

That Lass o' Lowrie's. A STORY OF THE LANCASHIRE COAL MINES.

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CHAPTER XV. A DISCOVERY.

The tirst time that Joan appeared at the night school, the men and girls na' move fur fear o' wakenin' th' choild. looked up from their tasks to stare at I'm fain to see yo' to-neet."

their scrutiny, and the flurry of curiosity few moments she was silent, and then suspect him of needing their assistance, should be ashamed i' a manner to be to pay, and had he not made an open and excitement soon died out. After she looked up at him. the first visit her place was never vacant. "I ha' been readin' th' Bible," she On the nights appointed for the classes said, as if in desperation. "I dunnot one loikes a dog wi' th' mange, whether do say for 'em not to be so dom'd free to meet, she came, did the work allotted to her, and went her way again, pretty much as she did at the mines. When in due time, Anice began to work out her much as she did at the mines. When in due time, Anice began to work out her much as she did at the mines. When in due time, Anice began to work out her much as she did at the mines. When in due time, Anice began to work out her much as she did at the mines did much and the mines did much and the mange as foakes want to get rid on." Man'-well, queer enow, I coom seet on much as the user, and he to the Rector, much as the user, and he to the Rector, much as the user, and he to the Rector, the mange as foakes want to get rid on." Man'-well, queer enow, I coom seet on much as the user of the tast. The brings 'em in by the many as the user, and he to the Rector, the number of the tast. The brings 'em in by the scruft o' th' neck, if he canna do no was sinking that \$1600 for nothing." plan of co-operation with her, she was summat about childer,—that little un as when that portly consoler called on him. better,—fur bring 'em in he mun,—an' not disappointed in the fulfilment of her he took and set i' th' midst o' them, an' "It's Providence, is it ? Well, aw I say it looks loike he's aw i' a fever till he's the strong taste of the flowing brine hopes. Gradually it became a natural then that theer when he said 'Suffer th' thing for a slow and timid girl to turn to Joan Lowrie for help. The took and set I th midst o them, an then that theer when he said 'Suffer th' little childer to coom unto me.' Do yo' Joan Lowrie for help. The took and set I th midst o them, an then that theer when he said 'Suffer th' little childer to coom unto me.' Do yo' say aw that's true? I nivver thowt on

"I will," and she closed her hand with a th' little un here! I munnot go wrong creetly. Their reverence for him as a am noan o'th' Methody breed mysen." sudden nervous strength.

tha knows thysen? Does tha think a him to deal rightly with this woman. He siderable spirit. workin' lass ivver did learn as much as a found words to utter, and uttered them "Yo're in a mort o' trouble, Sammy, I "Happen I did. He wur fur havin' me lady.

"I think," said Anice, "that you can words it matters not,-but he did not puffing at his long clay. do anything you try to do.' By very slow degrees she had arrived passion of fear and belief.

at a discovery which a less close observer might have missed altogether, or at least almost as if seeking help from it, and only arrived at much later in the day of wept.

moved in this direction the night that Derrick slipped into that half soliloquy about Joan. She might well be startled. This man and woman could scarcely have

words of Fergus Derrick's had suggested to his hearer that each, through some undefined attraction, was veering toward the other. Neither might be aware of this: but it was surely true. Little as social creeds influenced Anice, she could Mr. Barholm to his wife and daughter.

not close her eyes to the incongruous--

couraging day, it occurred to Grace that ative had done the rest. The weekly de-he would go and see Joan; and dropping posit in the old stocking hidden under an' happen it wurn't. I wur na so he would go and see Joan; and dropping in upon her on his way back to town, after a visit to a parishioner who lived upon the high-road, he found the girl sitting alone—sitting as ahe often did, with the child asleep upon her knee; but this time with a book lying close to its hand and her own. It was Anice's Bible.

"Wil yo' set down ?" she said, in a perty, with a voice in the affairs of the up to, as if he wur a confidential friend

"Theer's a chair as yo' con tak'. I con-set aside among the frequenters of the some road; an' they mun drag him in of Brussels. Even Mr. F. C. Rogers, to whose en-Crown, his political opinions ignored, his endways or sideways i' their talk whethsarcasms shorn of their point. Knowing er or not, an' they wunnot be content to her, and whisper among themselves; but He took the chair and thanked her, his poverty and misfortune, the men who leave him to work for hissen. Seems to she was to all appearances, oblivious of and waited for her next words. Only a had stood in awe of him would begin to me if I wur a disciple as they ca' it, I of getting the saline of sufficient strength

and would avoid him accordingly.

