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that little village inn.

as hard as nails. Yet still I stayed on.

mere was free to any one who chose to take

walked down to the pond.

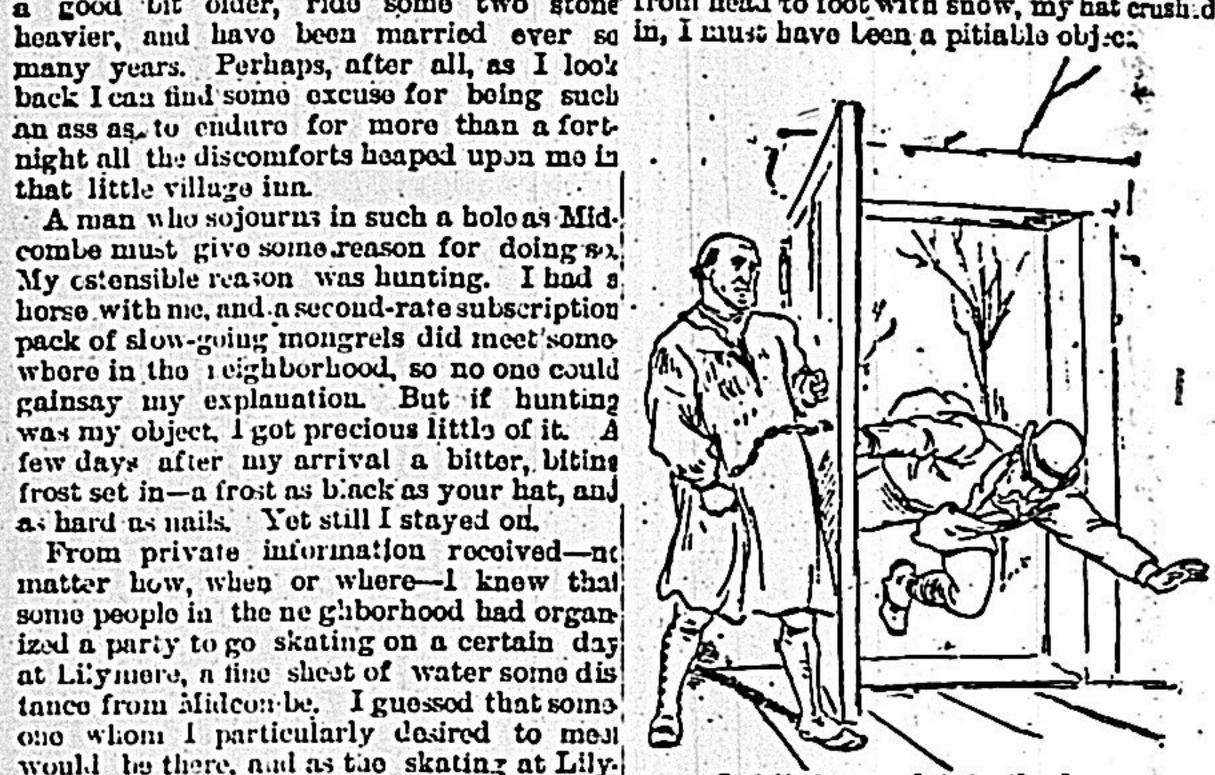
full of ruts, which the snow and darkness quite concealed from me until the wheels got into them. Evidently I was wrong again. I was just thinking of making the best of my way out of this rough and unfrequented road, when—there I don't know how it happened, such things saldom occur to me—a stumble, a fall on the part of my tired horse sent me flying over the dash-board with the puly consolier at dash-corner of every cottager's kitchen at all. So I gave up talking as a lad job and sat in all lence, smoking and looking into the fire, thinking a good deal, it may be, of some one I should have met that morning at Lilymere, had the wretched snow but kept off.

