wearied and my hands are tired, My soul oppressed-I desire what I have long desired-Rest-only rest.

and to toil, when toil is almost va'n, In barren ways; and never garner grain, in harvest days.

borden of my days is hard to bear, But God knows best; I have prayed, but vain has been my For rest sweet rest.

and to plant in spring and never reap The autumn yield: and to till, and when 'tis tilled to weep O'er fruitless field.

so lery a weak and human cry, So heart oppressed; olsigh a weak and human sigh, For rest-for rest.

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has wou'd across the desart years, And cares infest pth, and through the flowing of hot tears I pine for rest.

Ism restless still; 'twill soon be o'er; nearly finishe For cown :he west is setting, ard I see the shore Where I shall rest.

CHAPTER II.

ting upon our friend's advice, and wherne perhaps by his energy, we told to ask the applicant into the room in th we were seated, which, bad as it was, by far the most presentable part of the The stranger was heard descending stairs slowly, and apparently with cauthen he presented himself at the open and, in obedience to my invitation, and took a seat. He looked round ely upon us, and then, fixing a large the eyeglass upon his nose, looked again. ras a stout man, apparently about sixty of age, for his hair was gray, his ikers quite white, and though at one he must have been of powerful frame. rainow evidently somewhat feeble, as could judge by the manner in which he and himself and greaned slightly as he

"Ism sorry to intrude upon you at this wei the evening, madam," he began at I noticed the bill in your window a few when I was in this neighborhood. I must reside somewhere in this vicinity, coomplished and have called earlier; but I was not g the Secie certain that, an old friend could not re, the gree modate me. I find now that he cannewn to when de so, so have ventured to trouble you

risoners in 8 this unusual hour." Ille. de Gran Ah! I am afra d, sir, that an unfortut. The wer change has put it out of my power to prisoners he you suitable apartments," I replied. 0 with continue to be frank, sir, I have now not enough uring the partiture for myself, instead of being able ork have bee pare any for my lodgers. While I had the lady page in speaking, the old gentleman had dropmen en the dhis eyeglass, and now, ere replying, he lace Daupht tabent for it in a helpless way, which ons of food and have been laughable if it had not e empleyment at pitiful too. Adjusting it to is the Bills eyes again, he looked at as for a moildren of the said: "I den't want furnished ring their ten summents. I ought to have explained anch is that that at first. I have not long come home year obtaine mabroad; and my only daughter, with and whit the km I have been staying, has now gone to us learn the stralls with her husband; leaving me a ey are capable the furniture, in case I like to keep on ady for the house. But I don't like it; it won't suit estall. I want a quiet lodging with a all family, where I can furnish my two

ms; taking my meals by myself, or with e ismily, as I please. I am a quiet perplacer field a lthink, rather an invalid, but no here has been table; and I am willing to pay you rent production my rooms, and thirty shillings a week 0.000,000 we have board." His eye glass tumbled down e year. La more, and while he was fumbling for 't whole wor whe did not seem able to do anything 000. This shout it—Scate nudged me with his ellow of the factor, and gave a knowing wink, -" are of value with the st to explain that I cannot afand still less rery high terms, madam," continued n the basine seed gentleman, addressing my wife, "in is reason to the save discussion. I have made a oi two other addresses which may th but should prefer to close without furtrouble, as, being an invalid, I do not d field. The mibeut much worry. There is my card. irgin. en the handed to Mr. Scate, who sat nearest of Magellar him, a card, from which the latter read no fifty mile and, "Mr. Daniel Chelps," and then passit to me.

"Mr. Chelps," exclaimed Scate, as if ralia. Free with a sudden thought, "al'ow me ther you some refreshment." Mr. in the Trans aid: "Will you please to speak a leuder, sir? I am unfortunately a e hard of hearing."

Sate loudly repeated his invitation; it the known cuier for him to speak loudly than in e represente aboued key.

Thibet | Wen have brandy there, to contain the dectors won't allow me to wery we thanything but sherry;" "Then, it's just the thing !" cried Scate; n upland r

there is from this is sherry, and the best you'll find the she which have miles from this place, I'll bet."

