THE CASH BOY: Frank Fowler's Inheritance

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CHAPTER XXV. OUT OF WORK. Ten days Frank spent in fruitles

he saw on a window 'A'Boy'wanted,' he called, but if there was still a vacancy disewhere in the city.
On answering 'at Gilbert & Mack's,'

the further question was asked, 'Why he said. did you leave them?' trade was dull, but this he felt would

be only evading the truth. So he said, Of what kind? ' asked the merchant.

swered Frank, flushing painfully.

'And they believe the charge?' were intending to discharge four of their cash boys they included me in

'Then they would not give you a re-

'I am afraid not,' said Frank, un-'We can't take you without a recom mendation,' said the merchant decided.

'We can get plenty of boys who are well recommended, and have never 'But I am not dishonest.' said Frank,

under the circumstances I can't take

our hero's applications received. His own frankness stood in his way. Yet he never tried to conceal the real state of the case. It would have made him comfortable to obtain a place under

All this time his money steadily diminished. He perceived that he would soon be penniless. Evidently something must be done. He formed write to Mr. Wharton, who, he thought, must now have returned from Wash appealing to him to see Gilbert & Mack, and re-establish him in their nce. The second was, since be frequent the wharves and seek chances omy, to pay for his board and lodging.

'Mr. John,' she said, holding out letter, ' here is a letter from that boy.

says, Mrs. Bradley,' he remarked. 'It is best to guard against his lies.' 'The young beggar writes a very

good hand,' he commented. 'Sit down.

Mrs. Bradley, and I will read the letter

'I hope, Mr. Wharton, you will not be influenced against me by what Mrs. Bradley and your nephewsay. I don't know why it is, but they are my

enomies, though I have always treated them with respect. I am afraid they have a desire to injure me in your esti-mation. (Confound his impudence!' ejaculated the reader.) If they had ejaculated the reader.) If they had not been they would have been content with driving me from your house, without alredblandering me to my employers, and inducing them to discharge me. (That means you, Mrs. Bradley.) Since 'I' was discharged I have tried very hard to get another place, but as I cannot bring a recommendation from Gilbert & Mack, I have everywhere been refused. I sak you. everywhere been refused. I ask you, Mr. Wharton, to consider my situation. Already my small supply of money is nearly gone, and I do not know how I

am to pay my expenses. If it was any fault of mine that had brought me into this situation I would not complain, but it seems hard to suffer when I am 'I do not ask to return to your house, Mr. Wharton, for it wouldn't be plea-sant, since your nephew and Mrs. Bradley dislike me, but I have a right

'It is just the letter to work on the

this boy,' muttered John.
'Or course it isn't best that Mr.

Of course. I am not such a fool as

But the boy may write another.'
Very likely he will. If he does you

fair of g

There isn't any difficulty, is there?'
Not now, while your uncle is away. 'You may rely upon me, sir,' an-swored Mathan Graves; and qulcken-ing his pace he soon came within a hundred feet of our hero.

s hot," I say.

for a high stake and I must leave nothing undone that will promote my fornes. This boy is more dangerous when they met. than Mrs. Bradley has any idea of. I am convinced that he is my cousin, and what you wanted?"

harshly. 'You have had the impu- efforts,' was the answer.

could not obtain a regular place, to Wade, but that his old friend and bene 'I must see Dan,' soliloquized sation with our hero. to carry bundles. In this way he his confidence and a thief, was a bitter sey that will do for a cage for the

my, to pay for his board and lodging.

You have slandered me to him, Mr.
One morning the housekeeper enterWade, he said, angrily. You might

You be said, angrily. You might ed the library, where John Wade sat, be in better business than accusing a about the rest later.'

said John Wade, menacingly. 'I have ment. a great mind to have you arrested.' 'Have you not injured me enough luxuries lately.' he said to himself.

my best friend and my situation. That ought to satisfy you,' said Frank, bit-

enough of your impudence. I will of the next day when Frank walked up give you a bit of advice which you will Canal street toward Broadway. He about your age, say. Do you know

'There is no other way,' he muttered. 'I must crush him.

