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e glossy face. the hill with his arm tied handkerchief. and with his hour's hard ouse to which he reaches it. s. And now. sturbed from the old dog ne little husky nal tune the

and to stroke hair over his nd and other

ead that old d. All knew ed to like him imple, cheery cross the yard pon his spud n, and to roll it came to the s" and eager porch; the the windows, s and gaiters, a customary was gone efully untied r, and thence verybody gave back again it any pencil to g on one side v its increasng with conand cheeks nto a hundred ed to vie with

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saw so much as afterward;

The poor wife turned in despair to the lingering herbs in the garden, and, gathering what little there was, went off to Gippington to pick up what she could for them.

Chaffer lay in the lonely place think. ing of the Lord and of His ways. "Well, we're come to the last pinch now," he sighed, "and may be it is the turnin' point. The doctor tell me I ma'nt set my foot to ground, but I'll try, happen the Lord'll help me."

Painful and stiff the leg was, and it was with much difficulty that he hobbled to the door. He crept along to the Lord's bit," and looked at it with such a grief as that with which one would look for the first time at the grave of some most beloved friend.

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twas so kind and pretty spoken."

But it was not his skill as a mission-

ary collector only that gained for him

the title of "a wonder." There was a

story that old Friend Chaffer would

but seldom allude to, but which Mister

From the time of his conversion

Chaffer had determined to devote some-

thing regularly to the work of God. It

was no easy task, with an additional

mouth to be filled each year, while the

"I al'us carried my class penny in

my waistcoat pocket till the Sunday

meetin.' " the old man has told us, " so

that it was sure whatever come. But

then there was the missions: I loved

them very much, and al'us read the

' Notices;' an' there was a collection or

two, an' one thing an' another, so I

wanted three or four pennies more

archangel I'd try to sing my very best

to the Lord, but seein' as I a'n't, well,

children. Why, bless ye, it's wholly

Here, too, the liberal mind devised

liberal things. The little garden around

his cottage grew a few vegetables, and

two or three fruit trees sent a few bas-

kets during the year to market. Choos-

ing the sunniest corner, and in which

grew his choicest apple tree, he chris-

tened that "the Lord's bit." Whatever

he could make out of that was to be

given away. Love is satisfied only when

it gives its best. This corner received

of all the most careful labor, this was

the first to be dug up and planted, and

for this was reserved the pick of roots

and seeds. Here the depredations of the

most jealously traced, and here the

promise of spring and summer worth

But once there came a time when the

garden began to grow neglected. The

weeds stood thick and tall. The un-

pruned trees were tangled with wild

creepers. Chaffer's familiar face was

with an injured leg, and lay upon his

bed without a prospect of leaving it for

months. Then sore want slowly stripped

the house. The little savings put by for

some such rainy day were soon gone

through, one by one disappeared the

less needed things around the house.

Again the wolf was at the door, and

there seemed nothing left with which

to drive him away. The children were

Then the auxious wife bethought her

of something that would scare the wolf.

Laid by in a box, carefully wrapt in a

piece of paper, were four shillings -

Little Chaffer, burdened as he was with

no, lass!" he went on as the tears

streamed down his cheeks, "if it is the

Lord's will we can starve and die and

go home to heaven, but we ma'nt do

this, come what will."

bitter wants, had hitherto borne up there is never the slightest discoloration

trized.

in the house.

were most joyfully anticipated.

the same if we do our best !"

wages kept at the same hard line.

Horn delighted to tell to every one.

And the withered hand clung to the spade, and he struggled slowly to turn over the earth. It was hard work, but done with a desperatness as if it were love's last effort. He was in the midst of his work when his wife was coming down the hill toward their cottage. She had sold her herbs, and was returning with one day's supply when she caught sight of her husband in the garden. She could scarcely believe her eves at first, but soon surprise gave way to grief and vexation, and as she appeared at the gate, poor Chaffer hobbled in before the coming storm, and crept back again to his couch.

The storm of course soon blew over for it was only the anger of anxious affection, especially as Chaffer found himself only wearied by his effort. The next day he crept out again, and finishthe bit." Strength rapidly increased and in a few days he went back to his sometimes. My neighbours 'ud say to work, nor ever felt anything more of me as it wa'nt needed for me to do so

much; but 1 say to them, 'If I was an "Eh wife" he whispered, when he brought home his wages, "I should be on my back yet, if we'd touched the the oe'y thing is to do the best thing as money o' the Lord's bit." I can 'pon ten shillin' a-week and 'leven

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