THE WRECKERS

It was a wild night. The pallid moon peered forth at long intervals from the angry, black clouds which scudded in low, ragged patches across the sky.

Not a star was visible; they had long since disappeared in the inky blackness which swallowed up the night. The storm raged with the fury of a madman; lightning pierced the blackness in gleaming, quivering flashes, whilst each succeeding peal of thunder, as it rolled across the heavens, seemed to shake the world.

Far out at sea, with tattered sails and masts gone by the board, a vesdrove before the gale, plunging through the dark, relentless waves, rose in threatening, angry tumult round her prow; staggering like a stricken monster when the wind struck her with unusual force.

On the good ship flew-straight on to her doom. Before her stretched a rock-bound coast; long rows of breakers hid the cruel shore, about the treacherous roared, covering rocks with foam-lashed whiteness.

could stay her course. The cruel son. stern; one shuddering moment she rose, poised on the black rocks; then, down, down! out of sight she sank! Her timbers strewed the sea-a hundred human lives were lost.

Cornwall is situated the tiny settle-

ment of St. Bride. How it came to be called thus would be hard to say, as there is no spot more evil in all England.

uncultured, unprincipled people; possessing for the most part no reliindolent and vicious to a deso frequently along their dangerous

beacons are often placed upon the soft eyes. cliffs during a storm to lure vessels those who live further inland.

the helpless creatures washed ashore. Separated from the rest, and built beneath the protection of a huge cliff, he will not die," she murmured aloud. stood a cottage of better appearance than the others. It was surrounded by a low, white fence, and on either row of tall wind-blown holly-hocks and daisies.

Here lived an aged couple and their red the ways of the people among whom she dwelt, and dreaded the sullen temper and evil doings of her un-

Long ago she would have made her escape from the horrors that surrounded her, but she could never make up her mind to leave to the tender mercies of her wicked uncle, the invalid aunt who had always been kind to her, and who seemed to cling to Sounds him for courtesy, behavior, her more closely since the loss of her son, a lad of seventeen, who had run away to sea several years before.

meal had just been cleared away. The old man and his wife drew up their chairs to the fire-the girl withdrew to a distant corner to knit.

ward with eager attention; "didst day were present. ull be awanting me-I maun go."

movement; her, face paled, the need- their characters. les fell from her nervous fingers.

nothin's happened yet-maybe there ture?'

ing a lantern from a nail above the as this novice of literature. fire-place, he went out into the night, slamming the door behind him. When he had gone, the girl crept Newcome."

the fire, unseeing, with dull misery in pared to them) ignorant me.

in volume-the girl had not stirred, it may interest you to learn a little From time to time she sighed deeply; about the Colonel. a strange tense expression had come into her face; her hands were clasped "Is he a gentleman of the Chevter-tightly in her lan, her head bent field type? Is he a Don Quixote?" slightly forward in a listening atti- A Chesterfield as far as manners, tude-she waited. Suddenly, a dull and a Don Quixote in his simplicity. booming sound, followed instantly by He is in truth "the strong, humble, a strange, wailing - an almost un- simple-minded gentleman, the grizzled earthly cry-rose above the noise soldier, with the heart of a child."

have mercy," she cried, flinging out the old soldier, but on being introher hands with a supplicating, pas-duced, "His voice exceedingly soft sionate gesture. Then she sank back and pleasant and with a cordiality so on the floor, burying her face in the simple and sincere that my laughter"

hand gently on the girl's trembling much more respectful and friendly. shoulder. "'Taint no use to cry, The word that throughout the book Ann," she said in a dull voice - is most applied to the Colonel, even ' 'taint no use.

For a long time the girl remained ple. awful cry still echoing in her ears, a child, "Simplicity," though none

The fire grew lower and lower. The to older persons.