CHAPTER XXVI AN ACCOMPLICE IS FOUND. It has often been remarked that when that he was in comfortable circum-Graves. You won't object to go into

we are bent on doing mischief we have stances. little trouble in securing an agent or accomplice. This was at all events No sooner had he parted from our

dark, sinister-looking man, whom he stances which left no doubt as to his

'Good morning, Mr. Wade,' said the Good morning, Mr. Graves. Are you busy just now ?"

'No, sir; I am out of employment 'Then I will give you a job. Do you see that boy P' said John Wade, rapidly.

'The boy with a bundle ?' asked the ' I see him.' 'I want you to follow him. Find

this evening. Do you understand?' live, Mr. Wade P John Wade hastily scribbled his ad-

dress on a card and handed it to him. Don't deley, he said, hurriedly, 'or he will esce.pe you. Let me see you

neredulously.
No, I am not. I've been trying to

'Yes, but he may get something to was aware of John Wade's hostility. don't understand plain English? Was not regret the silence of his compan-

fr. John? In obtaining any further employment. I never was sacked 'cause I'm in bright, sunshiny day, and his spirits 'I never was sacked 'cause I'm in bright, sunshiny day, and his spirits 'I never was sacked 'cause I'm in bright, sunshiny day, and his spirits 'I never was sacked 'cause I'm in bright, sunshiny day, and his spirits business for myself. I'm tree and in rose. He telt that fortune had begun ver. I must prevent the boy com- Graves. Unconsciously he exhausted dependent. nunicating with my uncle if it is a the patience of that gentleman, who I see you are. Now about your morning his prospects had been ing, 'Strike while the iron got heartily tired of his tramp about profits,' the streets. But the longest day will 'That is very judicious, Mr. John. I come to an end, and at last be had the and then again it ain't. This morning luck obtained a good piece in which have no doubt you will know how to satisfaction of tracking Frank to his Pve taken in seventy cents.

With this bit of flattery, which she knew would be acceptable. Mrs. Bradley left the room.

Yes, said John Wade to himself a low abb. Nather (1) and the low in the low and low a 'Yes,' said John Wade to himself, a low ebb—Nathan Graves sought the I must think it over. I am playing residence of John Wade. He rang the the Pool of Blood." 'Is it one of Shakespeare's plays?'

'I have tracked the boy. That is

factor should think him unworthy of Graves. 'He's got a crib over in Jeryoung 'un. He won't mind letting me you, if you like,'

He dropped into a cigar store, and dare you speak to me in that manner!' smoked with great apparent enjoy-

'Luck's turned, I hope.'

CHAPTER XXVII.

A PHILOSOPHIC BOOTBLACK. 'Hark you, young man, I have had It was eleven o'clock in the forenoon o well to follow. Leave this city for had been down to the wharves since any one who would like such a posia place where you are not known or I early in the morning seeking for employment. He had offered his services to many, but as yet had been unable to chance for me, and he answered, eagercharge of theft.'

'I shall not leave the city, Mr. Wade,' secure a job. Things were beginning ly: 'I shall not leave the city, ar. wade, secure a joo. I using well as a ly:
to look serious to our hero. He was been in spite of you, and without wait not earning enough to pay his daily just now. Do you think I will suit? ing for an answer he walked on. John expenses, not to mention the obliga-Wade followed him with a venomous tion which he had assumed to pay his sister's board. He was not wholly discouraged, but he was forced to think seriously of the future. Things could weeks in a New York store, and, not remain long as they were.

'Shine yer boots, mister,' said a boot-something about goods and prices.' black, judging from our hero's dress

'Yes, if you'll shine 'em for nothing,' said Frank, good-humoredly. 'That ain't my way of doin' busiess,' said the ragged knight of the hero than he saw approaching him a brush. 'Yer don't see any green in and your board for the present. If you

'I thought you might be blacking end of six months.' ' Not much,' was the reply. 'If it's

As he spoke he extended a foot only partially covered by a dilapidated f which, for he wore no stockings.

some dingy skin was visible. asked Frank, jocosely.

Buy 'em! I didn't buy 'em. They and pack up my think.' wore them seventeen years himself and we will start as soon as possible. I

was left me by my grandfather, who them shoes to me in his will. They was all he did leave nie, and I wear em out of regard for him.' 'Do you make it pay blacking boots?

