BY MARY E. BRADLEY. (Continued.)

'I am glad,' he murmured, 'rery glad, Helen, to knew that.' ever done to him before; 'besides, you wheel in creation, generally. I've nothing to do anywhere else, and nobody wants me. Yet I have my secret cravings sometimes to be useful and desirable, like other people. It makes me feel important to think that the opportunity has come at last, and that I can really, for once, be of some consequence. Don't year see how restances to the second of th

He looked amused.

grudging it to me!'

duty; and so soothed and quieted by those few little words, 'You are a comforter,' that the memory of Mrs. Rand's ent feeling, how he had let another

had called me a comforter; and I said the words over and over to myself with almost childish enjoyment. They lulled me into a restful slumber, from which I did not wake till dawn stole in at the window. I started up then with a great sense of fright, feeling like a sentinel who had slept at his post, and crept softly into the sick-room. But everything was quiet there; my patient was asleep, in the same position in which I had left him; which showed that he, too, had rested well. So the

first night was safely over. The doctor came round at sunrise, gratified by my report of a serene

disease has got to run its course, and it others nearer and dearer. will be tough work for you by and by.'

he is in danger, doctor?' But it's too soon to predict how it will that's all I can say.'

responded. 'So will Jimmy.' Better believe I wull, thin!' Jimmy spoke up for himself, manfully. 'Miss

frindly?' lack for modesty, do you, Jimmy?'

'So it is, Jimmy, I agree with you. How did you happen to have the

honor!' of way, Miss Helen. Me mither, ye pitiable object before him. whiniver I see her lookin' round for ed, drearily. make no account o' the state o' the give up hope now?' weather. Ye wudn't belave the numbers of times I've jumped off the rocks him!—sight, hearing, sense gone, and

sight o' that poker, Miss Helen.' 'And the hole was so deep once that kill's you, Helen?'

Me mither had chased me, ye see, till me head was turned like, an' I didn't jump far enough to git clear o' the rocks. I got a thumpin' knock on the side o' me head, an' hope to die if I have done my best, and you have done your best. And here he Miss Helen, tull I found mesilf lyin' lies!' on the kitchen flure in this 'house, an' Mr. Park'nson a-standin' over me.'

'Och, thin! what didn't she say?' he Susan-no, it wasn't Susan, naythur ; it was another one, but they're all I sobbed aloud, childishly, uncontrolalike as payse in a pod, —they raised a lably, to the doctor's great consternahullybaloo, they did, about the clane tion. noise, that he'd fished me out o' the Try, do try, to control yourself.' river, an he mint to kape me an' make But I was past the power of self. Combination Dinner and me useful. Hope todie if thim weren't restraint. his very words, Miss Helen, an' hope to die if he didn't stick to 'em too. It's goin' on three years since he said 'em, LONDON HOUSE, an' I'm here yit.'

'Where's your mother all this time!' Miss Helen. I'm thinkin' she missed hand a good stock of GROCERher exercise wid the poker,' he added, IES.

with a merry twinkle in his eyes. 'But Flour, Cornmeal, Oat-I'm not afther regrettin' it mesilf. I'm well continted where I am.' 'And well you may be,' I retorted. 'You ought to be more than contented,

you ought to be glad and grateful as long as you live, Jimmy Doolan.' likes of that, Miss Helen,' he replied, Chatham, X'mas '85. with a comical sir of approval and patronage. 'An' it's jist me own opinion of the matter. Me an Mr. Park'nson's frinds for life. I'd go through fire an' water, let alone cow pock, for him. An' ye're not to think, earnestness, 'that it's only because I

he went on, with sudden energy and mense pay sare for those who start STINSON & Co. Portland, Maine. ain't likely to ketch it again. If I' knew I was goin' to ketch it, an' die with it, I'd stay all the same, Miss with it, I'd stay all the same, Miss
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laste help in life to him.'

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homely face lighted up so that for the minute it looked beautiful to me; and I felt a sudden warmth of affection for as possible before.