she had learned, working on silently and th' Bible soart; but now-well that and now Sammy was at his worst. See- ciple when I see it, an' this matter o' retasks with a determination which seemed at times almost feverish. If the said it hissen—Ah! mester,"— into an expression signifying defiance at and the words breaking from her were once of his ill luck and worldly comment. But—"feeling per-now declare that sait can yet be found "I mun learn," she said to Anice once. an actual cry,-"Aye, mester, look at his acquaintances shook their heads dishaps that this was a large admission, "I

udden nervous strength. Then again there were times when her He felt his heart beat quick, and his worldly goods which had been "made

soul; here in his hands perhaps lay the deed even to have "made away wi' a the combat. "Dost tha think," she said, "dost tha think as I could ivver learn as much as

with courage and with faith. What mak' no doubt," remarked one oracle,

"Trouble enow," returned Sammy,

experience. Anice's thoughts were "I munnot go wrong," she said over mon. Riches is deceitful an' beauty is the favour, an' not bein' one o' th' removed in this direction the night that and over again. "How could I hold th' vain -not as tha wur ivver much o' a generate, as he ca's 'em, I dunnot feel was struck at a depth of 1000 feet. Then

'Frettin' works different wi' some foak meat first and th' grace arterward'." o what it does wi' others. I nivver These remarks upon matters theologiseed thee fretted, mysen. Does it ha' cal were applauded enthusiastically by who also sunk the Blyth well.

to, I should think it would na harm thee had finished his say, however, and be- rod goes down some 600 feet. -or other foak either. A bit o' sharp- lieving that having temporarily exness is na so hard to stand wheer it's a hausted his views upon any subject, it are now being built. The building is 122 variety.'

"Sithee, Sammy," called out a boister-ous young fellow from the other side of from his audience to his pipe, and the of Baden, although the contract was orithe room. "What did th' parson ha' to intimate friends who sat near him. say to thee ? Thwaite wur tellin' me as "What art tha going to do, owd lad ?"

SALT IN BRUSSELS. F. C. Rogers' Well Producing First-

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He would have been a bold prophet The would have been a bold prophet who one year ago would have declared that to-day first-class brine would be pumped from a well in Brussels, and that the activity attendant upon the erection and furnishing of a salt block "Wil yo' set down?' she said, in a perty, with a voice in the affairs of the up to, as if he wur a confidential friend voice whose sound was new to him. nation, he was a beggar. He saw himself o' theirs as they wur bound to back up i' the quietest corner of the snuglittle town

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We had once been skeptical, too; but As for Joan's own progress, it was not it afore, --but som how I should na loike His remarks upon his first appearance out, an' feels comfortable, loike a mon argued that the owner of the well mean long before Miss Barholm began to re-to think it wur na. Nay, I should na !" at the Crown among his associates, after gard the girl with a new wonder. She gard the girl with a new wonder. She Then, after a moment's pause — "I nivver the occurrence of the misfortune, were mended. As fur me, yo' know, I'm About ten years ago a number of the weather residents of Brussels as alt centre. He noan the Methody soart mysen, but I wealthier residents of Brussels sank a much she was learning, and how much afore," she went on, "I ha' na lived wi' was an irreverent old sinner at his best, am na foo', an' I know a foine like prin- well in the village about half a mile TONGUE, north-end of the present works, but by herself. She applied herself to her tasks with a determination which seemed if he said it hissen the stirred me up. If he said that is her there thas stirred me up. If he said that is her the stirred me up. If he said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is her the stirred me up. The said that is the stirred me up. The said the said the stirred me up. The said the

within 100 yards of the old boring. THE ROGERS' WELL FIRST TALKED OF. Last fall Mr. Rogers first publicly an-"An' so tha tellt parson, I'll warrant." "An' so tha tellt parson, I'll warrant." suggested one of his listeners, who was well in Brussels. As he was spoken of courage seemed to fail her, though she pulses throb. Here was the birth of a away wi'," it scarcely mattered how. In-never slackened her efforts. a mere election dodge. "Well, well," admitted Craddock with

the self-satisfaction of a man who feels tion. Mr. Rogers then felt that he was BISCUITS AND that he has acquitted himself creditably. committed to the undertaking, and de termined to go right ahead with it. Ac cordingly in March thank th' A'moighty fur aw ut had happent me, but I towd him as I did na THE DERRICK WAS PUT UP.

