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TAPSON, AND LAYS & TRAP FOR HIS TRAINER.

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"That's your father, 1 suppose," said Elburn, now calm again. "My father?" derisively returned the boy. "Not him. I've no father or mother either. I'm only a poorhouse brat. I was born in a taproom, and my mother died there. That's how they call me Tapson. I was kept by a beggar to go about with her pitching and look pitful, till I got too big, and then he got me, and said he'd make a man of me, If whallop-ing and kicks do that, I must be an old man by this time." n by this time."

man by this time." "You're in training for 'a thief, I sup-pose?" said Elburn, not sure whether to pity or reprove. "That's about it, but I'm so precious stupid. I'm always getting into a mess, and spots know me now. That's how I get such sloggings. I was to be a pickpocket of force hort my fingers is a sainst me-too \_too at first, but my fingers is against me—too short, see," and he showed his dirty fing ers, which were thick and short. "And you're trainer is coming here to-night, thinking to rob me?" said Elburn

quietly. There was no answer, and the question

There was no answer, and the destroy was repeated in another form. "I don't want to sell him to the spots," said Joe at last, with a stubborn look. Though he half murders me I'm not going

to turn round on me." "Well, there's some honor in you after

Well, there's some honor in you after all," said Elburn, approvingly.
"I don't know what honor means,"
"I don't know tit's only natural.
"I hadn't been for him I'd have starved the first solution of the stretch long ago."
"I want to know more about this,"
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"I do be police. Now, what could prompt your trainer to rob me? I am not a rich man; indeed, I are very poor. I've nothing to lose but the Queen of Cremonas, and surely he would not be monster enough to rob me of that? You might as well rob a man of his child—ay, even that would be easier to bear."
" I t's his trade and he wouldn't think twice about it," said Joe, speaking with not a first with the start of the start with the start of the start with the start of the start with a start of the start with the start of the start with the

you a hand," said he antiquary, with the quiet assurance which always roused Winnie's deepsat admiration. "Till give you a shilling or two of stock money to start you; but you must depend on your-self, and fight your own battle. Only don't say that starvation has forced you from the new line, for whenever you're dead best and hungry, and dan't know where to turn to, come to me and you shall have a good square meal and a warm at the fire. Nobody could 'ssy more than thak." FOR **Farmers and Threshers** NO OIL TO EQUAL IT. MCCOLL BROS. & CO., TORONTO. that." "They couldn't." said Joe, impulsively starting from his seat, and looking as ifhe could have clasped the harsh-featured old man bodily in his arms. "My, you're a good un! If I'd know'd as much afore I crept in I'd have jut my head off before I'd a done it." Tony Sigers may go to blazes now! I'm done with him. I'll do it !" A. MCBEAN, AGENT. Id a dona it. Tony Sigers may go to blaces now! I'm done with him. I'll o'tl' "And I'll help you," said Winnie, clap-fier of you, you're so strong and big. My father would give all he had for your eyes. Decole with eyes, he says can do what over they et their minds to: "I was a strange compact, seemingly de-will, and yet how closely it was to link the you're so strong with his large full his intelligence and keen insight into human nature, and with his large hebarity, would scaroely have believed, had he been told it, the possibilities that lay winder that shock head and ragged on hebarity and scaroely have believed, had he been told it, the possibilities that lay hind which the towsy hair was sticking iffe into a new channel, by a strong box a credit to himself for directing the young instinct than with any thought of the ture result. "Minut" saying more on the subject the stigulary put down the rapier and went you a fine to a dish of milk, which he placed on the table not far from the white head on the table not far from the white head himself, an invitation which was ao cepted with wonderful alacrity. THE NOTED CHEAP STORE. MONTREAL TEA COMPANY TEAS NOW BEING RETAILED AT WHOLESALE PRICES A Complete Assortment of Choice Family Groceries at Lowest Possible Price for Cash 30 WYNDHAM STREET. NO. 23. COAL OIL. NO. 23. American Water White, COAL OIL! AT A. Mc BEAN & CO'S. The balance of our large stock of Lamps will be sold cheap, to make room for Spring Importations.

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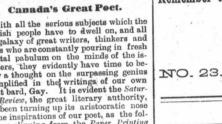
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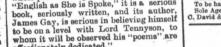
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"It's instrate and is working with shorty and evident relief after Winnie had given him a nod to assure [him shat he might rely on the antiquary's promise; " and then," he added acutely, " there's a lot of foreign money in the shop winder. "That was always something to be sure of "

of." "And suppose I objected and resisted ?" "Oh, then, Tony would knock you on the head," calmly answered Joe. "Kill me ?"

