AS GOOD AS GOLD.

CHAPTER XLIII.

What Henchard saw thus early was, naturally enough, seen at a little later | so dry. date by other people. That Mr. Farfrae 'walked with that bankrupt' Henchard's stepdaughter, of all women, became a common topic in the town.

Perhaps the only inhabitants to whom this looming choice of the Scotchman's gave unmixed satisfaction were the members of the philosophic party. Mrs. Stannidge, having rolled into the large parlour one evening, and said that frae, "a pillow of the town," who might have chosen one of the daughters of the professional men, or private residtured to disagree with her.

"No, ma'am, no wonder at all. 'Tis she that's a stooping to he-that's my he?" opinion. A widow-man-whose first wife was no credit to him-what is it for a young perusing woman, that's her own mistress and well-liked? But as ting out of sight and sound!" a neat patching up of things I see much good in it. When a man have put up a tomb of best marble-stone to stead of going straight on to her own the other one, as he've done, and weep- door. At Farfrae's house they stopped ed his fill, and thought it all over, and and went in. said to himself, "Tother took me in; I knew this one first; she's a sensible faithful women in high life now;"ther, if she's tender-inclined."

out to her step-father by Elizabeth her- Richard Newson self or by Farfrae either. Reasoning cluded that, estimating him by his past, broach the subject, and looked upon would be heartily glad to get out of the way. Embittered as he was against | I will;" and here I am." society, this moody view of thimself took deeper and deeper hold of Henabeth-Jane became well-nigh more than he could endure. But what if he were mistaken in his views, and there were aration from her should be involved in the incident of her marriage?

the Budmouth Road, and Farfrae as often made it convenient to create an accidental meeting with her there.

when a masculine figure came along the road from Budmouth and lingered. Applying his telescope to his eye, Henchard expected that Farfrae's features would be disclosed as usual. But the lenses revealed that to-day the man requested. But Mr. Henchard wonder- with the departure of zest for doing was not Elizabeth-Jane's lover. The ed about my purchases." face was Newson's. (Henchard dropped the glass and for some seconds made no other movement. Newson waited, and ed a waiting which was a transfixture. last retraced his steps, and Henchard felt like a condemned man who has a Newson; "since, as ye say, it can do no few hours' respite. When he reached harm, now poor Henchard's gone; his own house he found her there.

have had a letter-a strange one-not intruder into his family quite as far signed. Somebody has asked me to meet him, either on the Budmouth Road at noon to-day, or in the evening at Mr. Farfra's. He says he came to see be talking about, and not bide staring me some time ago but missed me. I don't understand it; but between you and me I think Donald is at the bottom of the mystery, and that it is a relation of his who wants to pass an opinion on-his choice. But I did not like to go till I had seen you. Shall I go?"

He surprised the young woman, whom he had looked upon as his all in this world, by saying to her, as if he did not care about her more, "I am going to leave Casterbridge, Elizabeth-Jane." "Leave Casterbridge!" she cried, "and

leave—ime ? "Yes, this lttle shop can be managed by you alone as well as by us both; I don't care about shops and streets and try by myself, out of sight, and follow

I thought it probable—possible—that I might marry Mr. Farfrae some little

softly, "but think of me sometimes in said Elizabeth-Jane had died years was sweeping grandly round, his head your future life-you'll do that, Izzy? ago." think of me when you are living as | Elizabeth now gave earnest heed to | the form of an X, and his back towards | the wife of the richest, the foremost his story. man in the town, and don't let my sins, "Now, it never crossed my mind that when you know them all, cause ye to the man was selling me a packet," conquite forget that though I loved 'ee late | tinued Newson. "And, if you'll be-I loved 'ee well."

said Henchard evasively. "Promise not 'twas a good joke and well carried out, to quite forget me when-"He meant and I give the man credit for't!" when Newson should come.

velopment he had been one of the chief might have been here?" stimulants for many years.