quoite see th' road clear. I dunnot and boring began in the following month shortly, "if you ca' it trouble to be on thank a chap as gi'es me a crack at th' Mr. Rogers was pitied by some, laughed soide o' th' head. I may stand it if so faw : but he went right on with the enfew; but he went right on with the en "I be as I conna gi' him a crack back, but I should think so. But trouble's th' lot o' dunnot know as I should thank him fur (himself included)

"Tha'rt fretted now, Sammy," he said. foak,-foak as is na prize foo's, loike th changed to congratulation. The bed of "Tha'rt fretted, an' it makes thee sharp- owd parson. Ses I to him, 'Not bein' salt entered proved to be about 22 feet regenerate, I dunnot believe i' so much in thickness, and since the twenty horse regenerate, I dunnot believe i so much grace afore meat. I say, let's ha' th' been pretty regularly pumped at a strength ranging from 92 to 100 degrees The well has been declared a success by the contractor, Joseph Porter, of Petrolia The tub ing is 1,000 feet in depth, and the sucker

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This man and woman could scarcely have Til believe aw th rest an listen to yo. nivver set up for one. I left that to human hater. I should have a the was the hero of the hour. The citizen been placed at a greater distance from 'Forbid them not — 'Nay, but I wun- thee. Thy mug wus allus thy fortune." 'pull devil, pull baker,' wi' th' best o' tendered him a banquet, and quizzin tongued."

situation. And, besides, there was a The Reverend Harold looked at once more intimate and personal considera- concerned and annoyed. In truth he tion. Her own feeling toward Fergus had cause for irritation. The laurels he Derrick was friendship at first, and then had intended to win through Sammy she had suddenly awakened and found it Craddock were farther from being won something more. That had startled her to-day than they had ever been. He too, but it had not alarmed her till her was beginning to feel a dim, scarcely de-

each other, and yet those half dozen not-I could na' ha' th' heart.' CHAPTER XVI. "OWD SAMMY" IN TROUBLE.

"Craddock is in serious trouble," said "'Owd Sammy' in trouble," the unpleasant features of this strange Anice. "How is that, papa ?"

eyes were opened by that accidental veloped, but sore conviction, that they

fail Joan listened wondering, and in a She clasped her arms about the child th' road to th' poor-house." "Aye, indeed !" with a sigh.

"Loike as not," answered Sammy.

th' same effect on thee ? If it happens Craddock's audience. "Owd Sammy"

was well to let'the field lie fallow, he did Walker, of Seaforth. The pan is 100x2?

speech of Derrick's. After that, she saw were not laurels for his particular wearwhat both Derrick and Joan were them- ing. "It is that bank failure at Illsbery," selves blind to.

Setting her own pain aside she stood he answered. "You have heard of it, I apart, and pitied both. As for herself, daresay. There has been a complete in th' Litany," shouted another. "How I mun do summat fur a bein'." she was glad that she had made the dis- crash, and Craddock's small savings wur it, Sammy? Let's hear." covery before it was too late. She knew being deposited there, he has lost every-that there might have been a time when it would have been too late. As it was, in his old age. It is a hard business." Sammy's face began to relax. A few of the knots and wrinkles showed signs of dispersing. A slow twisting of the she drew back, - with a pang, to be sure; "Have you been to see Craddock ?" but still she could draw back. Mrs. Barholm asked.

but still she could draw back. "I have made a mistake," she said to herself in secret; but it did not occur her to visit the consequences of the mis- than before. "I went as soon as I heard th' parson " His occupation was not en- ing his beer mug. "Skilly an' watertake upon any other than herself.

The bond of sympathy between herseli use. I had better have stayed away. I soothing to his vanity to feel that his warrant. Aye 'I wonder how th' owd and Joan Lowrie only seemed to increase don't seem to make much progress with greatest importance lay in his own pow- lass'll do wi'out her drop o' tea, an' how in strength. Meeting oftener, they Craddock, somehow or other. He is ers, and not altogether in more corrupt- she'll stan bein buried by th' parish? were knit more closely, and drawn into such a cross-grained, contradictory old ible and uncertain attractions. He con- That'll be worse than owt. else. She'd deeper faith and friendship. With Joan fellow, I hardly know what to make of descended to help himself to a pipe-full set her moind on ridin' to th' grave- than at Goderich, and the owner of the emotion was invariably an undercurrent. him. And to add to his difficulties, his of a friend's tobacco. She had trained herself to a stubborn wife is so prostrated by the blow that steicism so long, and with such deter- she is confined to her bed. I talked to the company. "Gi'us th' tale owt an' th' undertaker's shop wavin' on th' roof. mination, that the habit of complete self- them and advised them to have patience, owt, owd lad. Tha'rt th' one to do it Th' owd wench wur quoite set i' her ing will pay in Brussels. control had become a second nature, and and look for comfort to the Fountain- graidely." led her to hold the world aloof. It was head; but Craddock almost seemed to with something of secret wonder that she take it ill, and was even more disrespectawoke to the consciousness of the fact ful in manner than usual." that she was not holding Anice Barholm It was indeed a heavy blow that had liberately. aloof, and that there was no necessity fallen upon "Owd Sammy." For a man