The eld gentleman sipped the wine, a region is cited his lips approvingly, and said: and now, sir, we will proceed to busi--I do not see, madam, that the misforich he je te which Mr. Matley referred need there are the any difference in my plans. I am an iman, as you see, and merely want to be one the less distributed in I want, as I have said, to live old be feet I can either mix with the family, or atral Africa at myself up in my own room, just as I I shall give no treuble; and though annet afford more than I said, my meney d any law. I want to settle my plans to night; ald state information which I obtained in my but de inquirles, a week or so back, I should Mer te come here te anywhere else I have ef, believing I should be more cem-

finding him still willing to go on with acgotiations, I at once declared my anety to obtain a tenant, and although he stand iew questions, Mr Chelps made no the dittes, and it was arranged that he take up his quarters with us on the bying day. The effect of the sherry was to open out his heart; for he to lequacious and discursive, that with little encouragement he would have all about his married daughter whe gone to Australia; about the late Mrs.

which the other very eagerly accepted.

cinity whom he cared about troubling in the proaching. matter, gave us the name of a firm somewhere down by the Docks as referees. I ory fer names and addresses did not appear to be very good, Mr. Scate seized the opportunity of saying a few words in an under- | the room, "hew are you now ?" tone to me.

let your place, and let it well, too, I con- proceeded to repeat the information he had sider, to an eld fellow with no wife or rela- just given to us. While Mr. Scate was tive to bother you or give trouble. Didn't | telling all this to Mr. Chelps, my wife left I tell you your luck would turn ?-and here us, to superintend Lizzie in her domestic it's turning like the tide. Tell your good | eperations. little wife to keep up her spirits. I shall be Mr. Chelp's mind still ran on my affairs; round to morrow night, and I expect to see | and as the evening wore on, he plied Mr. my friends between this and then. I am | Scate with very direct questions, such as I sure to have something to tell you; and | much wished to ask, but lacked the courage while you are waiting, if a five-pound note to de. Mr. Scate was at first as vague is of any service to you, it is ready at a me- with him as he had been with me; but under ment's notice. - Coming, sir !- quite ready." | the pressure of the old gentleman's repeated This was in answer to Mr. Chelp's; and inquiries, he eventually explained that his then the two left the room and the house friends were "general agent and misceltogether; Mr. Scate turning at the last laneous merchants," who bought and seld moment to taver us with a grin full of all kinds of goods for all markets, home and

meaning. It may be guessed that Susan and I sat buy it if it were cheap and saleable; and up for seme little time talking ever the | would sell at smallest prefit to de business strange and unexpected events of the night; quickly. That, their business being rather of our good fortune in securing such a lod- peculiar, they preferred to conduct is by ger; and what a good thing, too, it was agents on whom they could rely-"Such as that he had not come a few days earlier, our friend here, Mr. Matley," he said-"to when he would have been subject to all the | having a central effice, as other merchants annoyance and turmoil of the sale. We did. They always bought for ready-money, could manage now, peer Susan thought, which gave them a cemmand of the market, especially if I could contrive to obtain some | so far as needy venders were concerned, so employment, which I seemed likely to do | that they could often obtain goods at much through the disinterested kindness of Mr. | less than the cost of preduction. This ap-Scate. This latter recellection of course plied as much to foreign manufacturers as started another subject of conversation, to English. When they gave short bills to and we could hardly say enough in praise foreigners, they would always discount of him. Yet it was plain we had each a se- them themselves if required. They reckencret but very real dislike to the man, which | ed on a dividend of forty per cent. every we sought to smother by continual lauda- year." all the same.

at the time he had named, came Mr. Chelps on something of the kind himself. At this also, closely followed by a small van-load of Mr. Scate's eyes twinkled and glistened furniture. We were pleased to see that even more than those of the old gentleman, this furniture was all in good condition; and he said that, with his influence, it was and shining was everything. He explained, be admitted to take a small share in this on our remarking upon this, that his marri | very business. "A mest difficult thing to ed daughter who had gone to Australia, be dene, I assure you," said he; "for they had furnished some rooms entirely for him, just before she knew she was going, and | thousands after theusands every year, that that her departure was very sudden. He people are almost going down on their knees was as chatty as before, having a nice sym- and asking them to take. Yet, with my pathizing way, which wen very much upon Susan, who was greatly taken with him.

