

that were pressing on and about him, and tried to set him on his feet, he could not stand! He drooped, and collapsed into an unshapely heap! Gerald himself could scarcely support the sudden change of atmosphere; it made his head dizzy, and the cell and its occupants seemed to spin and dance about him!

When the delivery came, half a dozen of these men were taken straight to the hospital. William was one of the half-dozen. He took no notice of Gerald when he left; indeed, he did not know who the young man was, but accepted his kindnesses with a muddled and thankless submission.

Gerald's astonishment was great, when, some little time afterwards, he was singled out from the pickpockets, led to an inspector, and told that their was no charge against him—at least, that the charge had been withdrawn!

"Withdrawn!" said Gerald. "And why was it ever made?"