He went secretly and alone, not a the case. soul of the many who had known him 'He ought not to have done it!' said time. being aware of his departure. Farfrae.

half-way up a steep hill. He rested his ought to forget him now!" came the returned Crusoe of the hour. glass, agate, may backet on the top of the stone, placed "Well, 'twas not ten words that he On the fourth morning he was discov-

his elbows on it, and gave way to a

that was not to be. I-Cain-go alone as I deserve!an outcast and a vagabond. But my punishment is not great-

er than I can bear!" He sternly subdued his anguish, shouldered his basket, and went on. Elizabeth, in the meantime, had breathed, him a sigh, recovered her equanimity and turned her face to Casterbridge. Before she had reached the it was a wonder such a man as Mr. Far- first house she was met in her walk by Donald Farfrae. This was evidently not their first meeting that day; they joined hands without ceremony, and Farfrae anxiously asked, "And is he ents, should stoop so low, Coney ven- gone-and did you tell him ?-I | mean of the other matter-not of ours." "He is gone; and I told him all

> "Well, well, dearie; you will know soon about that. And Mr. Henchard will hear of it if he goes not go far.' "He will go far-he's bent upon get-

know of your friend. Donald who is

She walked beside her lover, and when they reached the town pump turned with him into Corn Street, in-

Farfrae flung open the door of the ground-floor sitting-room, saying, "There he is waiting for you," and piece for a partner, and there's no Elizabeth entered. In the arm-chair sat beings, and almost of aught besides. the broad-faced genial man who had He deposited his basket upon the turf, called on Henchard on a memorable and looked about with sad curiosity; well, he may do worse than not take morning between one and two years be- till he discovered the road by which his the villages of Alaska. He who eats fore this time, and whom the latter had wife and himself and entered on the the most is considered the most accom-Not a hint of the matter was thrown seen mount the coach and depart within upland so memorable to both, two or plished man. half-an-hour of his arrival. It was three-and-twenty years before.

Newson's pride in what she had grown on the cause of their reticence he con- up to be was more, than he could express. He kissed her again and again. "I've saved you the trouble to come the throbbing pair were afraid to and meet me-ha-ha!" said Newson. "The fact is that Mr. Farfrae here, he him as a lion in the path whom they said, "Come up and stop with me for a day or two, Captain Newson, and I'll saw the tent-that must have stood bring her round." "Faith, says I, so more this way." He walked to anoth-

frae, shutting the door. "He has done | "Here we went in, and here we sat it all voluntarily, and, as I gather down. I faced this way. chard, till the daily necessity of facing from Elizabeth-Jane, he has been very drank, and committed my crime. It mankind, and of them particularly Eliz- nice with her. I was got rather un- must have been just on that very pixyeasy; but all is as it should be, and we | ring that she was standing when she will have no more difficulties at all."

"Now, that's very much as I thought," said Newson, looking into the face of now, and the sound of her sobs: 'Oh, no necessity that his own absolute sep- each by turns. "I said to myself, ay, Mike, I've lived with thee all this a hundred times, while I've been living while, and had nothing but temper. on in my Budmouth lodging, and I said Now I'm no more to 'ee-I'll try my it when I sent her without signature luck elsewhere." Elizabeth often took her walks on a ten-pound note to buy books and tried to get a peep at her unknown to had occupied five-and-twenty years be- State. herself-"Depend upon it, 'tis best that | fore. Externally there was nothing I should live on quiet like this till some- to hinder his making another start on One day Henchard was at this spot thing turns up for the better." I now the upward slope, and by his new lights know you are all right, and what can achieving higher things than his soul I wish for more? I should not be happier if I were residing with, ye public- to accomplish. But the ingenious maly; and Henchard, after all, has more chinery contrived by the gods for relegal claim upon ye."

glad to see ye here every day now, since time of a world that had become a it can do no harm,". said Farfrae. mere painted scene to him. "And what I've been thinking is, that Henchard waited-if that could be call- the wedding may as well be kept under my own roof, the house being large, and you being in lodgings yourself-so that But Elizabeth-Jane did not come. a great deal of trouble and expense Newson did not see anything of her would be saved ye-and 'tisa a convenithat morning. Waiting in vain he at ence when a couple's married not to hae as badly as can be; while I, an out- fourth. far to go to get home!"

though I wouldn't have done it otherwise, or put myself in his way at all; "Oh, father," she said innocently, "I for I've already in my lifetime been an as politeness can be expected to put up with. But what do the young woman say herself about it? (Elizabeth, my child, come and hearken to what we out o' the window as if ye didn't hear.