The deposit he had left in my wife's hands had enabled us to purchase one or two necessities, and even luxuries; and in the evening Mr. Chelps joined us at tea, and was so cheerful in his conversation, and so full of queer little anecdotes, that he quite led us away from our own troubles, until he brought them back by asking, but in a very nice way too, what I thought of doing in the future. I told him that so far as my own resources and influence were concerned, I had little prespect of doing any good, but that a friend—an entirely new friend, indeed-Mr. Scate, the gentleman whom he had seen on the previous evening, had most generously, most unexpectedly come forward, and had almost obtained the promise of a situation for me. As in duty bound, Susan and I broke into praise of Mr. Scate, and told how he had been an entire strang. er, and how he was the only one who had anything like a friendly feeling towards us.

While I was talking, and while Susan was talking, Mr. Chelps listened with great intentness; but it was difficult to avoid a to wish success to the venture. smile when I saw him put up his double eyeglass, as though he listened with it; and then, when it fell off, as it was continually went on to explain that the time named by doing, the helpless way in which he would | Mr. Chelps was the most auspicious he grope about for it, was more comical still. | could possibly have chosen for his money to We raised our veices at first when speaking | be accepted, and this being the case, he to him : but he told us there was no occa- | would not lese a day in breaking the matter sion for this with us, as, when persons spoke | to his firm. clearly and distinctly, he could hear them much better than he could these who bawled at him. He was very much interested in | thing hot, which was immediately sent fer. eur account of Mr. Scate, in whom he de-No, sir-ne, sir?" returned the other cl red he had taken an interest at first

knock was heard; and then Mr. Scate was immediately shown in. Mr. Chelps rese as he entered, and after a very friendly bow to the visitor, said to us: "I shall be dewn sgain in a few minutes, Mr. Matley, when, if you will allow me, I will sit for half anhour and have a chat with Mr. Scate and yourselves," Of course we all said we should be much pleased if he would join us, Mr. Scate probably being the most emphatic of the three; and the eld gentleman

toddled slewly up-stairs. Scate listened to his retreating footsteps with a knewing look, until he was satisfied Mr. Chelps was out of hearing; then turning to us with the grin and wink so custemary with him, said; "You've got the old boy all right then ?- You will always recollect, Mrs. Matley, that I said at the first mement 'he would de." My wife assured him she should always remember this; and half. then Mr. Scate proposed that we should

si: dewn and talk business. He at ence said he had seen the friends from whom he hoped so much, and that they were quite willing to engage me, so that I might expect to hear from them in a few days. If I did join them, I should find it somewhat better than drudging on in a miserable office as clerk. His friends did not go in much for clerks-ne, no; that was not their game. On hearing this, I naturally inquired in what "their game," as he styled it, consisted; but although he launched out inte cepious praise of their

Chelps, on whose worth he dilated, and to | liberality, and admiration of their extenwhose memory he wiped his eyes; and sive transactions, I could not understand would, I believe, have furnished us with | what kind of tusiness they carried on, or complete biegraphies of every relative he | what particular situation I was likely to had ever possessed. We get rid of him fill. Yet he kept on talking about the firm, chiefly through the tact of Mr. Scate, who and congratulating me upon my good ferdeclared he was going to the street through | tune in securing a position with them, and which ran the omnibus the old gentleman glancing at the confidence they reposed wished to catch, and he offered his company, in him, as shown by their accepting a stranger on his recommendation, until I Mr. ('helps having no friends in the vi- heard Mr. Chelps's slow lumbering step ap-

I called his attention to this, and said that we perhaps had better ge up stairs insay " semewhere down;" for I did not to the parlor, dismantled as it was, for a take the trouble, as I sught to have done, short time, in order that we might for a of going there to make the proper inquiries. | tew minutes more speak uninterruptedly. He had dene business with them, he said; Scate reflected for an instant, then exand they had known him, at home and claimed; "O no. Never mind the old felabread, for years. He insisted on paying a low! I shan't say anything that I don't derocit; and while he was settling this want him to hear. I shan't let him know with my wife, and she was writing down too much, believe me. Besides, he is rather the address of his reference, which was good fun, and I like to watch him. - Hush ! rather a tedious affair, as Mr. Chelp's mem- here he is. Ha! Mr. Chelps," he cried, with an assumption of the heartiest goodfellowship, as the old gentleman entered

