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THE BOY WHO

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A NEW ENGLAND TALE. By the Author of "Sundries."

Suddenly the apparition of some unexpected object broke his revery. "Well, 1 declare!" he exclaimed—Zwhy no it ain't—and yet it is too, as sure as my name is Bijie Underwood!" and clapping the hat upon his head which he had held in his hand that his tem-ples might be fanned by the morning breeze, the Deacon stumped briskly down the hill, and met the emigrant, just as he had turned, on foot, up to the house, and was about to apply for admittance. The Deacon commenced the conversation:

There haint no accident nor nothing happened to you, I hope?" The good old man had forgotten entirely the unkind thoughts against the stranger with which in common with all the vil-lage, he let him depart on the previous

day.

The emigrant shook his head. The Deacon had by this time filled a brim-ming mug of cider, which he pressed upon the stranger, while he pursued his

"You ain't lost nothing, nor less nothing behind you—and nothing has been stole. I do trust, in Hardscrabble. But that there dumb Jonce Smiley-"No, no!" said the stranger, a little impatiently as he sat down the mug. to the contents of which, as was the ante-breakfast custom in those days. he had done justice. The Deacon put away the drinking cup, with a true landlord's eye to business, and apparently lost in wonder at the emigrant's return, pushed his half-questioning re-

"Lut you are out early, and afoot and on the back track too it beats me out and out to know what it can be

rou; and I come early because I've ong fourney to go, and no time pare, and because I did want to see

come afoot to spare my horse with his day's work before him. I don't mind a six mile walk, and a merciful man is merciful to his beast, you

The stranger had, with Yankee shrewdness, blocked up all chance for farther cross-questioning, and the Deacen had nothing to do but to sit as paleadly as he could, and listen. The stränger resumed.

Well, it's about that boy, Jonce, or Jonathan Smiley-

"Possible!" ejaculated the Deacon, in undisguised wonder. "And you've walked clear back to Hardscrabble, at The stranger merely nodded in answer to the interruption, and proceeded. "You've seen more of the lad than I have, but a man can sometimes guess as much in half an hour, as he could

"That's just the conclusion I'd come to," said the Deacon, now beginning to feel his official importance, "and I was just going to have something done

about it this very day." "Yes," said the other, "but what kind of a something? I heard you talk yesterday about the workhouse, or the county jail. Is that doing justly as you'd be done by? Now, allowing you had a son, a little bit wild or so, is warmly, and continued: "Last night, that the way you'd thank anybody for if a parcel of Ishmaelites had come

curing him for you!"
The muscles about the Deacon's eyes twitched a little, while the emigrant waited for his answer. The Deacon spoke, but evaded the question by another: "But where is the creature? Does any body know, I wonder? We hunted high and low last night, and couldn't find hide nor hair of him, and his mother went away from here in a terrible taking. I wonder if she found

him to home?" "No," answered the emigrant.
"Possible! I wonder if he dared to stay out all night! Well, there are some children who beat all for wickedness. To torment his mother, and the whole town so! It's right down wicked! But I guess you could tell us some

news if you would."
Without heeding this sagacious per adventure the stranger answered, "Dared to stay away! a dumb beast dare to keep out of the reach of kicks and cuffs, if he could, and shall not a rea-sonable creature dare to keep whole bones in his skin if he knows enough to try! Why, Deacon, I don't suppose you can see it, and I don't believe that you would wrong a fly if you knew it; but that child has been abused here beyond all account; and the very mother that bore him has had her ears filled till she's e'en-a-most lost all natural

affection."

Tre Deacon shook his head. "He's a bad boy—a dreadful bad boy—terribly opstropolous. And to crown all, to think of his e'en just killing Pelitiah Perkins. What a dreadful thing that would have been, if his strength had been as good as his will! But I reckon, talking about filling ears, that he's put comething into yourn besides cottonsomething into your'n besides cotton

woot."
Deacon Underwood, that boy hasn't often had a chance to speak to any body that would hark to his story, I reckon, by the way he talked to me. And it isn't his tongue alone that is his witness. The whole of his body, from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, is one black and blue spot; and the wales on his back are as thick as my thumb, and as close together as

the hoops on your cider barrel."
"Peltiah Perkins did thrash him
peskily, that's a fact," said the Deacon. "He beat him like a brute-worse than a brute. And, after all, Deabon, it wasn't him that was to blame about the cow, I do beffeve, and I know he didn't throw the stone. He was on the left-hand side of Peltiah Perkins, over the fence, and it don't stand to reason he could fling a rock, and hit him on the right side of his head. I took notice of that last night, and he

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declares by all that's good and great Little Margaret was called. A kind question or two from the emigrant, and an aproving look from the Deacon brought out the whole truth. It was hard to decide which was best pleased with the Deacon's admissions in favor of Jonce, Margaret or the stranger. Her story finished, Margaret hastened away, lest the treble screech of her mistress should be ringing through the house for her; but where Jonce, and Jonce kindly spoken of, was the theme of the discourse, she would gladly have tened to the last, if she had dare but the acquital of Jonce, while illy gratified the Deacon, placed bit quandry. He knew the bitterne his wife, the "power behind hi eral tenor of public opinion, as t

aided to form it against Jonce; an he knew that to throw the Perkinse uto the wrong, and to show that the ad abused poor Jonce, would mak hat strong party in the Hardscrabble politic, more the poor boy's en "What shall I do with mies than ever. im?" at length he asked. "As you say ie will never come to anything in this

"I'll take him," said the stranger.

poor widow woman, and I judge you'll agree with me that the boy will never come to nothing, if he stays rampaging about here, and taking his own head in every thing."

