AS GOOD AS GOLD.

the Town Hall opposite Educated and offered to sell her to the tossed his head, and decided to thortuth in it., I don't want to make you to attend Petty Session, being still a his wife, and offered to sell her to the tossed his head, and decided to thortuth in it., I don't want to make you highest bidder. A sailor came in and oughly terrify them. This caused the wrotehed and to the wrotehed and to the total total highest bidder. to attend Petty Session, being still a highest bidder. A sailor came in and oughly terrify them. This caused the wretched, and to marry me just now two helpless girls to run wildly, where and led her away. And the man who sold his wife in that fashion is the man charge. thing of her was to be seen.

ready perceptions, his sledge in dedirectness, had often served him betdirectness, had often served him better than nice legal knowledge in dedirectness as fell thing to say beging on the case."

Ing, except at one end, where there was a stack of dry clover. Elizabeth-Jane turn for your goodness—something took in the situation. "We must climb took in the situation."

Henchard remained in thought. He thing to say beging on the case." spatching such simple business as fell

the rest of her clothes. The steeped aspect of the woman as a whole showed or even of a country town.

She looked cursorily at Henchard and pause, as if she reminded him indistinctly of somebody or something which passed from his mind as quickly as it had come. "Well, and what has she been doing?" he said, looking down at the charge-sheet.

of disorderly female and vagabond," whispered Stubberd.

"Where did she do that?" said the

other magistrate. "By the church, sir, of all the wrong places in the world for shouts and rolling. I caught her in the act, your care.

worship." "Stand back then," said Henchard, "and let's hear what you've got to say." saw Elizabeth-Jane after her return clerk dipped his pen, Henchard being no notetaker himself, and the con-

stable began: "Hearing an illegal noise I went down the street at twenty-five minutes past eleven p. m., on the night of the fifth instinct, Hannah Dominy. When I had--"

"Don't go on so fast, Stubberd, said the clerk.

The constable waited, with his eyes on the clerk's pen, till the latter stopped scratching, and said "yes." Stubed to the spot, I saw defendant at an- | She will be home by dusk." paused, watching the point of the

clerk's pen again. "Gutter, yes, Stubberd."

"Spot measuring twelve feet nine inches or thereabouts, from where I---" Still careful not to outrun the clerk's penmanship, Stubberd pulled up again; for having got his evidence by heart, it broke off.

woman, "spot measuring twelve feet phenomena wherein each is known to absorbed in the circumstances that he

evidence. Stubberd, with a suppress- day," as Casterbridge expressed it. ed gaze of victorious rectitude at the Lucetta, in continuing her walk, had near, she insulted me."

"'Insulted me' . . Yes, what did she say ?" "She said, 'Put away that dee lantern," says she."

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"Yes." "Says she, 'Dost hear, old turmithead? Put away that dee lantern. I have floored fellows a dee sight finerlooking than thee, dee me if I haint, she says."

"I object to that conversation!" interposed the old woman. "I was not capable enough to hear what I said, and what's said out of my hearing is not evidence."

There was another stoppage for consultation, a book was referred to, and finally Stubberd was allowed to go on again. The truth was that the oldwoman had appeared in court so many more times than the magistrates themselves, that they were obliged to keep a sharp look out upon their procedure. However, when Stubberd had rambled on a little farther, Henchard broke out impatiently, "Come-we don't want to hear any more of them cust d's! Saythe word out like a man, and don't be so modest, Stubberd; or else leave it alone!" Turning to the woman, "Nowthen, have you any questions to ask

him, or anything to say?" "Yes," she replied with a twinkle in her eye; and the clerk dipped his

Twenty years ago I was selling of furmity in a tent at Weydon Fair-" ginning at the beginning—suppose you vaguely towards them. It was a large warder."

go back to the Creation?" said the clerk, specimen of the breed, in colour rich "A—well, never mind, never mind!" not without satire.

child came into my tent," the woman of yore. Between them, through the door and up the street. continued. "They sat down and had a gristle of his nose, was a stout copper During this interval Henchard and basin apiece. Ah, Lord's my life! I ring, welded on, and irremovable as Lucetta had had experiences of a difwas of a more respectable station in Gurth's collar of brass. To the ring ferent kind. After Elizabeth's depart-

made—a hue neither tawny, russet, a group of people on the steps and out—air from his nostrils blowing over them hazel, nor ash; a sticky black bonnet side that was much larger than usual; like a sirocco, and not a moment being save me. My great creditor is Grower, that seemed to have been worn in the for it seemed that the old furmity deal- obtainable by Elizabeth or Lucetta in and it is at his hands I shall suffer if country of the Psalmist where the er had mysteriously hinted to the deni- which to open the door. What might at anybody's; while a fortnight's forclouds drop fatness; and an apron that | zens of the lane in which she had been have happened had their situation con- bearance on his part would be enough | lodging since her arrival that she tipped cannot be said; but in a few to allow me to al ly recent as still to contrast visibly with great local man Mr. Henchard, if she ed their adversary's attention, and a would let it be known to him that you

ed out of the window.

tleman he sold his wife for five guineas and the creature flinched. in a booth at a fair."