Mr. Chelps, as he came in, answered the "This is a lift!" he said. "You have salutation frankly; and then Mr. Scate

foreign. Anything, anywhere, they would

tion of him, It would have been ungrate- The eyes of Mr. Chelps twinkled and ful in the highest degree to utter a word glistened more than ever as he listened to which could reflect anything but praise of | this, until finally he said, that the idea him-so we did not say it; but we found seemed se good, se feasable, and so profitout that each thought unfavorably of him able, that having a great deal of time on his hands, and some spare capital by him, Well, the merning came; and punctually he was more than half inclined to set foot was, in fact, almost or quite new, so bright | not impossible but that Mr. Chelps might won't look at outsiders as a rule—turn away

> recommendation, perhaps — But how much could you invest ?" he said abruptly. "Not a great deal-not more than eleven er twelve hundred pounds, which, by-theby, is already invested," returned Chelps, who seemed by his tene to admit the con temptible smallness of the sum he spoke of. "All the rest is in houses, with a few

> ground-rents." "Well, never mind; I will see what I can de about it," returned Scate. "When can you get at your money? I ask, because I know they are making a let of purchases, so new will be the time."

"As seen as you please after the first of next menth," replied Chelps —"That is net very far off -What name did you say your firm's was ?"

It was certain that Mr. Scate had not mentioned any name; and he advised the old gentleman net to go any further with his inquiries at present, until he knew whether there would be any chance of his meney being used. But Chelps by this time was in no meod to be put off or evaded, and he determined to have their rames, if only

"Bunner, Wreggs, and Carrowble, that's them," said Mr. Scate at last; and then he

This so delighted Mr. Chelps, that he insisted upon having a friendly glass of someand actually proposed to sing a song, on condition that Mr. Scate would help in the chorus. This the latter unhesitatingly pre-Very soon after this, the latter's leud mised to do; and Mr. Chelps began "My Pretty Jane," and sang it through, while Mr. Scate repeated the last part of each verse in ornjunction with him, as a chorus! Anything more awful in the way of singing I never heard; I should think nothing mere awful ever was heard. Then, after a little more discussion of business matters, Mr. Scate left, with many a shake of the hand from Mr. Chelps, and protestations of the warmest friendship on both sides.

I think I have said that Mr. Chelp's conversation was on this evening more than usually cheerful and interesting; but directly Mr. Scate had left, he seemed to fall back into his natural manner. Noticing this. I did not find my liking for Mr. Scate increased; in fact, it was as muchas I could de to avoid thoroughly disrelishing him, in spite of the benefit he was conferring upon me and the trouble he was taking in my be-

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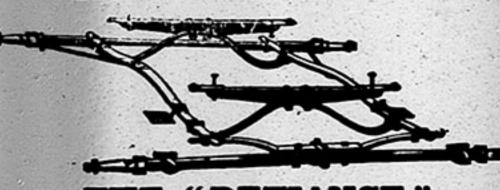
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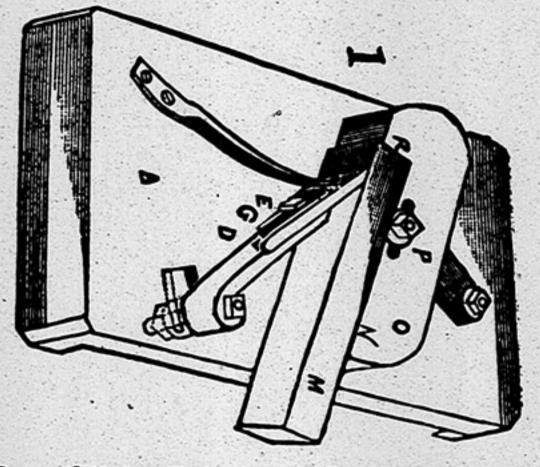
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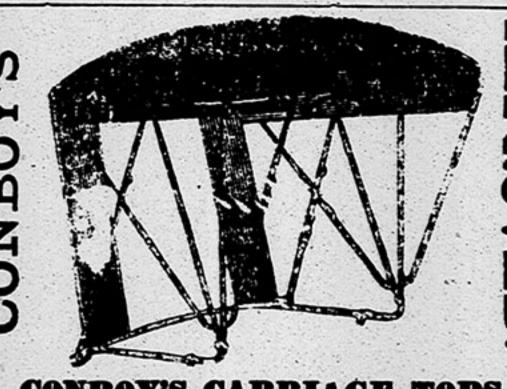


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