The long clock—that cumbrous eight-day machine which inevitably occupies one corner of every cottager's kitchen. Author of "Called Back," "Dark Days,"

has plenty of crotchets of his own. The worst and a broken cart—I should like to know ant and amenable to reason.

differ from him he is as obstinate as a mula. As for me, I reflected for some minutes— uncomfortable. I am horribly tired. If Anyhow, he has always had his own way reflection in a snowstorm is weary work. I the resources of your establishment can't s with me. This custom, so far as I am con- reasoned, I believe, logically, and at last furnish a bed for me to sleep in, couldn't you cerned, commenced years ago, when we were came to this decision: I would follow the find a mattress or something to lay down boys at school together, and I have never road. If, as I suspected, it was but a cart before the fire?" been able to shake off the bad habit of giv- track, it would probably soon lead to a hab- "You've got all .you'll get to-night," he the man himself. The same ragged " my Queen's English is presentable, for, to ter try a bit farther. I took hold of the pipe. tell the truth, I am more at home across wearied horse, and with snow under my "Oh, but I say!"

All the same I hope he won't take too It was a journey! I think I must have been many liberties with my style, bad though it three-quarters of an hour going about c may be: for old Brand at times is apt to quarter of a mile. I was just beginning get-wel!, a bit prosy. To hear him on the despair, when I saw a welcome gleam subject of hard work and the sanctity there- light. I steered toward it, fond y hopin What freak took me to the little God-for the light stole through the ill-fitting win"Never mind," I said, "but remember, ing to take a glorious revenge for all the saken village of Midcombe in the depth of dow-shutters of what seemed, so far as I civility costs nothing, and often gets re- discomforts I had suffered. No one, winter is entirely between myself and my could make out in the darkness, to be a small warded. However, if you wish to retire to sure, could be looking for such a feelow as upon the matters I am asked to tell you reins by which I had been leading the hors; liteness stand in your way. Pray don't happy in the thought, and for the remainder about, is no one's business but mine—I will I staggered up to the door and knocked hesitate on my account. Leave plenty of of the night gloated over the idea of putting only say that now I would not stay in such loudly. Upon my honor, until I leaned fuel, and I shall manage until the morning." a scoke in the wheel of one who had been sake of the prettiest girl in the world, let tired I was—until that moment I never sus. Then he filled his pipe, and once more alone the bare chance of meeting her once pected that the finding of speedy shelte or twice. But one's ideas change; I am now meant absolutely saving my life. Covere, a good bit older, ride some two stone from head to foot with snow, my hat crush d



I fell forward into the house. the trouble of getting, to such an out-of-tha! No answer came to my first summont for a dog-cart, and at 10 in the morning application of my heel that the door deigned to Lilymere once before, in bright summer there.

weather, so tancel I knew the way well way to Midcombe. My horse has fallen. The sky when I started was cloudy; the You must give me shelter for the night an end. wind was chopping round in a way which Open the door and let me in," made the effete rustic old ostler predict a "Shelter! You can't get sheltered here change of weather. He was right. Before mister," said a man's gruff voice. "Thi I had driven two miles light snow began to min't an inn, so you'd lest be off and fall, and by the t.mo. I reached a wretched clsewhere." little wayside inn, about a mile from the "But I must come in," I said, astoun Mere, a film of white covered the whole such inhospitality; "I can't go a step further. country. I stabled my horse as well as I Open the door at once!" "You be hanged," said the man. could, then, taking my skates with mad Now, whither I had mistaken the day, or "But, you fool, I mean-to pay you well fo made certain people change their minds, I death wandering about on such a night and thanking the Lord I was not like unto

don't know; but, to my annoyance and vex. as this? Let me in!" "You won't come in here," was the brutal ... ion, no skaters were to be seen, and, moreover, the uncut, white surface told me that and boorish reply. The door closed. mone had been on the pond that morning. That I was enraged at such incivility may or where I could not remember. His feathoping they might com; in spite of the be easily imagined; but if I said I was ures, as I looked at them with keener interper, I put on my skates and went out thoroughly frightened I believe no one would est, seemed to grow more and more familiar edging and grape-vining all over the be surprised. As getting into that house to me. Where could I have met him! Some But as there was no person in par- meant simply life or death to me, into that where or other, but where? I racked my ticular—in fact, no one at all—to note my house I determined to got, by door or win- brain to associate him with some scene, a powers, I soon got tired. It was, indeed, dow, by fair means or by toul. So, as the event. Although he was but an ordinary breary, dreary work. But I waited and door closed I hurled myself against it with countryman, such as one sees scores of oped until the snow came down so fast and all the might I could muster. Although I day's ride, only differing from his kind uriously that I felt sure that waiting was ride much heavier now than I did then, all account of his unpleasant face, I felt sure we I vain, and that I had driven to Lilymorf my weight at that time was bone and I cle. The violence of my attack tore from for a moment and changed his strained atti-Back I went to the little inn, uttorly dist the lintel the staple which held the chain; tude, my feeling growstronger and stronger.