"Donald and you must settle it," murmured Elizabeth, still keeping up a scrutinizing gaze at some small object in the street.

"Well, then," continued Newson, Henchard replied heavily, "Yes; go." turning anew to Farfrae with a face expressing thorough entry into the subject, "that's how we'll have. And Mr. Farfrae, as you provide so much, and house room, and all that, I'll do my part in the drinkables."

> that-oh no!" said Farfrae, shaking figure, his head with respectable gravity. "Do you leave all to me."

When they had gone a little farther folk-I would rather get into the coun- in these particulars, Newson, leaning without a tinge of milk or cream; and of £1,035 in bank-notes was found unback in his chair and smiling reflectivemy own ways, and leave you to yours." ly at the ceiling said, "I've never told nervous pleasure rather than of gaiety. "I am sorry you have decided on this," ye, or have I, Mr. Farfrae, how Henshe said with difficult firmness. "For chard put me off the scent that time?"

Captain alluded to. time hence, and I did not know that "Ah, I thought I hadn't. I resolved was apparent that there was a wordyou disapproved of the step!" that I would not, I remember; not to less speech between them; and that "I approve of anything you desire to hurt the man's name. But now he's whenever the interchanges of the figde, Izzy," said Henchard huskily. "If gone I can tell ye. Why, Icame to ure made them the partners of a mo-I did not approve, it would be no mat- Casterbridge nine or ten months be- ment their emotions breathed a much ter. I wish to go away. My pres- fore that day that I found ye out. I subtler essence than at other times.) ence might make things awkward in had been here twice before then. The the future; and, in short, it is best that first time I passed through the town that the measure was also trod by some on my way westward, not knowing Eliz- one who out-Farfraed Farfrae in sal-"Then," she said at last, "you will abethlived here. Then hearing at some tatory intenseness. This was strange, not be able to come to my wedding; place-I forget where-that a man of and it was stranger to find that the and that is not as it ought to be." | the name of Henchard had been Mayor | eclipsing personage was Elizabeth-"I don't want to see it-I don't want bere, I came back, and called at his Jane's partner. to see it!" he exclaimed; adding more house one morning. The joker !-he

lieve me, I was that upset, that I went "It is because of Donald!" she sob- back to the coach that had brought me, and took passage onward without lying "I don't forbid you to marry him" in the town half-an-hour. Ha-ha-

how could be know that I should be get a glimpse of the sea from somesuch a simpleton as to believe him? were or other. Twas as much my fault as his, poor

fellow!" "No," said Elizabeth-Jane firmly, in | that he preferred Budmouth as a place convulsive twitch, which was worse her revulsion of feeling. "He knew of residence, notwithstanding the sothan a sob, because it was so hard and your disposition-you always were so ciety of his daughter in the other town. trusting, father; I've heard my mo- Thither he went, and settled in lodg-"If I had only got her with me-if | ther say so hundreds of times-and he | ings in a green-shuttered cottage | thrust forward, with compressed lips. I only had!" he said. "Hard work did it to wrong you. After weaning which had a bow-window, jutting out would be nothing to me then! But me from you these five years by saying sufficiently to afford glimpses of a he was my father, he should not have vertical strip of blue sea to any one done this.'

> over and past," said Newson good-naturedly. "Now, about this wedding again.

CHAPTER XLIV.

Meanwhile, the man of their talk had pursued his solitary way eastward till weariness overtook him, and he looked about for a place of rest. The bright autumn sun shining into his eyes across the stubble awoke him the next morning early. He opened his basket, and ate for his breakfast what he had packed for his supper; and in doing so overhanded the remainder of his kit, Although everything he brought necessitated carriage at his own back, he had secreted among his tools a few of Elizabeth-Jane's cast-off belongings, in the shape of gloves, shoes, a scrap of her handwriting, and the like; and in his pocket he carried a curl of her hair. Having looked at these things he closed them up again, and went onward. It now became apparent that the direction of his journey was Weydon Priors, which he reached on the afternoon of the sixth day.