"She is charged, sir, with the offence and immediate cause of that separa- not perceived Elizabeth, who had climb- there's your way." first time.

cetta's face as she dwelt upon the prom- "You-have saved me!" she cried, as ise wrung from her the night before, soon as she could speak. At bottom, then, Henchard was this. "I have returned your kindness," he How terrible a contingency for a wo- responded tenderly. "You once saved man who should commit herself to his me.

During the day she went out to the asked, not heeding his reply. Ring, and to other places, not coming in till nearly dusk. As soon as she Stubberd was sworn, the magistrate's indoors she told her that she had resolved to go away from home to the seaside for a few days-to Port-Breedy, Casterbridge was so gloomy.

Elizabeth saw her friend depart for Port-Breedy, and took charge of High cheerfully; and without waiting for the Street Hall till her return. After two ladder to be placed she slid down the or three days of solitude and incessant face of the clover-stack to the floor. rain Hemchard called at the house. He seemed disappointed to hear of Lucetta's side and Elizabeth-Jane on the other, absence, and though he nodded with they went slowly along the rising road, outward indifference, he went away They had reached the top and were dehandling his beard with a nettled mien. scending again when Lucetta, now much The next day he called again. "Is she recovered, recollected that she had left come now?" he asked.

not indoors. She has gone for a walk ened down again to the barn, the oth- years. He has buried over 13,000 huberd continued: "When I had proceed- along the turnpike-road to Port-Breedy, ers pursuing their way.

to reveal his restless impatience he left the house again.

CHAPTER XXIX.

along the road to Port-Breedy just as her, drew up, and was hastily made ac-Elizabeth had announced. That she quainted with what had occurred. At had chosen for her afternoon walk the Elizabeth-Jane mentioning how greatroad along which she had returned to ly Lucetta had been jeopardised he exwas immaterial to him whereabouts he Casterbridge three hours earlier in a hibited an agitation different in kind carriage was curious-if anything should no less than in intensity from any she "I object to that," spoke up the old be called curious in concatenations of had seen in him before. He became so nine or thereabouts from where I,' is have its accounting cause. It was the scarcely had sufficient knowledge of day of the chief market-Saturday- what he was doing to think of helping The magistrate consulted, and the sec- and Farfrae for once had been missed her up beside him. ond one said that the Bench was of from his corn-stand in the dealers' "She has gone on with Mr. Henchard, opinion that twelve feet nine inches room. Nevertheless it was known that you say?" he inquired at last. from a man on his oath was admissible | he would be home that night-"for Sun-

old woman, continued: "Was stand- at length reached the end of the ranked home?" ing myself. She was wambling trees which bordered the highway in about quite dangerous to the thorough- this and other directions out of the fare, and when I approached to draw town. This end marked a mile; and here she stopped.

tree in the prospect now, the road unwise. clinging to the stubby expanse of corn- The immediate subject of their talk land like a stripe to an undulating being exhausted, she felt more embargarment. Near her was a barn—the rassed at sitting thus beside her past single building of any kind within her lover; but soon the two figures of the

road, but nothing appeared thereon- freq'uently turned back, but Farfrae did not so much as a speck. She sighed not whip on the horse. When these one word-"Donald!" and turned her reached the town walls Henchard and face to the town for retreat.

gle figure was approaching her-Eliza- Jane, on her expressing a particular

Lucetta, in spite of her loneliness, to the stables at the back of his lodgseemed a little vexed. Elizabeth came ings. on, her face, as soon as she recognized | On this account he entered the house her friend, shaping itself into affection- through his garden, and going up to ate lines, while yet beyond speaking his apartments found them in a pardistance. "I suddenly thought I would | ticularly disturbed state, his boxes be-

where she stood, and down the track a to the mistress of the house, who was bull was rambling uncertainly towards superintending.
her and Elizabeth, who, facing the other "I am afraid not before eight, sir," way, did not observe him.