elief to me in my present state of mind. Cf stay there whether welcome or unwelcome. The man a sturdy strong.

while in such weather, gathered up the us and away I went along the white road. I thought I knew the way well enough. In fact, I had always prided myself upon remembering any road once driven over by ue; but does any one who has not tried it ally knew how a heavy fall of snow the same and specified the country and specified the country and specified were whirling, the man said sulwhow how a heavy fall of snow the woman shut the door, through which the portrait of a man. It seemed very clever is the aspect of the country, and snowflakes were whirling, the man said sully drawn, and I presumed he wanted me to

ned all about it then, once and for all I "Well, you'll have to spend the night on a ... d, also, that the snow lay much deeper chair. We've no beds here for strangers. I thought could possibly be in so short of the still fell in a manner almost "Very well, my friend. Having settled you. I am almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to beg it on the still fell in a manner almost ashamed to be a still fell in a still fel ime, and it still fell in a manner almost the matter you may as well make yourself short an acquaintance."

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He seemed modest and not in want to pleasant. Go and put my horse under cover, pleasant. Go and put my horse under cover, pleasant. Go and put my horse under cover, and give him a feed of some sort—make a money, so I encouraged him to proceed.

tired horse sent me flying over the dash- corner of every cottager's kitchen-struck board, with the only consoling thought nine. The woman rose and left us. I concluded she was going to bed. If so I en-Luckily the snow had made the falling vied her. Her husband showed no signs of pretty soft. I soon picked myself up and retiring. He still sat over the fire, opposite set about estimating damages. With some me. By this time I was dreadfully tired: difficulty I got the horse out of the harness, every bone in my body ached. The hard and then felt free to inspect the dog-cart chair which, an hour or two ago, seemed all Alas! after the manner of the two-wheel I could desire, now scarcely came up to my kind, whenever a horse thinks fit to fall, ideas of the comfort I was justly entitled to one shaft had snapped off like a carrot; so claim. My sulky companion had been As my old friend Phil Brand has asked me here was I, five miles apparently from any drinking silently but steadily. Perhaps the As my old friend Phil Brand has asked me help to do this, I suppose I must. Brand is a where, in the thick of a blinding snowstorm, liquor he had poured into himself might right good fellow and a clever fellow, but left standing helpless beside a jaded horse have rendered his frame of mind more pleas-I know of him is that he insists upon having what Brand would have done under the cir- "My good, fellow," I said, "your chairs

meant it, too-I declare, had I not been so my friend lacked that small portion of utterly worn out, I would have had that misbegotten frame. bullet-headed rufflan up for a lew rounds on This discovery threw me into an ecstasy his own kitchen floor, and tried to knock of delight. I laughed so loudly that I al-"Where you stay, I stay," he answered within an ace of causing my death.

for a few minutes-woke-dozed off again for some hours. I was in an uncomfortable sirt of half-sleep, cramme! full of curious dreams-dreams from which I started wondering where I was and how I got there. horrible travelers' tales ran through my head. It was in just such places as this that unsuspecting voyagers were stated to have teen murdered and robbed, by just such unmitigated rufflans as my host. I can tell you that altogether I spent a most unpleasant

To make matters worse and more dismal. the storm still raged outside. The wind moaned through the trees, but it had again changed, and I knew from the sound on the window paues that heavy rain had succesded snow. As the big drops of water chimney, the fire bissed and spluttered like a spitotul vixen. Everything combined leprive me of what dog's sleap I could by beer persistency suatch. I think I tried every position which an ordinary man, not an acrobat, is capable of adopting with the assistance of a common

wooden chair. I even lay down on the hard way place, I hired a horse and an apology was only after a second and more imperative flags. I ac ually tried the table. I propped up the upper half of my body against the rary—that the longest night must come to

fatigue, or to the combined effects of fatigue and settled down to make up arrears of better get out here." and gin-and-water. Hs heat was hanging sleep. him, feeling quite sure that if such a clod with you as soon as we can get down to- lamps and tie him up somewhere." other pipe, poked the smoldering logs into a ticularly—all the better! I turned to the so welcomed by me two nights before. this man. Suddenly an idea flashed across