The steps approached nearer; the deal. door was pushed open, letting in a Even in youth fate seems to have brighten. cold blast of wind and rain, which conspired against him; his early life made the fire spring into life again, could hardly be called a happy one. revealing the drenched weatherbeaten He reaches the land of his long desire, Vegetable Pills regulate the action figure of the old man, holding a dark, but with a heart that is crushed - of the secretions, purify the blood limp form in his arms. He staggered badly crushed, and there he remains and keep in, pushed the door to with his foot, the greater portion of his life. bench which ran along the 'all.

the prostrate form, and weighing it Honeyman, the unfortunate clergyman carefully in his hand. "Don't 'e look who, having squandered his money

the woman. "Let me see to him," she added coaxingly.

you, d'you hear?" sullenly back to her seat by the debt. girl, yet keeping a furtive watch on whom he knew, and what eye that the movements of her husband as he saw him did not bless him?

dazed fashion over his eyes. Did he see aright, or was it some spare. which the dark waters seethed and damp, dark mass of hair; the same one, but withal he had the heavenly hair, the same features, the likeness strength. was indisputable. The man lying so To what eye would it not bring

"For the love of Heaven! look on manner of the finding of the Colonel him-the lad, and tell me, is it true?" by Pendennis, as it is given in the The woman stared wildly for a book. moment at the still features, then It is the grand old chapel of the flung herself on her knees by the school on the anniversary of its foundprostrate form, endeavoring to encir- ing, "the day being known as Found-On the most northern coast of cle it with her old, trembling arms. er's Day. "Holy Mother!" she moaned, "my boy-my boy."

The morning broke clear and fresh, we hear-The golden sun poured down a wealth A spare dozen small whitewashed of splendor on the sea. Gleaming ordered by the Lord; and He delightcottages, made mostly from the hulls emerald and sapphire hues played riot eth in his way. of old disused vessels, comprises the over the waves. Gulls and cormor-The inhabitants are rude, ants swooped in snowy clouds about utterly cast down; for the Lord up-

the cliffs. treacherous loveliness of it all, were am old; yet have I not seen the rightgree; living almost entirely upon the it not for the dark tell-tale heaps of eous forsaken nor his seed begging salvage from the wrecks which occur wreckage strewn upon the beach and their bread. imprisoned among the jagged rocks. Many evil rumors go abroad and stood on the cliff gazing out to sea, towards the swarm of black-coated not without foundation, that false a sad, thoughtful expression in her pensioners, and amongst them -

The wind blew her shawl tight come. His dear old head was bent to their doom, is firmly believed by about her shoulders and loosened down over his prayer-book; there was the masses of her red-gold hair, no mistaking him. The steps of this By common policy the signals of a twisting the stray tendrils against good man had been ordered hither vessel in distress meet no response, her face. While she gazed, the sad by heaven's decree; to this almsand very little attention is paid to look faded out of her eyes, and a house. Here it was ordained that a warm tender smile banished the tired life all love and kindness and honor lines on her young face. "I know should end.

"I have prayed, and God is good." side the goor bloomed a straggling back to the cottage with a lighter But the end came happily; he had heart than she had known for years- with him all he loved best, from Leoher eves to the charge which awaited grandson, Thomas. There, as the niece, a girl of nineteen, who abhor- her.—Helen M. DeFoe, in Leaflets from chapel bell struck the hour for roll-

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He is a noble gentleman: withal Happy in his endeavors: the general voice

language, And every fair demeanor, an exam-

It was evening at the cottage; the Titles of honor add not to his worth Beauty, strength, youth, are flowers Who is himself an honor to his title.

I was "young, very young" in the His helmet now shall make a hive for Presently a low, distant peal of world of literature, though aspiring thunder made itself heard above the to the great, when I had the honor booming of the serf. A lurid flash of of being invited to a dinner party lightning lit up the small room. given by Lord Tennyson in his beau-The rain beat dismally against the tiful home in the Isle of Wight. This was for the Baron's literary friends, "Hist," said the man, leaning for- and nearly all the great ones of the

hear that, lass? There is a wild Some might have almost accused night coming on. Belikes there'll be these learned men of talking, "shop," a wreck afore morning. The lads but to all present there was nothing that could interest them more than to The girl rose with an unsteady talk of books, their writers, and

Our kind old host now put a ques-"There aint no need to go to-night, tion which he said the gentlemen highly uncle," she pleaded, hoarsely, "There could settle afterwards by ballot. It is only by the most careful treatain't no need. There isn't anything "Whom," he said, "do you consider ment that they are able to keep much we're lacking, and anyhow, the finest gentleman in English litera- themselves alert and active in their

The man scowled at her darkly, me! I can feel again the intense ex- Pills in regulating the stomach and making no response. He pulled his citement, the almost spellbound inter- consequently keeping the head clear. cap down well over his eyes, turned est with which I waited "the reup the collar of his jacket, and seiz- turns" to see if any thought the same

"Strange," said Tennyson, slip bears the same name, Colonel I could have almost over to the old woman. Crouching on leaped with joy to think all taese the floor beside her, she stared into great men thought the same as (com-

Now, by chance some of you may Hours passed-the storm increased not have read "The Newcomes," and

You may, perhaps, wonder and ask,

When we first meet the Colonel, The girl sprang to her feet, a look Pendennis, the supposed writer of the of terror on her white face. "Lord, tale, has been mentally making fun of

oman's skirt.