dun, though disfigured at present by said Farfrae cheerily. "Eight o'clock splotches of mud about his seamy sides. will do well enough if it be not later. got what was evidence and what was His horns were thick and tipped with Now, don't ye be standing there talkbrass; his two nostrils like the Thames ing, or it will be twelve I doubt." Thus "A man and a woman with a little Tunnel, as seen in the perspective toys speaking he went out by the front

hiding-place, and thought of the barn these two or three days," he said; "ever and I used to season my furmity with their eyes on the bull he had shown over the way I got your promise that rum for them who asked for't. I did some deference in his manner of ap- night. You said to me, "If I were a The next morning Henchard went to it for the man; and then he had more the Town Hall opposite Lucetta's house, his wife, and offered to sell her to the total man is manner of approach; but no sooner did they turn man I should not insist." That cut their backs to seek the barn than he had the backs the barn than he had the backs the barn than he had the backs the backs the barn than he had the backs the b

The speaker concluded by nodding her pond, and it was closed with the ex- or two." Henchard, as a Justice of the Peace, head at Henchard, and folding her ception of one of the usual pair of doors "But—but—can I do nothing of a may at first seem to be an even greater incongruity than Shallow and Siler incongruity than Shallow and silface seemed strange, and in tint as if opening they made. The interior had see my life. And seemed strange and in tint as if opening they made. The interior had see my life. And seemed strange and in tint as if opening they made. it had been powdered over with ashes. been cleared by a recent bout of thresh- like coals of fire on my head. I am ready perceptions, his sledge-hammer "We don't want to hear your life and ing, except at one end, where there was rich, Surely I can do something in re-

to his hands in this court. Today, being absent, the corn-merchant took on me." on me."

"Tis a concocted story," said the door slammed behind him: and all "I must tell you a secret to ask it—. the big chair, his eyes still abstracted by stretching out of the window to the window to the window to the ashlar front of High Street Hall.

There was one case only, and the ofThere was one case only the there were imprisoned in the barn toThere was one case only the wind was the ofThere was one case only the there were imprisoned in the barn toThere was one case only the wind was the ofThere was one case only the there were imprisoned in the barn toThere was one case only the there were imprisoned in the barn toThere was one case only the ther fender stood before him. She was an temptation to treat her hard for her for her fender stood before him. She was an temptation to treat her hard for her for her fender stood before him. old woman of mottled countenance, atrevenge I'll leave her to you." other end. By the time that this "No, no!" said Henchard, almost in tired in a shawl of that nameless the tired in made—a hue neither tawny, russet, a group of people on the steps and outlodging since her arrival, that she tinued cannot be said; but in a few to allow me to pull through. This may ARMS - FOR - SALE knew a queer thing or two about their moments a rattling of the door distract- be got out of him in one way-that you chose to tell it. This had brought man appeared. He ran forward tow- are my intended—that we are to be balance bush. Good orchard, well ards the leading-staff, seized it, and quietly married in the next fortnight -. "Why are there so many idlers round wrenched the animal's head as if he No wstop, you haven't heard all! Let and a capital farm. her to be no native of the country-side, the Town Hall to-day?" said Lucetta would snap it off. The wrench was in him have this story, without of course to her servant when the case was over. reality so violent that the thick neck any prejudice to the fact that the actual She had risen late, and had just look- seemed to have lost its stiffness and engagement between us is to be a long good log house, frame barn and log stables ed out of the window. "Oh, please ma'am, 'tis this larry nose dropped blood. The premeditated could go with me to Mr. Grower, and looked at her, with a momentary about Mr. Henchard. A woman has human contrivance of the nose-ring was just let me speak to ye before him as proved that before he became a gen- too cunning for impulsive brute force, if we were on such terms. We'll ask

> In all the accounts which Henchard gloom to be large-framed, and unhesit- I shall be able to face him; and I can had given her of the separation from ating. He led the bull to the door, and coolly tell him all is postponed between his wife Susan for so many years, of the light revealed Henchard. He made us for a year or two. Not a soul in On easy terms. his belief in her death, and so on, he the bull fast without, and re-entered the town need know how you've helphad never clearly explained the actual to the succour of Lucetta; for he had ed me. Since you wish to be of use, tion. The story she now heard for the ed on to the clover-heap. Lucetta was hysterical, and Henchard took her in A gradual misery overspread Lu- his arms and carried her to the door.