I had seen this fellow before. But when sted with things in general, and feelin; the door went tack with a bang, and I fell Yet puzzle and puzzle as I would, I could't at to break som: one's heal would be a forward into the house, fully resolved to call to mind a former encounter; so at last. began to think the supposed recognition was pure fancy on my part.

"I am a precious bad judge," I said.

one? This one, of course—no, the other, of warning, my scowling host lits born lander to be passing in such weather, so I was left to exercise my free, unbiased choice, a privilege I would willingly have dispensed with However, I made the best selection I to could, and followed it for some two miles. Then I began to grow doubtful, and soon "rsuading myself that I was on the wrong the more churlish the nature has a first pour and it with the matter of those two, roads was the right mash if you can."

I heard you say you were going into the country," he resumed. "I heard you say you should meet the original you and the country," he resumed. "I heard you say you should meet the original you and the country," he resum

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the mutilated finger, or did the fact of the finger's being mutilated bring the likeness to your mindf"
"Bless the man," I said; "one would think I had no eyes. I tell you there is no doubt about this man being the original of the.

"Never mind—answer my question." got all about it until I had recognized the man, and pulled out the likeness to make sure I didn't even know there was a printed description at the foot nor that any member was wanting. Confound Brandt I'm not such a duffer as you

is inexplicable. Take your own course, as

I promised you should." Then he sat down; looking deliciously crestfallen, and wearing the discentented expression always natura to him when worsted in argument It was now Carriston's turn. He plied me with many questions. In fact, I gave him the whole history of my adventure. "What kind of house is it!" he asked. "Better than a cottage-scarcely a farmhouse. A place, I should think, with a few are simply curses to the country." He made lots of other inquiries, the pur-

seemed greatly impressed when I told his that the man had never for a moment lef me alone. He shot a second glance of triumpl at Brand, who still kept silent, and looked as if all the wind had been taken out of his ""How far is the place?" asked Carriston. "Could you drive me there after dark?" At this question the doctor returned to his friend. "Let us have no nonsense. Even

now I feel sure that Fenton is misled by some chance resemblance---'Deuce a bit, old chap," I said. Well, whether or not, we needn't do foolish things. We must go and swear information and get a search warrant and the assistance of the police. The truth is Richard," Le continued, turning to me, "we have reason to believe, or I should say Carriston persists in fancying, that a friend of his has for some time been kept in durance by the man whom you say you recognized." that a great change had taken place out of villain enough for anything up to murder. doors. The florce snowstorm had been the "Any way," said Brand, "we must do "Law! I want no law," answered Carris-

and rapidly-thawing snow. I managed to ton. "I have found her, as I knew I should extort some sort of a breakfast from my find her. I shall simply fetch her, and a host; then, having recompensed him ac- onco. You can come with me or stay here. cording to my promise, not his deserts, as you like doctor, but I am afraid I must started, as soon as I could, on the bare back | trouble your friend to drive me somewhere Foreseeing an adventure and great funmoreover, not unmoved by thoughts of re-I was surprised upon leaving the house to venge-I placed myself entirely at Carrisfind it was of larger dimensions than, from ton's disposal. He expressed his gratitude the little I saw of it during the night, I had and suggested that we should start at once. imagined. It was altogether a better class In a tew minutes we were ready and of residence than I had supposed. My surly mounted the dog cart. Brand, after grumbfriend accompanied me until he had placed! ling loudly at the whole proceeding: finished me on the main road, where I could make up by following us and installing himself i no possible mistake. He was kind enough! the back scat. Carriston placed a parcel