The old woman laid a toil-worn shame and gave place to a feeling in the shortest description, is "sim-It seems that he is a man thus, without raising her head, the with that most beautiful attribute of

room was almost it darkness, when It is not with the book in general does nobedy any good. She simply slow, labored steps were heard ap- or with the style of the writer, but invites the hand of Time, which The woman with the character of the Colonel and writes plenty of wrinkles on her stirred uneasily. The girl remained with some parts in his pathetic life brow, around her eyes and mouth

shutting out the storm; then laid his But into such details we cannot en- according to direction they will overapparently lifeless burden or the rude ter; enough to say that he came home come dyspepsia, eradicate biliousa prosperous man to see his son, in ness, and leave the digestive organs

his Clive. in a surely tone, unfastening a gold all times with open heart and hand giving tone to the system

chain which hung around the neck of to help the unhappy ones. Charles and other people's, is cast in the "But maybe he ain't," protested debtor's prison, there to remain until some kind-hearted member of his congregation should think it Lt to The man pushed her back roughly, fit to pay that vast sum. But the "Don't I tell ye he's done for?" he good-hearted soldier could not let answered fiercely, "I'll no have ye such things pass unnoticed, and at meddling in things as don't concern a time when it was most difficult for him to part with the money, he The woman said no more, but went gives every "sou" of the immense "Whom did he not benefit

searched the man's clothing, and And when his hour came and the stripped the rings from his fingers. grand old man was bowed by the All at once the old man uttered a misfortune he had inflicted on others low cry and started back-a strange, through his lack of business capabilistartled expression on his rugged countenance, gazing intently into the pale face before him. He passed the back of his hand in of this same fallen clergyman, who sent him all the money he could

strange delusion of the senses pro- The Colonel rejoiced to see him beduced by the fitful, wavering light in come the man God had intended him the room? Surely, no. He could not to be. Oh! sad, is this life to many, be mistaken, the birthmark on the but saddest to the unbeliever. The livid temple, half concealed by the soldier's career was an unfortunate

On flew the ship-no human hand still and white before him was his tears to see this hero sitting among the pensioners of Gray Friars-that rocks were reached . . A mighty crash! An agonized cry pierced the night; the vessel split from stem to

"The service for Founder's Day is a special one; one of the Psalms selected being the thirty-seventh, and

"23. The steps of a good man are "24. Though he fall, he shall not be

holdeth him with His hand. One might well be deceived by the "25. I have been young and now

"As we came to this verse So thought the girl, Ann as she chanced to look up from my book amongst them-sat Thomas New-

Ever noble and true, a burden to others he could not be, so with hu-Turning her back on the sea, the mility he sought this haven to resky and the whirling gulls, she went main until God should call him home. went back with a great gladness in nore, his first love, to his little call, Thomas Newcome, a peculiarly sweet smile upon his face, answered "Adsum" as he had done when a little boy, and entered into the Mas-

'His golden locks Time hath to silver

A time too swift, O swiftness never ceasing. His youth 'gainst time and age hath

ever spurned,-But spurned in vain-youth warmeth by increasing.

but fading seen, Duty, faith, love, are roots, and ever

And lover's songs he turned to holy

man-at-arms must now serve on his knees, And feed on prayers which are old age's alms. -Mary Leacock, in Leaflets from

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the street "Why, Madge, I didn't know that you knew Burt and Harry," her aunt said, in surprise.

"I didn't before," said Madge. "Well, how did you become acquainted?" the aunt asked. "Oh, I just saw them sitting on the

step, and I went over and swung around the pole, and then we made

A woman who never worries de and sending the blood back cold from could accuse him of that trait which clares that there is nothing more "simple" now involves, when applied detrimental to beauty in woman than worry. The worrying white and still as if turned to stone. -and it is pathetic-that we wish to paints her face a yellow and gives lack-lustre eye that no artifice can

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