The renowned hill, whereon the annual fair had been held for so many generations, was now bare of human

said, after ascertaining his bearings. "She was carrying the baby, and I was reading a ballet-sheet. crossed about here-she so sad and weary, and I speaking to her hardly at all, because of my cursed pride, and mortification at being poor. Then we er spot; it was not really where the "Well, Henchard is gone," said Far- tent had stood, but it seemed so to him. said her last words to me before going off with him; I can hear their sound

in its half-formed state had been able ducing human possibilities of ameliora-"You sent that ten pounds?" said she tion to a minimum-which arranges smiling. "Well, I kept it secret, as you that wisdom to do shall come pari passia -stood in the way of all that. He had "Well, Captain Newson, I will be no wish to make an arena a second

Very often, as he wandered on, he would survey mankind, and say to himself, "Here and everywhere are thirty-five years of age, has four wives cast and an incumbrance, wanted by "With all my heart," said Captain nobody, I live on, and can't die if I

> Had he been able to extend his vision through the night shades as far as Casterbridge that evening, Henchard would have seen that the door of his novation on Casterbridge customs as years of age. a flitting of bride and bridegroom from the town immediately after the ceremoney had not been thought of, and at It will be divided into several floors, that hour Mr. and Mrs. Farfrae were to be used as restaurants, theatres, etc., their home in Corn Street.

Donald himself was taking a leading part in the festivity, his voice being distinctly audible in the street, giving expression to a song of his native country. Idlers were standing on the pavement in front, and presently it could be perceived that a dance was proposed "Oh, none-we shan't want much of Mr. and Mrs. Farfrae joining in the

the expression of her face was one of der his wig. Presently Farfrae came round, his exuberant movement making him con-He expressed ignorance of what the spicuous in a moment. The pair were not dancing together this time, but it By degrees the idlers became aware

The first time that they saw him he quivering and low down, his legs in the door. The next time he came round in the direction, his white waistcoat preceding his face, and his toes preceding his white waistcoat. That happy form was Captain Newson's.

CHAPTER XLV.

he hastened indoors rather more quick- lngs. The father admitted that such was ly after business hours than he had been in the habit of doing for some

said, after all," Newson pleaded. "And ered climbing a hill, in his craving to

The contiguity of salt water proved to be such a necessity of his existence opening the sash, and leaning forward "Well, well-never mind-it is all far enough to look through a narrow lane of tall intervening houses.

In exploring her new domain during the first week of residence, Mrs. Elizabeth Farfrae had been reminded often of her stepfather, whose house this of hers had formerly been. He was now homeless-possibly penniless.

From that hour her heart softened towards the self-alienated man; till at length she begged Frafrae to help her in finding out as soon as possible, whether Henchard had banished himself, that she might try to do something to make his life less that of an outsact, and more tolerable to him. Although Farfrae had never so passionately liked Henchard as Henchard ha dliked him, he had, on the other haind, never so passionately hated in the same direction as his former friend | recuperative and long-lived. had done; and he was therefore not the

Jane in her laudable plan. (To Be Continued.)

least indisposed to assist Elizabeth-

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

These Few Paragraphs May Prove Interesting Reading,

Unlicensed dogs are put to death in

Eating matches are common among

The air is so clear and dry in the "Yes, we came up that way," he arctic regions that conversation can be carried on when the speakers are two miles apart. It is said that William Waldorf As-

tor owns 4,000 houses in New York City, and that his annual income is nearly \$6,000,000. At Jasper, Fla., a dog chased a rab-

bit, which dashed into a gopher hole. killed both of them.

Spain's agricultural implements are ing. Then I | the same as those used in the time of Caesar. This is one reason to account for that country's wretched condition.

