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## Barney and Another.

By Beth Porter Sherwood, Woodstock, N.B., Canada.



the job, Barney, but

it's got to be done." The man sat there a huddled heap, shiv-ering in the chilly night air, his tousled head dropped forward upon his chest;

the blanket that had covered him, as he lay snatching a brief sleep, hung in dejected folds to the floor.

"I just can't, Maggie." His voice came hoarse and muffled and, notwithstanding the brave show of the words, there was in it a note of indecision that told his wife, as she bent over him, that she had only to press the point and the victory was won.

"Barney, look here; the child's dying for want of nourishing food and how are we to get it? And you know why we haven't it to give him. We've sold all the bits of furniture we had and now it's only beg or—" she hesitated, "or borrow," she finished stooping a little nearer.

He turned his head and looked at her, thin and scantily clad, holding a small night-lamp in her hand; an old shawl wrapped about her and one lock of hair straggling over her shoulder.

"Maggie, if we'd wait a bit, maybe I could find some small job to-morrow." "How long do you think the child can live without eating? Not a bite has passed his lips this day and," her voice grew sharper in its hushed intensity, it was your own doing, Barney McKay, that got us to such a pass. If you could have kept a still tongue in your head you might have had your job yet; but when a man undertakes to tell his boss what's the proper thing to do and lays down the law as knowing as you did, he may expect to get the bounce, and small wonder."

Barney's head went down again and she felt she was gaining ground.

"We know the house is alone to-night and it seems like Providence ordered it that way. You know the premises well and it'll take you but a short time to get a little something for the child. It's only to borrow it. When you get the money you can pay it back, and you

won't see the baby die, Barney."
Her voice ended with a wail and she put her hand over her face and caught her breath with a sob.

"There, there, Maggie," he laid his upon ner arm, "Don't | take on. I'll do what I can and the Lord have mercy on my soul.'

He got up and put on his patched, shabby, old ulster, got a bag and a little lantern and went to the door. With his hand on the latch he looked back. "Ifif I don't come back, if they get me, Maggie, send word to the boss's mother. She'll scold and fuss but she won't see you and the kids starve."

Then he went out and shut the door. "Lord, it's tough," he muttered when he found himself alone in the alley. an honest man, if not an over-wise one, I've been all the days of me life and now to come to this."

Through alleys and side-streets and devious ways he went, cowering and starting and looking back, lest a policeman come unawares upon him.

As he neared his destination, the residence of his late employer, from whose household stores he hoped to replenish his own empty larder, he made a wide detour in order to see if time and conditions were favorable for putting his plan into effect. His familiarity with the premises, he having been gardener and general utility man for a considerable time, would enable him to gain a comparatively easy entrance to the house, now that the occupants were out of town, provided he met with no obstacle in the shape of a too officious public guardian.

His reconnoisance showed him the importance of proceeding with extreme caution; for there in the street in front of the house a big policeman walked leisurely to and fro: and Barney wondered what imp of mischief drew him to

AYBE you don't like | that particular spot this night of all

Bad manners to him, and is there nothing in the whole town for him to do, but meander back and forth for all the world as if he had a string to him?" muttered Barney, looking with the utmost disapproval at this mode of pro-

The front of the house, however, was not the back, and as trees and shrubs grew in profusion his movements would be fairly well covered. Accordingly, he made his way cautiously to the rear, and knowing the infirmity of the fastening of a certain window on the second floor, he resolved to discover what the conjunction of the branch of a tree and the corner of a piazza roof would effect; and without more difficulty than a novice would experience having this knowledge, hindered by much nervous apprehension, he found himself in due time in a small room at the end of a passage.

Trembling in every limb he sat down and wiped the perspiration from his face while he strove to get a grasp on his wavering courage; but the thought of Jim Cassidy down there with liberty to do openly what he did in fear and trembling added nothing to his cool-

By and by from a window on the opposite side of the narrow hall he looked, and now he could see Cassidy standing upon the drive regarding the house with much apparent interest.

"Just staring the house out of countenance, confound him. It would do me a whole lot of good to go down there and upset him into the ditch," muttered Barney, much incensed.

The memory of the little sick child, however, kept him from indulging in any such pleasantries and going back to the starting-point he took off his boots and when he reached a place where he was convinced that no tell-tale flash would reach a too-communicative window, he lighted his lantern and went forward.

Once inside the house he had imagined that his anxiety and apprehension would be at an end, but it seemed to have only begun. The very darkness seemed to be something alive and tangible, and assumed bulk and blackness before his eyes. Then, too, he had an uneasy feeling that something or someone was looking at him, and the feeling that at any moment a bony nand might grasp him sent cold chills creeping up his spine. The floor creaked under his feet and there was a semblance of sound, a sort of rustle or murmur that crept down the passage ahead

of him. A cold perspiration broke out upon him as a tingling sensation assailed him, and he clapped his hands to his face, extinguishing the feeble light as he did

"Heavens above, I'm going to sneeze," was his thought, and the sneeze came, well-developed and vigorous, despite his efforts to suppress it; and then his hair rose upon his head and his jaw dropped in mortal terror, for almost at his feet came a groan, low, harrowing, full

of agony. With shaking limbs he turned and fled back by the way he had come. Then some force, stronger than his fear, impelled him to stop. Someone was speaking. His terrified thoughts flew to Cassidy; but that was not Cassidy's voice.

He listened. "Come here. Come here. Do you hear me? Whoever you are, come here." It was the voice of a woman, im-

perious, commanding. "It's the old lady or worse; her ghost," groaned Barney. "Oh, why did I come here this night?"

Again came the command to return and Barney dared not disobey. Dully he wondered why she should be here. He knew she had gone to visit a relative in a neighboring town while her son and his wife were absent.

He shook his head. It was a puzzle he could not solve and in spite of his, dread and reluctance he relighted his

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