure that none of the property will be at once."

"Probably not much. I am sorry to think that your father made such a mis-Mr. Drummond, who desired, for this take. I will take care to undeceive him.' "What! You're not going to tell him,

> are you?" "Certainly, I meant to do so but I

"What for, theu?" "Being my father's cousin and nearest 'It is not a large place, but it is grow- relation, it didn't seem very strange that ing; the people are plain, but they have he should have invited me on that ac

"The old man's pretty shrewd," said Joshua, rather admiringly. "He knows which way his bread is buttered. the church, and the school house. He will don't lay himself out for any poor relations, not if he knows it. Don't you tell him about it till to-morrow."

"Why not?"

knew at once."

"Because, if you do, we'll have a mean breakfast as usual. I just want him to think you're rich a little while longer, so we can have something decent for once." "I don't feel willing to deceive your "May I ask, Mr. Courad-excuse my | father any longer. I have not willingly decreived him at all. I would rather be

> "At any rate, I shall tell him to-morrow then. But I've got tired walking. Suppose we go back. They went back together. Mr. Drum-

"To morrow will be soon enough."

mond was in the store, but Mrs. Drum-"You didn't go far," she said. "But I suppose you were tired, Mr. Conrad."

"A little," answeerd Walter. "I wonder," thought our hero, "whether she will change as soon as she finds ou that I am poor?" Somehow he felt that she would not. She seemed very different ter was inclined to like her better.

Joshua went out again soon, not hav ing much taste for staying at home; and an Walter retired early, he did not see either him or his father again till the next merning at breakfam "I must go back to the store," said Mr

Drummond the next morning, when break fast was over. "Joshua will look after you. Mr. Conrad. I hope you will be able to pass the time pleasantly." "If you can spare me five minutes, Mr.

in private," said Walter. "Certainly. I can apare five or ter minutes, or more, Mr. Conrad. Won't you walk into the parlor?"

Mr. Drummond was far from anticipating the nature of Walter's communication. Indeed, he cherished a hope that our hero was about to ask his assistance in settling up the estate a request with which, it is needless to say, he would gladly have complied.

"I don't suppose you know how I am situated-I mean in relation to my father's estate. It is not certain that my father left anything," said Walter, thinking it heat to reveal everything at once.

"What!" exclaimed Mr. Drummond, his lower law falling, and looking very

"My father made some investments re cently that turned out badly."

"But he was worth a very large property-it can't all he lost."

"I am afraid there will be very little left, if anything. He lost heavily by some mining stock, which he bought at a high figure, and which ran down to almost

"There's the house left, at any rate," "My father borrowed its value, I understand; I am afraid that must go, too." Now, at length, it flashed upon Mr. Frummond how he had been taken in. He thought of the attentions he had lavished upon Walter, of the extra expense he had incurred, and all, as it appeared, for a boy likely to prove penniless. He might even expect to live upon him. These

other, mortified and made him angry. "Why didn't you tell me this before, young man?" he demanded with asperity. His change of tone and manner showed Walter that Joshua was entirely right in his estimate of his father's motives, and

thoughts, which rapidly succeeded each

he in turn became indignant. "When did you expect me to tell you. Mr. Drummond?" he said, quickly. only arrived yesterday afternoon, and tell you this morning. I would have told

"Why didn't you tell me when I was at him be on his way. Willoughby? "I had other thinks to think of." said

"The thought of my Walter, shortly. "Well, what are you going to do?" ask

ed Mr. Drummond in a hard tone. "I shall have to earn my own living," snid Walter. "I am well and strong, and am not afraid."

"That is a good plan," said Mr. Drummond, who knew Walter so little as to fear that he wanted to become dependent upon him. "When I was of your age I

"Here you a vacancy for me in your

"You couldn't earn much, for you don't know anything of the business." olog his small ares in amase . "I should not expect to. I am perfectly willing to work for my board until I

find out how my father's affairs are going

This proposal struck Mr. Drummond favorably. He judged that Walter would prove a valuable assistant when he was broken in, for it was easy to see that he had energy. Besides, it was desirable to keep him near until it was decided whether Mr. Conrag s affairs were really in as bad a state as his son represented. Even if a few thousand dollars were left, Mr Drummond would like the handling of that sum. Then, again, no one knew better than Mr. Drummond that Walter's board would cost him very little; for, of Walter raised his eyes and saw Joshua, get involved in a speculation, by which he course, he would at once return to his usual frugal fare.