An open-top thimble containing a wet sponge, to be used in moistening ensealing of letters, is the invention of an Oregonian,

A musician in Hermon, Mo., wanted a tip top zither, and he sent to Europe And thus Henchard found himself for one. He was disgusted when he re- spray of mauve orchids across the shoulclothes; and I have said it when I have again on the precise standing which he ceived one that had been in his own ders. With those magnificent ropes of Hunters in Kansas earn about \$2 a

day slaying jack-rabbits. The skins are sold for three cents each to Eastern facture of soft hats.

tive organs, and causes cold feet. So rooms in modern furnishings is a says a New York physician. teach the tonsorial art in five weeks. Moorish, Indian and Japanese fashion.

nervous system, weakens the brain, in-

He permits the novices to practice on | The suite occupied by the young Duchhis own face, and is frequently lath- ess comprises eight apartments, each ered and shaved twenty times a day. A handsome man in Vanceburg, Ky.,

folk dying before their time like frost- and three families. He was lately died leaves, though wanted by the world, vorced from his third spouse, and the the country, and their own families, next morning was married to the A man in Kansas City makes himself

square with the world once a year. He burns his account books on the first of January, pays none of his debts due and refuses to collect those that are this one the Duchess spends most of due him.

stairs. It was the wedding-day of and they were accordingly made man imposing. Elizabeth and Farfrae. Such an in- and wife. They are both over seventy

A revolving palace, 362 feet high, is planned for the Paris Exposition of 1900. tral pivot.

Nicola Tesla, the famous electrician, says that nearly all long-lived people have been great sleepers. He believes that if a man could sleep eighteen hours might live 200 years.

ported himself chiefly by begging in She was in a dress of white silk or the streets of Dublin. He became ill, satin-the observers were not near and insisted on wearing his wig and

Coffee derives its name from Kaffa, Oxford in 1651.

In San Francisco there are two rival druggists who occupy opposite corners. Their rivalry is shown even in the sale of postage stamps. One of them has this sign displayed: "Thirteen twocent stamps for a cent and a quarter.' The purchaser soon discovers that the quarter must be of silver.

VENEER USED FOR WRAPPING PURPOSES.

Wood veneer is used to some extent for doing up bundles, instead of paper. tance, when shipping or delivering poles in small lots wrap them up in

ANCIENT TUMBLERS.

THE CHIN AS AN INDEX

Can You Tell a Person's Character by the Shape of His Lower Jaw.

Protruding chins characterize men and women of the get-there type. Successful people usually carry their chins This chin, if heavy, with broad rami and swelling masseters, indicates fighting blood.

A retreating chin shows lack of force, mentally, morally, and physically; usually of the yielding sort; soon discouraged; desires protection; small executive force. The development of other faculties often makes up for this defect.

A small, well-rounded chin, with mobile and red cushion of flesh upon indicates a pleasure-loving owner. If dimpled, all the more so, for dimpled chins belong to coquettes. People with dimples love to be petted and loved; like admiration and praise. Generally fickle. Usually this chin is healthy,

Broad chins signify nobleness and large dignity, unless vertically thin, when, if with it there be thin lips of bloodless kind you find cruelty. Square chins with little flesh denote firmness and executive ability. These

Drunkards usually have a circular line about their chins. Slovens have wrinkles about their

make good haters.

Long thin chins are poetical, unsta-Larned, Kan., and the owner is fined. ble and delicate in constitution. Such people are subject to bowel derangements. If thin through the angles of the mouth, too, they are prone to tu-

berculosis. Generally short-lived. Medium chins with a suggestive bifurcation in the center, with small mounds of flesh on either side, characterize generosity, impulsiveness, cheery natures. (The same-sized chins, with a dab of flesh just under the center of the lower lip, indicate meanness, selfishness, brutality.)

No one feature can be taken in judging character. Often development of other faculties of mind or feature en-The dog followed, and a rattlesnake tirely governs. In each case take the "totality of indications" before judge

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

The Duchess of Marlborough is seldom seen at any great function withvelope flaps, and thus facilitating the out her jeweled belt. At a very swell affair recently, the beauteous girdle glistened around the bodice of her white velvet gown, sable trimmed, a pearls and collar, as well as the diamond "crown" so much admired, the regal parure was completed to a charm. hatters, who use the hair in the manu- An American lady who has just returned from the old country had a peep Excessive tea drinking shatters the at fine old Blenheim. She states that there is an exquisitely equipped chapjures the appetite, disturbs the diges- el and chime of bells. Among the lovely "plant room," three lounging A New York barber advertises to rooms, fitted up by Duchess Lily in most luxuriously fitted.

