

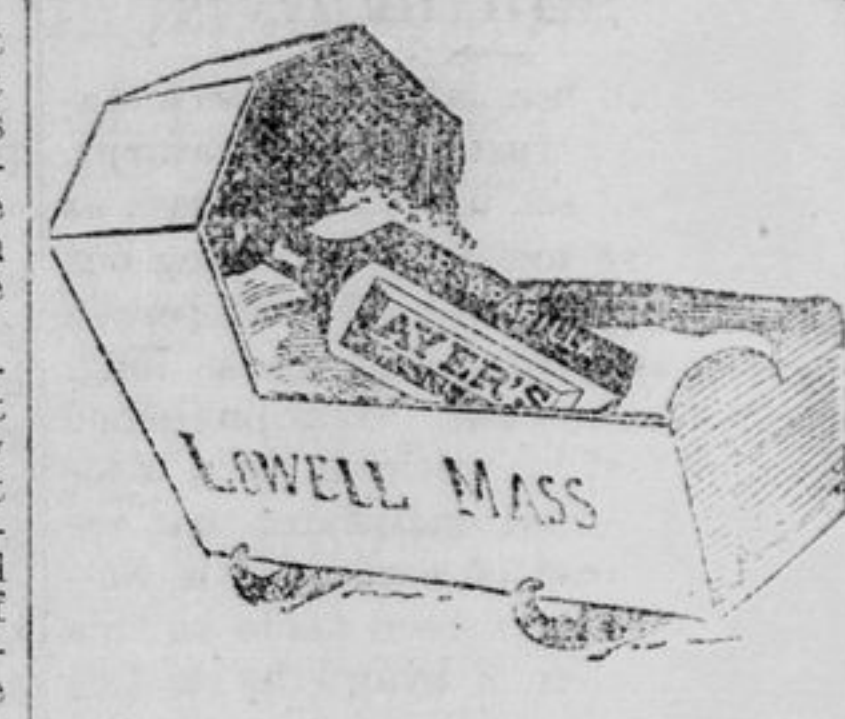
AS GOOD AS GOLD.

CHAPTER XLII.—Continued. "Good morning, good morning," said the stranger with profuse heartiness. "Is it Mr. Henchard I am talking to?" "My name is Henchard."

He had not so much as turned his head. It was an act of simple faith in Henchard's words—faith so simple as to be almost sublime. The young sailor who had taken Susan Henchard on the spur of the moment, and on the faith of a glance at her face, more than twenty years before, was still living and acting under the form of the grizzled traveller who had taken Henchard's words on trust so absolute as to shame him as he stood.

margin of the pool. She started up, and hastened back to his side. "Well," said Henchard; "what do you say now?" "Let us go home."

"Oh—that's right—that's right... It was only that I saw him in the street when we both were there." He was wondering if her embarrassment justified him in a new suspicion—that the long walks which she had latterly been taking had anything to do with the young man.



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