What do you want to know for? Do you want to go into it?' asked the boy shrewdly.
'I don't know but I shall,' said Frank, seriously. I've got to earn my living some way."

do. He is just obstinate enough to stay in the city, because he knows he is not wanted here.

After fulfilling his errand he walked down town again, but did not succeed in obtaining any further employment.

If don't here, was a sacked, 'counce I'm in the spirits, and the first that the spirits in obtaining any further employment.

The newer was sacked, 'counce I'm in the bright, sunshiny day, and his spirits.

The town wanted here.

O, that's what you mean?' said down town again, but did not succeed in obtaining any further employment.

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The town wanted here.

humble lodging. Then, and not till

'It's the 'The Gory Gladiator; or station.

asked Frank, smiling
'Not much,' said the boot-black, scornfully. 'I seen one of Shakespeare's plays once. He can't begin

oor boy faisely.'

He dropped into a cigar store, and said grams.

I live only fifteen or twenty miles dicines, which he distant,' said Graves, 'but I don't often You Nou.

'I hav'n't been able to afford such quainted. I keep a dry goods' store, A. J. White, Esq. but my partner generally comes here ou can help me about the errand that the slightest benefit, and declares Mother salis me here to-day.'

I will sir, if I can,' said Frank,

White. (Signed N. Webb, Chemist, Caine, you can help me about the errand that

'My youngest clerk has just left me,

Frank thought instantly: 'Here is

'I think you will,' said Mr. Graves, that is, if you have a little knowledge of the dry-goods business." though only a cash boy, I learned

'The very thing !' answered Nathan 'No, sir. Of course I prefer the city, but business is dull, and it is hard get-

'I will give you five dollars a week suit me, your pay will be raised at the

pectations. It would at once relieve pleasure to you, just shine up my him from embarrassment, and enable him still to pay Grace's board. 'Will that be satisfactory ?

> 'Quite so, sir. When do you wish ' Can you go out with me this after

'Yes, sir. I only want to go home 'To save time I will go with you ncket. He left am fortunate in meeting you, as it

> mediate engagement with a stranger where he had worked, or under what circumstances he had left his place. He inwardly congratulated himself on this, as it saved him from an em-

not have proved satisfactory. As proposed, Nathan Graves accom-panied him to his room, where his scanty wardrobe was soon packed. A hack was called, and they were speed-

rofits.'

Well, sometimes business is good. Now he had by a strange piece of good there was a chance for promotion. By-

What is this Disease that i

the Mrs. Bendley has any idea of I as no covinced that he less you come, it is an another rightful heir to my usole's prot, is the mean server know.

"Strange that direcumstances aboutd have to be protected that the second in the second in

'Nothing that you would like to hear. He looks upon you as a thief.'
'Does he believe that I am a thief?'
'He feels no doubt about it. He despises you now as much as he once liked you.'
This touched Frank nearly. He cared little for the good opinion of John Wade, but that his old friend and bene.

'I must see Her looks upon you as at thing for me to consider is, that pleasant experiences.

Frinck was destined to have some unpleasant experiences.

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question enabled him so open a conver-sation with our hero.

Straight ahead, answered Frank.

I am going there, and I will show you, if you like.

and I will show you if you like. you, if you like.'

Thank you, I wish you would. I am not very familiar with the city.'

I have not been here long myself, said Frank.

mention also a great many other or mine, who is very much addicts the mine, who is very much addicts to the complaint. All other pills can be complaint. All other pills can be complaint. All other pills can be complaint. The complaint is very amnoying. Seigel's l'ills do not leave a bad after that we much pleasure in commenciate.

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wade. To-morrow, if possible.'

'Hark you, boy!. I have something to say to you,' continued John Wade, harshly. 'You have had the impudence to write to my uncle.'

'Did he receive the letter?' asked Frank, eagerly.

'It is lucky I fell in with bim,' said Frank, eagerly.

'It came this morring.'

'What did he say?'

'Nothing that you would like to '

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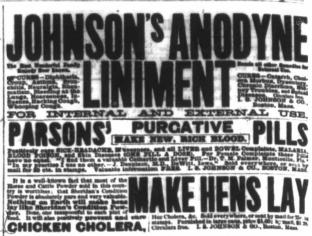
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