AUTUMN RAIN.

Dear to me the constant p'ashing Of the rain drops falling fast, And the dripping leafless branches Waving in the autum blast, When the wither'd summer flowers Dead and cold are strewn around When the autum leaves are lying

Black and wet upon the ground-Then I wander through the forest, Then I haunt each dark retreat, But the leafy carpet never Starts an echo from my feet.

I have listened to the murmer

Of the quiet autumn rain,

As it fell with ceaseless patter On the tinkling window pane I have stood to hear the music Of the quiet autumn rain. As upon the spectral darkness Floated by the sweet refrain-And I love the gentle whisper Of the patter on the pane, For I feel the spirits near me, Whed I tear the auutumn.

Pride and Jealousey

Or a Wronged Husband.

Continued.

days had been dimmed by the shadow black cloud across the sunlight of that of genteel poverty, which had served to bright May day. chasten the natural brightness of her temper. The drudgery of her home life had been relieved and softened by a loving mother's influence, and under make her an orphan, and then followhumble home to the abode of luxury this?' and splendour, where her gentle nature shed the shame soft radiance round her, making her presence like a shining light.

John Rudderforth was the managing clerk in the large banking establishment of Mr. Samuel Babington, and had filled that office with strict intergrity for many years. Not only was he trusted by his master with unreserved confidence, but he was also frequent sharer in his hospitality. strong attachment had grown up between him and Clemency Maybrook, and though he was a dozen years her senior, still his truthful, manly face, his plain and homely ways, the story of his rareer, unfavoured by any accidental advantages of birth or wealth, the sole support from boyhood of a widowed mother, all combined to throw a charm around him of inexpressible tenderness. They loved each other-he with all the ardour of his simple nature; and she with the like ible. The hue of ruddy health sudpure passion of womanly devotion.

Huge Sherwood, the cousin of Grace Babington, was undeserving the almost scoffing lightness that Grace ever afs fected to feel towards him. The son of a merchant, who though hard toil had amassed a splendid fortune, it was scarcely surprising that the youth had studied to learn the true value of ambitious, yet not indifferent to the independence that the right use of riches procures. His purse was always open, and his hand liberal to struggling of hope, 'that you have valued the merit or impoverished genius. With him the line between moderation and avarice was distinctly drawn,

The banker was one of thoso men on whom the sun of prosperity had shone to steadily and long, that he had at Jength become an infidel to the belief that it was ever doomed to set. He was formerly the grave plodding man of business. guiding with his own strong steady hand the helm of his affairs. His punctuality had passed into a proverb with those who knew him. The bank flourished, and he grew rapidly rich. Civic honours were showered upon him, and he became ambitis ous for higher distinctions. He was proud of his wealth, prouder still of his face with hands that trembled, his beautiful daughter. A desire for at length he asked in a tone of hopeless ostentation overcame his mercantile agony. 'What is to be done?' spirit and wrought a manifesr change in his early thrifty habits. He bes presenting another document to him. came luxurious, prodigal in his expenditure, and lavish in his hospitale and ran his eyes over its contents, then ity. His sole pride, heart, and being, turning with indignant fierceness to his GLASSWARE seemed centred in Grace, and as she clerk, exclaimed, !What is it you pros reached womandeed the dazzling cirs pose?—a failure, ruin!' cle of pleasure was unceasingly tras 'Better, far better than what you versed. His quite will a residence was propose,' replied the clerk. By exchanged for Belgrave House, with making this assignment, every crea retinue of servants and splendid ditor shall receive 18 shillings in the equipages. All seemed to flow smooth pound; but your expedient would only a glittering as a river beneath the sun- lead to a fraudulent bankruptcy. light. Suddenly, and in quick suctions of think of your good name, think of cession, several unforeseen failures disgrace and dishonour!' gave very rude shocks to the strong!

commercial citadel. Still public conin the bank remained unshaken. The good name and religious faith so honestly preserved in the past inspired confidence in the future; but, alas! the stately vessel was gliding over sunk-Mr. Babington smiled, gazed upwards Spring Mount Cottage and trusted that some breeze of fortune would lift the leaky ship across the bar. In vain did John Rudders forth warn him of his danger; he plunged more madly into pleasure, and des nounced his faithful servant as an evil

prophet and a screech owl of ill omen. Great as was John's mental anguish at those unjust remarks, still he never swerved in his endeavours to tear the veil from the banker's darkened vision. He stood bravely to a post which other Book & Novelty Store men would probably have abandoned; but as it was full of danger, his simple faith cherished the belief that it was likewise full of honour.

At length the oft-predicted crisis became iminent. One of the most important firms in Manchester suspended payment, and Mr. Babington, who was their principal correspondent, was included in a personal claim, he had drawn bills of exchange at short sight which it was now imperative to meet. The instant John Rudderforth heard of the disaster, he locked himself in the countinghouse, and examined all the books and letters of correspondence. Clemency Mabrook was the only child of an early widowed mother.

After three days and nights of incessant cless, too numerous to mention.

PICTRUES famed to order Reared in adversity, her childhood's splendid mansion, and entered like a

The shadow deepened on Mr. Babington's face when he entered the library, and saw at a glance the expresher sweet censorship her mind had been his honest friend's countenance He cultured to abide with patience and threw himself into a chair, and his MARBLE WORKS self-relience the decrees of Provinence.

Death came across her quet life to quivering features to a ponderous mass of papers on the table. At length ROBERT A. MACKIM. ed the change that took her from her he nervously enquired, !What is all

> 'Those papers.' said the clerk with firmness, 'demand your instant perus-

'No, John, no, was the petulant reply not now, another time. I am unequal

'they have cost me, sir, three conses cutive days and nights of searching part of the Provinces or the United States labor,' said the clerk, still mildly stil firmly. I have stripped the tree of all its fruit, both green, and ripe, and rotten, and there it is.'

'You have made a summery, John? inquired the banker.

'True, sir,' replied the elerk; 'bu that is the lost paper I would have you examine.'--'Give it to me,' said the banker.

The clerk handed his master the particular document, and as his eyes glanced over the figures, a marked transition from passive heedlessness to alarm and terror was visibly perceptdenly faded from his cheek, and a bead ed Maisture stood upon his knitted

'What is this?' he exclaimed in hoarsa whisper; 'my assets six thous-

have included in those assets some doubtful debts.'

'But here I perceive, said the banks er, catching, as he thought, at a gleam Ashdale estate of two thousand pounds less than it cost me.'

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'But might I do mortgage it for sufficient sum to meet my payments until the end of the month?' urged 134-SIGN OF THE GUN-134 the banker despondingly.

of too many,' replied the clerk.

'True, true,' said the banker with moaning anguish. I have gambled with the future too long, to long.' He drew the paper from him and covered his face with hands that trembled,

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