Just now, as overseer of the your, you was going to send him the workhouse. You dont want to do the workhouse, and for his mother, bind him out to me, and I'll take him west, and make a man of him "Yes. Just now, as overseer of the

The Deacon deliberated wi self. At length he said, hesitatingly, "Mister-er-I den't so much as know your name ...

"Mr. Berry, I do know your name now, but I don't know no more about your character than about the man in the moon." The Deacon took a turn or two about the room, and offering along, I do believe the Lord might have left me in my sin, to sell that boy to go down into Egypt—but the truth is, you've touched and reprimanded me. You've put the lash on the raw pretty knowing it. I have a son of my own-my only child, and Heaven only knows how he will end. But," said the Deacon, dashing away a tear with the back of his hand, "we'll let that go. I believe you're a right up and down good man, and I'd put my own life and hap-piness in your hands without a doubt if so be it was necessary. But God is the judge between me and this poor boy, and you have been the means, in his hands, of opening my eyes to my responsibilities, and my heart to pity."

The stranger muszed a moment.
"If you could only go with me to the next village "Sartainly I can!" said the Deacon,

his face at once lighting up, "and just so sartainly I will. I'll have the horse put into my wagon, and after breakfast we'll drive down there, a little quicker than you walked up; and Mrs. Smiley shall go along, too, and poor little Jonce shall have one kind word from her to take west with him, any how. ruckon von mean to give me a rei

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They were seated in the wagon. Margaret ran out, placed a parcel in Mr.
Berry's hand, and had just time to
say, "It's for him!" when "Margaret!
you Margaret!" came from the house
in Mrs. Underwood's well-known falsetto. As the wagon rolled from the door the little girl ran back into the house, and bent all her thoughts to her fistress's requirements. She struggled hard, and conquered her feelings for the hour; but at the first pause in her daily work, she slipped out to the trysting-place beneath the tree—the spot where accident had decided Jonce's future fortune. There she cried till her ittle senses were so confused that she fancied Jonce, too, was present, and crying on the other side of the fence. "Margaret! you Margaret!" again pursued her, and hastily drying her eyes, the little true lover-none the less true that she was little-hastened to repair by her diligence the whole hour she had lost. In certain kind of tears, ar well as in joy, time flies apace.

CHAPTER IV.

The West! Where is it? Once bounded by the limits of the Atlantic States, then as new state after state was formed, limited by the Mississippi it is now bounded only by the Pacific. At the time of our tale, however, the Great West, comparatively little of it as had been settled, seemed more vast than at present; for while no one dreamed of the Oregon as a practicable place of settlement, the continent seemed boundless, and the expectations of those who tempted this wilderness in pursuit of a better change in their condition, were as vast and as vague as their ideas of the territory upon which they entered. Nor were these great expectations to be tested without great sacrifices. No railroads made the desire to travel and the accomplishment efforts of mind and body almost simultaneous. The canal had not intersected the country with its easy and cheap means of conveyance. Turnpikes even were almost unknown, and through tracts of country where thousands of travelers now rush with almost the lightning's speed, the emigrant laboriously worked his way through what were barely paths in the forest, in which the blow of his own axe might which the blow of his own axe might not unfrequently be necessary to facilitate his progress. Men departed for the newer New World, as for a country where children might be born to them, whose children would perhaps find the comforts of civilized life coming out to them in the desest. If many of these planeses, have found themselves surpioneers have found themselves surrounded with more dense neighborhoods than they dared hope their grandchildren would live among, it was more than the most sanguine prophets among them would have ventured to

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Throwing sort teed upon the ground is poor economy. Troughs or smooth boards cost little and are not only much cleaner,

but avoid waste of feed. Young chickens will eat wheat when 2 weeks old, and, as it is one of the very best grains that can be given for growth, it is quite an item to feed them liberally

with it. In mating always endeavor to use active, vigorous cocks. Do not select the largest and heaviest. Sacrifice points for vigor. Mate 1-year-old cocks with 2-year-old hens.

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Gifts that involve no sacrifice return neither happiness nor pleasure.
Where the body is wrung with pain, where it is filled with disease, one cannot be happy. Doctors head the list of suicides, be-

cause they see the ill side of life-its physical side. We here in America seem to have evolved in the course of our fast living

a disease that once was not known-nervous prostration. It is always very hard to tell which of these two is the more miserable man one earth - the discontented rich or the

The little child who buys tin toys for a cent in the stores gets more pleasure out of giving them to some other little child than the rich men who ostentatiously give presents worth thousands of dollars.--Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

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