"How-comes it to be you-you?" she their heads completely shaved.

have been wanting to tell you something these two or three days; but you Japan is devoted to the cultivation of have been away, and I could not. Per- rice. haps you cannot talk now?"

'Oh-no. Where is Elizabeth?" "Here am I !" cried the missing one Henchard supporting Lucetta on one

her muff in the barn. "Yes. She returned this morning," "I don't mind it at all, as I am not

other spot, namely, the gutter." He After a few words which only served an article being by no means small at are becoming so rotund that they are that time. She turned to hasten on- required to exercise in gymnasiums to Estate Agent, Dundalk, ON ward after her contemplation, when reduce their weight. she saw a green-and-black gig approach- The second wife of a man in Bangor,

vehicle being driven by Farfrae. His presence here seemed to explain At this hour Lucetta was bounding Lucetta's walk that way. Donald saw

"Yes. He is taking her home. They are almost there by this time." "And are you sure she can get

Elizabeth-Jane was quite sure. "Your stepfather saved her?"

"Entirely." Farfrae checked his horse's pace; she The spot was a vale between two gen- guessed why. He was thinking that it tle acclivities, and the road, still ad- would be best not to intrude on the hering to its Roman foundation, stretch- other two just now. Henchard had ed onward straight as a surveyor's line saved Lucetta, and to provoke a possible till lost to sight on the most distant exhibition of her deeper affection for ridge. There was neither hedge nor himself was as ungenerous as it was

others were visisble at the entrance to She strained her eyes up the lessening the town. The face of the woman was his companion had disappeared down Here the case was different. A sin- the street; Farfrae set down Elizabethwish to alight there, and drove round

come and meet you," she said smiling. ing hauled out upon the landing, and Lucetta's reply was taken from her his bookcase standing in three pieces. lips by an unexpected diversion. A by- These phenomena, however, seemed to road on her right hand descended from cause him not the least surprise. "When the fields into the highway at the point will everything be sent up?" he said

said she. "You see we wasn't aware Lucetta and Elizabeth regarded the till this morning that you were going animal in doubt, he meanwhile drawing to move, or we could have been for-

motion of his head flung about like a hand within his arm, though she would fain have withdrawn it. "Dear Lucet-They looked round for some shelter or ta, I have been very anxious to see you

thing to say bearing on the case."

But before they had even approached it had evidently not expected this. "There thing to say bearing on the case. It proves they hear the bull sacmpering through is one thing you might do, Lucetta,"

to become half-paralysed, whilst the one. Nobody else need know; you him to keep it secret. He will willing- watered, good orchard. Terms easy. The man was seen in the partial ly wait then. At the fortnight's end

(To be continued.)

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Few Paragraphs Which May be Found Worth Reading.

The Buddhist nuns in Burmah have

Kid gloves with hand-painted flowers "I came out here to look for you. I on the back, are the latest fad in Paris. Over one-half of the arable land of

> Among the supplies sent to foreign missionaries, the bicysle takes a prominent place.

The flesh of the alligator is eaten by the inhabitants of India. Boiled, it tastes like veal.

The first man to apply steam to house warming was James Watt, the terms.

Scottish inventor in 1784. The new magazine rifle adopted by the British Army throws a ball to a

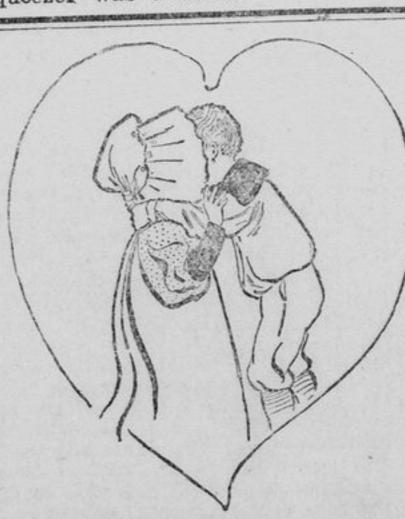
distance of four thousand yards. Louis A. Pettier, of Allen County, Ontario." replied his step-daughter. "But she is tired as you are." She thereupon hast- Ind., has been an undertaker for sixty

Elizabeth soon found the muff, such The policemen of Bridgeport, Conn.,

ing from the contrary direction, the Maine, paid a bill for the burial of her predecessor by washiung clothes for the undertaker's family.

Macaulay's memory was so retentive that, after reading a book once, he could give all the salient points of it, and recite many long passages of it verbatim.

Something squeezed the ankle of a woman in Coffeyville, Kan., as she was shaking a mat on the piazza of her residence. She discovered that the squeezer was a snake.



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