"Very well," he said: "you can go into the store on those terms. As you say, you've got your own living to earn, and

the sooner you begin the better." Walter had not said this, but he agreed with Mr. Drummond. It may be thought strange that our hero should have been willing to enter the employment of such a mean man; but he thought it wisest to remain in the neighborhood until he could learn something definite about his father's sffairs. He prepared to go to work at once, partly because he didn't wish to be dependent, partly because he foresaw that he should be happier if employed.

When Mr. Drummond and Walter came out of the parlor, Joshua was sitting in the next room, and looked up eagerly to see how his father bore the communica-He was disappointed when he saw that Mr. Drummond looked much as ususl. "Conrad has been telling me," said Mr.

Drummond, "that his father lost a good dcal of money by speculation, and it is doubtful whether he has left any prop-"I am very sorry," said Mrs. Drummond: and Walter saw and appreciated

her look of sympathy. "As he will probably have to work for a living, he has asked for a place in my store," pursued Mr. Drummond, "and have agreed to take him on trial. Conwas about to say that everything looked Giving you the best room, too! Are you rad, you may get your hat and come over

Joshua whistled in sheer amazement. The affair had by no means terminated as

he anticipated. (To be continued.)

Instances in Which the Deception

WOMEN WHO LIVED AS MEN.

Was Kept I'p for Years. Dr. James Barry, who lies buried in Kensal Green cemetery, was a wonderful instance of successful concealment of sex, says Tit-Bits. At an early age she fell in love with an army surgeon, to follow whose fortunes she assumed the dress of the opposite sex and entered the army as hospital assistant. She displayed such ability that she rose until she was given the post of inspector general of the army medical

Slight of form and of dark complexion, her general bearing and conversation displayed an almost feminine refinement. A favorite with the men on account of her humanity, her quarrel some temper by no means endeared her to the officers, and served ber in such had stead that once she was obliged to fight a duel, from which adventure she fortunately emerged scratchless. She died in 1865, at the age of 70.

A female soldier who in 1739 was buried at Chelsea hospital with military honors was Christian Davies, better known as Mother Hoss. She served for twelve years in the Earl of Orkney's regiment, being present at the battle of Donawert, where she received a musket ball in her hip, and at the engagement of Ramillies, where she was so badly wounded as to require the attendance of a surgeon, by whom her sex was discovered. Some while after this she returned home and received from the queen a bounty of £50 and a pension for life.

To avoid a distasteful marriage Sophie Sobine Apitzsch, who was born in Lungenau, in Saxony, in 1692, took to wearing man's clothes. After several exciting adventures she came across an armorer, one Karl Mariltz, whose name, having by some means got possession of his papers, she for a while assumed. One day, however, on being detected blowing the horn-a privilege reserved in those days for such only as were of noble birth she was brought before a magistrate, a certain Herr Volkman, who for some reason only known to himself, thought he recognized in the handsome stranger the crown prince of Saxony. Shrewd enough to take advantage of this mistake, Sophie Apitzsch accepted not only an invitation to the magistrate's house, but all the costly presents that were showered upon her by that misguided

For some considerable time all went well both with Sophie and her deluded bost, in whose brain the most ambitious designs for his daughter Joanna were fast taking shape. But such a gross fraud was bound sooner or later to be found out. And found out it was, when Sophie Apitzsch, brought before the authorities to answer for her fraud. could make but a lame excuse, and was sentenced to be whipped publicly out of the country-in other words, to be conveyed from town to town until the frontler was reached, and flogged publicly in the market place of each. This severe punishment, however, was commuted to a year's imprisonment, whence Sophie emerged to disappear into obscurity, for of her subsequent career history is sflent.

Wise Girl. Now, there was a certain girl, and she had three wooers. The first wooer said she was the whole world to him. but she frowned upon his suit. The second wooer said she was the sun, moon and stars to him, but she bade

"To me," said the third, "you are a young woman of agreeable manners. with eyes that might be a little bluer, with a nose that is a wee bit puggy and with a few freckles and an annoying habit of blurting out your

thoughts." She married the third wooer. Being pressed for an explanation of her conduct, she said:

"My goodness! I think I was sensi-I married the only one that had courage enough to tell me of my faults before marriage, instead of waiting to throw them up to me afterward."-

Obvious. "Do you tip the waiter where "Say, do I look starved?"



A transport for submarine vessels, for the Janapese government, will convey the submarines to the place of action, where they will be floated from within, thus insuring secrecy of action.