The "courting-chair," at Blenheim, was some days ago removed to the big conservatory. It was a birthday gift from Queen Anne to the great hero, the first Duke of Marlborough.

Over the water on the grounds is built a facsimile of London Bridgestrange and fantastic; and in the arch are a number of small summer rooms, one of which is decorated with frescoes and commanding a lovely view. In her time on fine days. The young old house was wide open, that the hall After forty years of constant court- Duke, speaking of his home not long was lighted extravagantly, and that ship a worthy couple in Trenton, Mo., ago, described it as a building "so large, people were going up and down the agreed that it was about time to wed. so homely, so irregular and so little

CONSOLATION FOR PLAIN GIRLS.

The girl who is not flattered by her looking-glass should read the followentertaining a houseful of guests at and will revolve continuously on a cen- ing from the pen of Mr. Ruskin, and take heart of grace:-" No girl who is well bred, kind and modest is ever offensively plain; all real deformity means want of manners, or of heart, a day, without the aid of narcotics, he I may say, in defense of my own constant praise of beauty, that I do not at-Patrick Alliger, an old bachelor, sup- tach half the real importance to it which is assumed in ordinary fiction, above all in the pages of the periodical encligh to say which-snowy white, a nightcap. After his death the sum which best represents as a whole the public mind of England. As a rule, throughout the whole seventy-volume series of Punch-first by Leech and East Africa, where the berry was first | then by Du Maurier-all nice girls are raised. Mocha coffee is so named from | represented as pretty; all nice women a port on the Red Sea, in Arabia, where as both pretty and well dressed; and it was collected and shipped. The first | if the reader will compare a sufficient coffee house in England was opened in | number of examples extending over a series of years, he will find the moral lesson more and more enforced by this most popular authority, that all real ugliness in either sex means some kind of hardness of heart or vulgarity of education."

SONGS IN THE NIGHT,

Very many of the sweetest joys of Christian hearts are songs which have been learned in the bitterness of trial. It is said of a little bird that he will never learn to sing the song his mas-Curtain pole manufacturers, for ins- ter will have him sing while it is light in his cage. He learns a snatch of veneer. It costs a little more than every song he hears, but will not learn paper, but not much, and it is much a full separate melody of his own. And better for the purpose. Poles thus the master covers the cage and makes wrapped up are less likely to be creased it dark all about the bird, and then by the cords tied around them, and he listens and learns the one song that It was about a month after the day the veneer is a better protection from is taught him, until his heart is full which closed as in the last chapter, bruises in handling. The veneer used of it. Then, ever after, he sings the Elizabeth-Jane was amazed at the Elizabeth-Jane had grown accustomed for this purpose is usually of elm wood song in the light. With many of us She promised mechanically, in her ag- intelligence. "A joke ?-Oh, no!" she to the novelty of her situation, and and made in the same factories where it is as with the bird. The master has itation; and the same evening at dusk cried. "Then he kept you from me, the only difference between Donald's the poles are made. Veneer is also a song he wishes to teach us, but we Henchard left the town, to whose de- father, all those months, when you movements now and formerly was that used for wrapping up picture mould- learn only a strain of it, a note here and there, while we catch up snatches of the world's song, and sing them with it. Then he comes and makes it dark Tumblers of nearly the same shape about us, till we learn the sweet mel-Newson had stayed in Casterbridge and dimensions as those employed to- only he would teach us. Many of the He went on till he came to the first | Elizabeth sighed. "I said I would three days after the wedding party, day have been found in great numbers loveliest songs of peace and trust sung milestone, which stood in the bank, never forget him. But, oh! I think I and was stared at and honored as be- in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, by God's children in this world have came the returned Crusoe of the hour. glass, agate, marble and other semi- been taught in the darkened chamber of sorrow.-Ex-