It was now nearly dark and raining cats never again meet with his like, we parted. and dogs. I had my lamps lighted, so we I found my way to Midcome without much got along without much difficulty. The trouble. I took off my things, had a wash, roads were deep with mud, but by this time started to drive the twelve miles to the to give way a few inches. Through the corner walls of the room; but found no next, and, like a sensible man for once, went to the snow had been pretty nearly washed pond. I took no one with me I had beer aperture a woman's voice asked who was At last I gave up all idea of sleeping, and bed. But I did not forget to send a boy away from everywhere. I don't make a fully aroused myself. I comforted myself straight off to the nearest telegraph station. mistake in a road twice, so in due course we

by saying that my misery was only tempo- My message to Brand was a brief one. I: reached the scene of my upset. Here I drew his man," This duly done, I dismissed all "The house lies about five hundred yards My companion had by now succumbed to pechlation as to the result from my mind, up the lane." I told Carriston; "we had "What about the horse!" asked Brand sideways, and he slept in a most uncomfort- I was surprised at the reply received that "No chance of any one passing this way. able attitude. I chuckled as I looked at same evening from Brand: "We shall be on such a night as this; so let us put out

was capable of dreaming at all his dreams morrow. Meet us at station." From this it We did so: then struggled on afoot until must be worse even than mine. I filled an- was clear that my friend was wanted par- we saw the gleam of light which had been blaze, and sat almost aces and kn es over the time table and found that, owing to change It was just about as dark as pitch; b fire, finding some amusement in speculatings and delays, they could not get to C-, the guided by the light; we went on until we upon the condition of the churl before me, nearest station to Midcombe, until 8 o'clock stood in front of the house, where a t in the afternoon. I inquired about the crip- bank and a dry hedge hid us from sight pled dog-cart. It had been brought in; so I although on such a night we had little fear sort was to be rigged in time for me to drive "What do you mean to do now" asked over the next day and meet the doctor and Brand in a discontented whisper. "You can't break into the house," They came as promised. It was a comfort Carriston said nothing for a minute: then them a hearty welcome. Carriston took "Are there any horses; any cows about warmly that I began to fear I had discovered . I told him I thought that my surly friend

met. Then he was a wan, pensive, roman-said Carriston, as decidedly as a general emed full of energy, vitality and grit. Poor I could not see how Brand expressed hi old Brand looked as serious as an undertaker feelings upon hearing this order from our commander. I know I shrugged my Carriston began to question me, but Brand shoulders and if I said nothing I thought a dol's errand; but let us go to some place though I was extremely anxious to see the where we can talk together for a few min- end of the expedition, and find poetical jus led them across the road to the Railway Fabian tactics lacked the excitement Inn. We entered a room, and, having for longed for. Brand, in spite of his disapthe sake of appearances ordered a little light proval of the whole course of action, wa from the outside. Brand settled down with have felt sure that, provided he could sur! Little HV2. air of a cross-examining counsel. lex- vive the exposure, he would secure two

The door opened and closed again. I saw found that Carriston had left my side. old of the door, while I wondered what Carshouted, as, followed closely by the doctor,