'You are a good boy,' I said, and Besides,' I went on, moved by something appealing in his eyes and gave him a beaming smile that was attraight way reflected among his freckles voice to speak more freely than I had straightway reflected among his freekles must remember that I'm a sort of fifth

sequence. Don't yeu see how puffed up I am? Actually inflated with the surprise and the novelty of it! Don't go and spoil the new sensation by goard sing it to me!"

your little untaught, ill-used Irish boy was the only one who was grateful. His benefactor had been a benefactor to 'I never heard you talk so much non- others, whose opportunities for moral sense before, Helen,' he said, almost development had never been stinted. cheerfully. But it does me good. Time and money, and a more precious You are a little comforter; go and lie thing—unselfish feeling—had been down now, and get some rest. I'll call freely bestowed; and for his sister, especially—the sister who had forsaken I went, obediently, and made myself him at the first slarm, in utter indiffercomfortable on a couch in the library, wise enough to know that rest, when it could be taken, was part of a nurse's

unkindness had no longer power to sting me.

man woo and win the girl he loved, in order that he might support and edu-It was many a day since anybody cate Miss Prissy. They were poor then, and she had no other protector. Fortune came in later years, but the little dream had faded; and the sister, but for whom it might have been reality, had left him now to die (for all she knew or cared to the contrary,) alone

> 'God forgive her!' I said to myself, as I took the gruel up-stairs. But I am afraid I meant 'God punish

and untended! *

I felt as I watched him helpless and suffering, with the cruel disease gaining upon him hour by hour, such a tenderness for him, and such a great before the town was stirring, and was indignation against those who had deserted him without pity, that I was ight.

'But don't imagine that it will last hardly just or reasonable. There were many that felt sorry for him without long, he said, warningly. This is doubt, and would have risked someonly the beginning, you know. The thing, perhaps, but for the sake of

The doctor was the bearer, indeed, of 'I shall not mind, if only he lives kindly messages and inquiries every through it,' I answered. 'Do you think day. But the fact remained that the house was shunned, as a pest-house 'Of course he is in danger; that is would have been, and not a human taken for granted in the beginning. creature would so much as pass by it if Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, 14th, December 1885. A. D. it was possible to reach their destination end. I'll do my best to save him; otherwise. The very milk-carts took cross-cuts to evade a possible breath 'And I'll do my best to help you,' I from the infected place, and Jimmy had to resort to many round-about measures even to procure supplies of

food. Helen'-when the doctor had left us There was a dreadful monotony in alone again-'Did iver ye hear how me those long, bot, bright days, as they an' Mister Park'nson got to be so crept slowly, oh, so slowly, onwards. The doctor's visits, early in the 'You and Mr. Parkinson! You don't morning and late in the evening, were the only break in their blank dreariness; 'Not to speak of, Miss Helen,' he re- and these-though watched for in turned, as if I had paid him a compli- breathless anxiety as the disease gainment, 'Nor I don't lack for pride, ed headway-came to have a terror of naythur. It's something to be proud of, faith, to be frinds with Mr. Park'n. his face deepened more and more arch. wanted at the Factory, Che CEDAR SHINGLE WOOD for his face deepened more and more arch. of, faith, to be frinds with Mr. Park'n- his face deepened more and more, each morning and night that he stood by the

bedside where my poor patient lay.
'Doctor, tell me what you are thinking,' I asked one night as he stood with 'Well, it came around in a quare kind knitted brows, looking down at the see, had the bad habit of batin' me wid a hot poker whin she had a dhrop thing, in letting you sacrifice yourself 'I am thinking that I did a wicked

too much. An' that, sure, was as like for what I might have known in the beas not to be sivin days in the week! So ginning was a forlorn hope;' he answer- IN CLOTH, TWEED & VELVET the poker, I'd rin for the life o' me, an Oh, doctor, does that mean that you

down yonder, an' made a hole in the | lm st breath itself! The sooner that wather, jis' to hide mesilf from the goes, too, the better for him and for you. I only wish it may end before it

you couldn't get out without help—
was that the way Mr. Parkinson made

'It will not kill me, doctor,—or if it
does, no matter. Don't think of me. "It was jist! returned Jimmy. 'Ye're smart at a guess; ain't ye, Miss Helen! Me mither had chased me, ye see, till me head was twasted and was transfer of the support during the year of 1853. Soliciting and I will not give it up. Tell me head was transfer of 1864 and wishing all a hope, and I will not give it up. Tell Try to think of something to do for

knew a livin' thing from that time on, have done your best. And here he

'Yes-here he lies! But he is not dead,' I urged. 'Oh doctor, keep on 'On the kitchen floor, Jimmy? I trying-think of something else to do. wonder what Miss Prissy said to that?' I can't, I can't let him die!' I burst out crying as I spoke. I chuckled. 'She an' that blacky-more | could not help myself for I was weak with fatigue and excitement, and

'Don't, Helen! don't do that!' he ensure the master niver minded 'ens, treated of me. 'If you give way now, China Tea Setts. begorra. He told 'em to howld their I don't know what will become of you

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