A new boiler-cleaning compound is reported from Mexico. It is made whoily from vegetable substances, and is said to remove scale from boiler tubes. while causing no injury to the tubes or botler shell.

That the finest stone buildings and monuments of many cities are disintegrating through the action of the sulphuric acid produced by the combustion of coal is asserted by a writer in Cosmos (Paris). In London, especially, has been estimated that no less than half a millions tons of acid are thus discharged into the atmosphere yearly.

and waterways have been discovered in and nobler living. the Selkirk Mountains of Canada. It is three years since their existence first became known, but they were only partially explored. Between 5,000 and 6,-900 feet have been mapped. Conflicting theories exist as to the origin of the caves. One theory attributes them to earthquake; another to erosion during a period of about 40,000 years.

of Illinois remarks that when we consider that practically all the soda used to make soap is now manufactured from salt, it is hard to believe that 100 or from natural soda, the supply of drawing. which was very limited. Soda from salt was first made in France in 1791 by Le Blanc, but not until 1823, in England, was the industry successfully established. Then the Le Blanc process held undisputed sway for fifty years. But the chemists attacked the problem again, and the production of soda from ammonia began to displace the older process, in which sulphuric acid was used. Still the chemists went abend, and now electricity has been called into play, and the ammonia soda, in turn,

is giving place to electrolytic soda. The Arunta, the people who inhabit central Australia, have been the object of careful ethnological study. Herr M. Freiherr von Leonhardi, their latest investigator, presents some new facts about them. He finds their religious conceptions particularly interesting and curious. They believe in a supreme god, dwelling in the beavens, and called Altjirs. The stars are his camp-fires, the Milky Way is his hunting-ground, and he is surrounded with beautiful youths and maideus who are immortai. The evening star, the Pleiades, the sun and the moon once lived on the earth, and were the ancestors of the Arunta. It is noteworthy that the Arunta regard their god as a red man, with long hair. But he mever-lived on the earth, and he pays little attention to men. The Arunta have also curious beliefs concerning the fate of disembodied

HOUSE IN DEST TO HIM.

Mask Twain's "Discounts" in Book Deal Made Cash Come His Way. character in American literature to Three Meers, known everywhere for day and has made more money out of the convulsing fun of their comedy on it than any other author," said A. S. the high wire, are siways sure fine Swanson, representative of one of the entertainers; while Warren and great publishing bouses of New York Blanchard, two singing comedians, are at the New Willard recently, accord- considered perhaps the best of their ing to the Washington Post. He lives class as rapid fire entertainers. Eujust around the corner from our place rope contributes Charlene and Charlene. and so we see him very often. He is two jugglers of unusual attainment, never so happy as when telling a story while the eccentric comedians, Howard and is often seen doing so in a group of congenial spirits. He was telling me that recently he went into the sales department of our house and, being attracted by a particular book, asked the

"'Four dollars,' said the clerk. " 'Well, now,' said Mr. Clemens, 'I am a newspaper writer. Don't I get a discount for that?

"'Certainly,' replied the obliging "'I am also a magazine writer. Do get something off for that?

" 'Yes,' said the clerk, 'you get a di count for that." "'I am also an author. Don't I come in on the author's discount?

"Yes, sir, you get the author's dis-"'In addition,' said Mr. Clemens, am a stockholder in this house. Does

that entitle me to something off? "'Yes, sir,' the clerk returned. "Now,' continued Mr. Clemens, would like to state that I am Samuel Clemens. Does that fact entitle me to another rakeoff?

"'It does,' said the clerk, after moment's hesitation. "That's good,' replied the author.

Now, how much do I owe you?" "'We owe you 80 cents,' said the

A Vague 1des. During his first visit to a farm little Willie came into the house crying

"What is the matter, dear?" asked "I went out to see the cows and they didn't give nothing but milk," sobbed

"What did you expect?" inquired the "I'm not sure what I expected," re piled Willie, "but, mother, where does

beef-ten come from?"-Judge. A Font.

"Do you imagine it possible for camel to go through the eye of a ne "Oh, I wouldn't be surprised. You

know how large my wife is?" "Well, she goes through my pocket gularis."- Houston Post.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

GARRICK.