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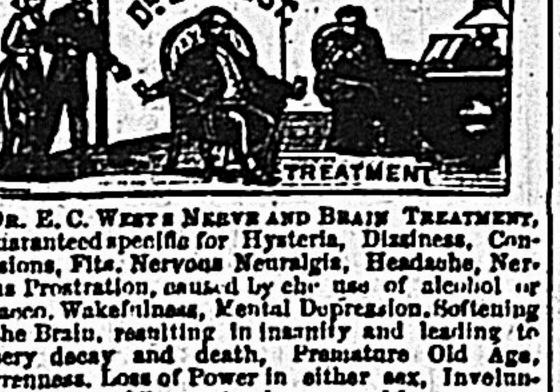
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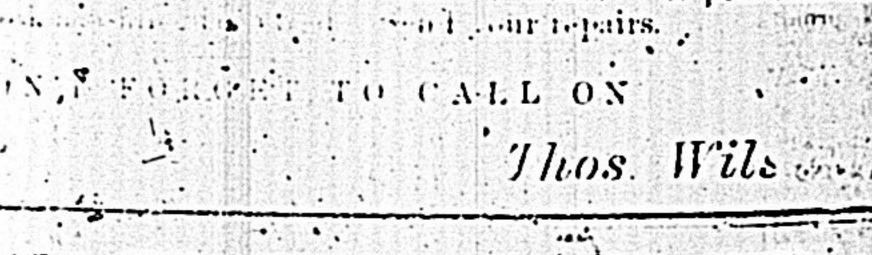
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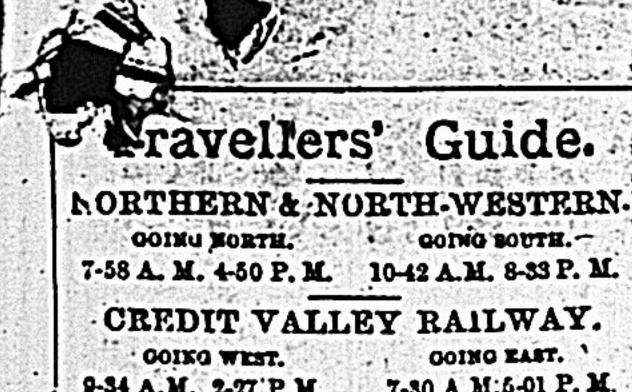
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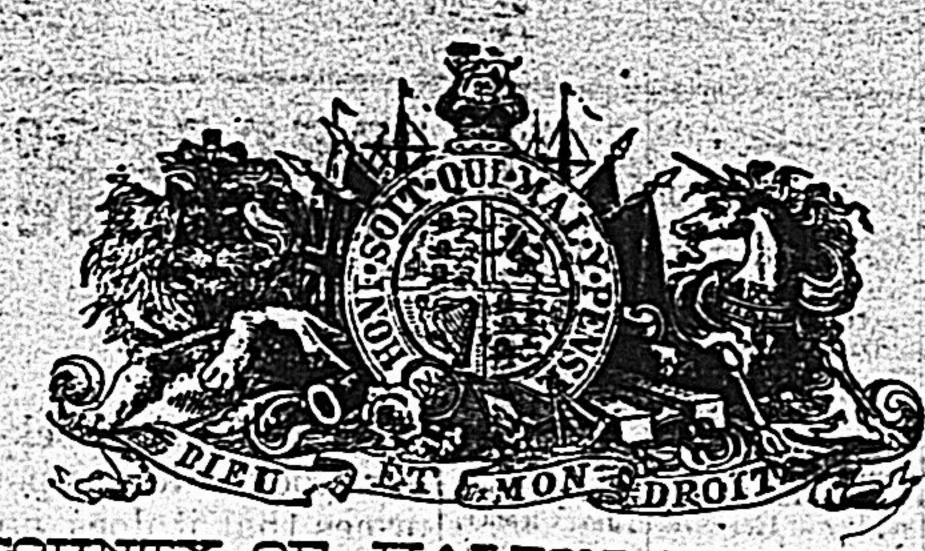
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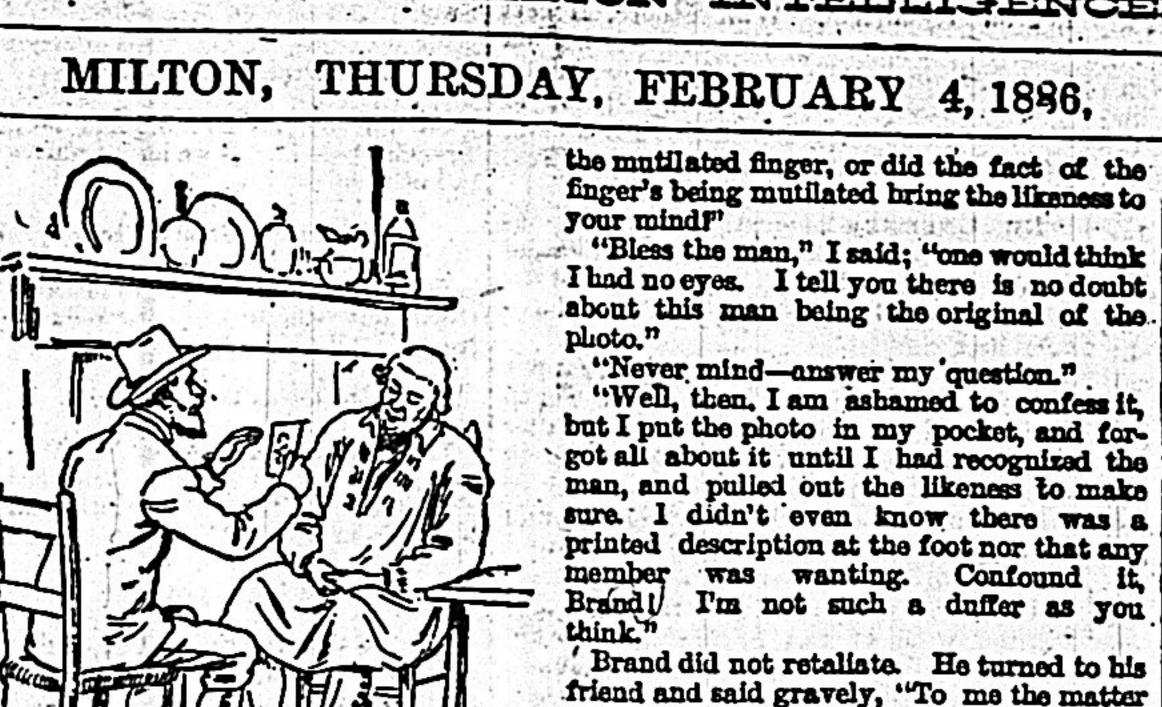