"Kill me?" "Oh, no; just quiet you till we got off." "But if I died of the knock you would all be hanged for the murder," observed Biburn calmly. "Not me? Burely not me?" cried the

Hiburn caimly. "Not me? Surely not me?" cried the boy in genuine concern. "I'm only the one that lets him in. I wouldn't lay a hand on anyone." "Yes, but you would be hanged all the same for standing by and taking part in the crime." returned Elburn. "Would you like to be hanged ?" "No !" This very promptly. "Do you like being a thief ?" A curious cloud of suspicion crossed Joe's face, and he did not at once answer. "Are you going to preach and grind away about the Bible and all that ?" he cautiously observed at last.

"Are you going to preach and grind away about the Bible and all that?" he cautiously observed at last. "No, I never do that," said Elburn very decidedly : "I only want to know if you like being a thief.—if you think it's a good trade on the whole?" "I'm not very smart at it," answered Joe after a pause ; "I've tried both ways --square and cross—and they're both hard, pretty much alike." "But think you'll stick to the thieving, oh ?"

ch ?" "I dop't know ; we must just take things "I dop't know ; we must just take things

as they come," said the boy, stoically, after trying in vain to decide the ques-

"No; there are some born who can make things go as they command," said Elburn, with a flash of his bright cyes. "Haven't you courage to make a way for more all 2"

yourself ?" "I have pluck," said Joe reflectively. "They all say that-even Tony Sigers ad-

mits it." "Well, then, couldn't you make your own way in spite of all the Tony Sigerses in the world ?"

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in the world ?" There was a slight kindling in the eye of the boy, and for a mo-ment his face seemed almost to have caught the hopeful brightness of his ad-viser, then a cloud came, and he said, somewhat facespairingly—"The spots all know me now, and they won't give me a chance."

"They will when they know you're on the honest tack," said Elburn. "Do any-thing—sell papers, brush boots, run er-rands, carry parcels. Make your own path; don't wait for others, to make it for you. Will you do it?" "I'd like to try." said Joe, more hope-fully, "But maybe Tony Sigers would be down on me. He's often wanted to get rid of me, but he's so angersome that maybe he'll go the other way when I want to ery quits."

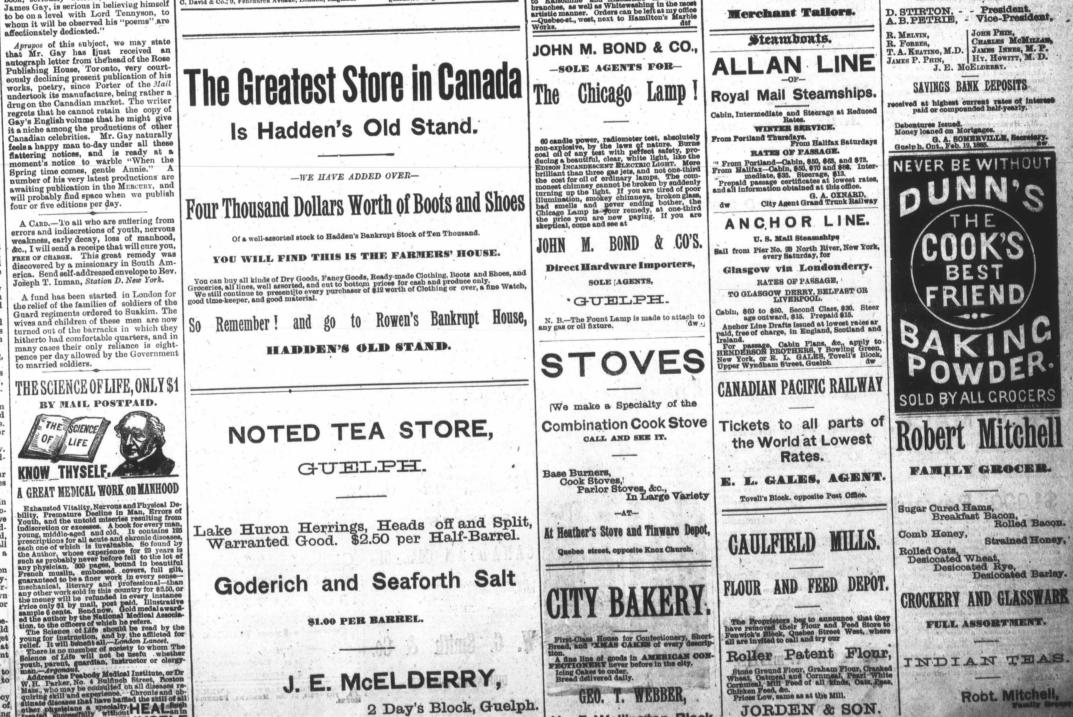
maybe he'll go the other way when I want to ery quits." "Wall, if he did you would only have to too to me, and I could get the police to thim," said Elbarn. "What? Would you?" oried the boy astonishment, and with a spatkle of gratitude in his eyes. "After me coming here to let Tony in; and maybe..." "Oh yes; if you mean to try, I'll give

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