The fifth week of the run of "The Witching Hour" at the Garrick Theater is still continuing the great success of that play to crowded bouses. On Monday evening of this week the McDonaid jury visited the theater in a body to witness the piece, and much speculation is rife as to the effect of the drama upon these jurors in this important murder case. Certainly, no matter what one's personal view may be, "The Witching Hour" inspires a great deal of fresh speculation on the subject of those mysterious influences known as personality and public opinion, and this feature of the piece makes it exceptionally interesting. Mr. Thomas has provided in "The Witching Hour" not only a capitally entertaining play, full of throbbing heart interest, but also a Some wonderful underground caves footlight inspiration to higher thought

AUDITORIUM THEATER, CHI-

Third Big Week for the "Follies of

Every theater-goer of Chicago is beginning to realize that the big Ziegfeld musical revue, "Follies of 1907," which is packing the big Auditorium at every Prof. W. A. Noyes of the University performance, gives three times as much value for the money as any other attraction now playing in this Western

Never in its history has the Auditorears ago it was made almost exclu- rium played to the enormous houses sively from the potash of wood ashes, that the "Follies of 1907" are now

> Bickel and Watson are still the big comedy features.

Grace LaRue, Lucy Weston, Annabelle Whitford, Grace Leigh, Lillian Lee, Florence Tempest, Frank Mayne, William Powers, Dan Baker, James Manly, the sensational drummer girls, Peacock girls, Gibson bathing girls, Dixle girls and the Ziegfeld beauty girls, won merited applause.

Dazie, America's greatest dancer. still delights her numberless admirers. The prices for matinees, which are given Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, are 25 and 50 cents, and every night and Sunday 25, 50 and 75 cents.

MAJESTIC. Prominent among the headline features at the Majestic Theater, Chicago, for the week of Feb, 24th will be a complete musical comedy, entitled "Robinson Crusoe's Island," one of the nest pretentious efforts ever offered on a vandeville stage. A company of 15 people headed by Rogers and Decley, two clever comedians, will engage in this spectacle, which is a complete Broadway show, with singing comedians, dancers and spectacular features. Another attractive novelty will be provided by Maude Hall Mncy and company who offer "The Magnie and the Jay," a one-act rural comedy drame. Eva Mudge, noted throughout the country as a comedienne and singer of rure charm, will help to add diversity to this program, but the most noted singer of this aggregation is famous Pauline Hall, who has been "Mark Twain is the most interesting before the public for years. The and North, have an act which is warranted to produce at least one laugh a minute for all the time they are on the stage. Another genuine nov-

sation wherever she has appeared.

elty is Idly Flexmore, the English

acrobatic dancer, who has been a sen-

A Tax on Signs. Every sign in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is taxed. A cafe having a special "sorvette," or ice, to serve, makes a placard and hangs it to a doorpost, or to one of the paim trees in tubs which commonly decorate such establishments. The notice thus posted must have a revenue stamp attached. Permanent signs are taxed on a permanent basis, temporary signs on a stamp basts. A sign, "House for Rent,' bears a revenue stamp. Under such circumstances the tax on sign boards or bill boards is the expected thing, but naturally there is much less general use of such forms of advertising. As in the cities of the United States, a vacant corner of a frequented street is very likely to have some sort of a bill board arrangement, and temporary inclosures about buildings in course of construction are generally covered with more or less prominent signs, but these signs, being taxed, are regulated both in size and in other respects.

Ways of Hunting.

Deerstalking among the Dogrib Indians is managed by a skillful counterfeit of the animal. Two hunters walk together-the man behind with bent body, the one in front carrying a stag's head. The legs of the men serve very well for the fore and hind legs of the animal. In this way the hunters get almost in the midst of a herd of deer before the creatures are

aware of danger. The ostrich is hunted in a similar way by the bushmen of South Africa, and the Eskimos sometimes come to close quarters with seals by dressing themselves in sealskins and dexterous ly mimicking the style or swimming and "flopping" so kharacteristic of the

animal. In Australia the natives bring the wallaby or young kangaroo within the range of the spear by suspending a small bird's skin and feathers from the end of a long rod and imitating the bird's cry.-London Strand.

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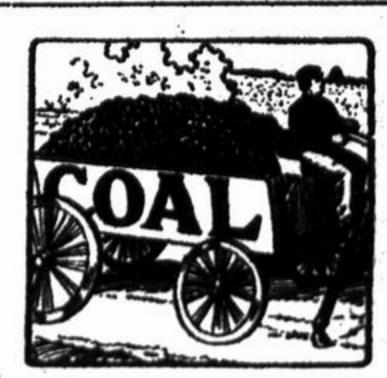
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