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Not a doubt about it! So far as a photoing in to him. He has promised to see that itation of some kind. Any way, I had bet answered, knocking the ashes out of his the same coarse features, the same look. Young Carriston was evidently a country than across foolscap, and my fin- feet, snowflakes whirling round me, and a "So do I say. I say this If you don't like Moreover, in case I had felt any doubt on gers know the feel of the reins or the trigger wind blowing right into my testh, strug- it you can leave it. We didn't ask you to the matter, a printed note at the bottom. "You infernal beast," I muttered—and ing from a right-hand finger. Sure enough

tion, to send the desired intelligence

CHAPTER III.

The end of that wretched night came at last. When the welcome morning broke I found farewell of the frost. The heavy rain that everything according to law." followed had filled the roads with slushy of my unfortunate steed, for Midcombe, near the place he speaks of." which place, after my night's experiences seemed gifted with merits not its own. to promise to assist any one I might send out be carried inside the cart, and away we in getting the dogcart under way. Then, | went, with a hearty wise on my part that I might

simply said: "Tell your friend I have found up. lest strict instructions that a shaft of some of our presence being discovered

to 823 friends of any description, so I gave I felt him place his hand on my shoulder hold of both my hands and shook them so the place?' he asked. a long-lost father of his in my friend. I had rejoiced in the possession of a horse and almost forgotten the young fellow's appear- cow. ance, or he looked a very different man to- "Very we'l. Then we must wait. day from the one I had seen when last we come out to see them before he goes to bed tic. poetical-locking sort of fellow; now he giving orders just before a battle. ngaged in burying his own mother.

CHAPTER II.

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ag faster than ever. I harnessed my horse, whether you like it or not, here I stay to whether you like it or not, here I stay to that he and Brand talked so much about art ind laughing at the old woman's dismal night. To turn me out would be sheer muricipants that he was one of the grand laughing at the old woman's dismal night.

As a rule, the more courtism that I was on the wrong track, retraced my steps. I was by this time track, retraced my steps. I was by this time something like a huge white plaster of Paris promise of liberal remuneration was after photograph of the picture. This photograph of the picture. This photograph of the picture. This photograph of the picture on the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so all not without its effect upon the strange he begged me to keep in my pocketbook.









to a stronger test than that to which I h not follow, but resumed the old occupation

subjected the former ones; so we were wise in not attempting to carry his castle by Elegant, the feeble glimmer of a lantern moving towards the outhouse in which my horse had been stabled. I heard a slight rustling in the absense of any command from him I did London. reappeared; the bearer stood on the thresh-

touch. No doubt my late host had made sure that his new door-fastenings were equal Burlingt'n, 13.

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