for doing so. She even found that she to lose his all at his time of life would was being attracted toward her, and was have been hard enough anywhere; but erence. "Yo' chaps mak' so much out submitting to her influence as to a spell. it was trebly hard to meet with such a o' nowt. Th' parson's well enow i' his She did not understand at first, and trial in Riggan. To have money, howwondered if it would last; but the near- ever small the sum; "laid by i' th' bank,' er she was drawn to the girl, the less was in Riggan to be illustrious. The doubting and reluctant she became. There was no occasion for doubt, and her proud suspiciousness melted like a whose opinion bore weight; the man armed herself against patronage and awe and public respect. He was de- proceeded. curiosity, she encountered earnest friend- ferred to as a man of property; his presship and good faith. She was not pat-ence was considered to confer something thing he says to me wur?' puffing vigronised, she was not asked questions; like honour upon an assembly, or at orously. "Why, he coos in an' sets she was left to reveal as much of herself least to make it respectable. The Gov- hissen down, an' he swells hissen out as she chose, and allowed to retain her ernment was supposed to be not entirely locke a frog i' trouble, an' ses he, 'My own secrets as if they were her own pro- oblivious of his existence, and his re- friend, I hope you cling to th' rock o' perty. So she went and came to and marks upon the affairs of the nation, and ages.' An' ses I, 'No I dunnot nowt o' that shows its wonderful curative powfrom the Rectory; and from spending a the conduct of the Prime Minister and th' soart, an' be dom'd to yo'.' It wur ers, and its peculiar action upon the few minutes in Anice's room, at last fell Cabinet, were regarded as having some-into the habit of spending hours there. This more than local interest. Sammy of deprecation, —"An I dunnot say as it is a cooling to rapidly after exercise. In this little room the books, and pic Craddock had been the man with twenty wur hospitable, but I wur nai' th' mood markable way upon thesystem, carrying In this little room the books, and pic tures, and other refinements appealed to shillings income. He had worked hard some fresh experience with almost every and far-sighted to spend hard. His wife

had helped him, and a lucky windfall we had it back'ard and for ard betwixt us bowels. A tew doses will surprise you One evening, after a specially dis- upon the decease of a parsimonious rel- for a good half hour, He said it wur Sample bottles 10 cts

he carried th' prayer-book to thee, as asked one. soon as he heerd th' news. Did he read thee th' Christenin' service, or th' Burial

to gi' thee a bit o' comfort ?"

features took place, which might have Theer's nowt as cheers a mon loike a sup

it, last night, indeed; but it was of no tirely gone, after all. It was specially gruel dunnot fly to a mon's head, I'll

Sammy applied a lucifer to the frasammy applied a luciter to the fra-grant weed, and sucked at his pipe de-ride in a quiet way. Eh, dear! I'm soon occur in the trade. At present there

"It's noan so much of a tale," he said, with an air of disparagement and indiff-

"Whatten yo' lads think as th' first

"Try fur a seat i' Parlyment," was the Mr. Rogers will eat his Christmas turkey answer, "or pack my bits o' duds i' a seasoned with his own salt.

wheelbarrow, and set th' owd lass on in buildings and plant, a large sum 'em an' tak' th' nighest road to th' union. certainly for one citizen to lay out in a new enterprise. Considering that there

ready orders for salt from outside parties have been sent in, and feels confident

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thowt o' being put under i' a common style. I wish we'd kept a bit o' brass i and among other things it has proved the value of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry th' owd stockin."

"It's a bad enow look-out," granted Pectoral us a standard remedy for diso' nowt. Th' parson's well enow i' his way, but," in naive self-satisfaction, "I mun say he's a foo', and th' biggest foo' fur his size I ivver had th' pleasure o' th' Union. If tha could get a word or all who use it know that it accomplishes

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