THE LOST PATH. BY THOMAS DAVIES.

west thoughts, bright dreams, my be, All comfort else has flown;

All commort cen mas nown;
Berevery hope was false to me,
And here I am alone.
What shoughts were mine in early youth:
Like some old Irish song,
Brimful of love and life and truth,

I hoped to right my native isle, I hoped a soldier's fame, I hoped to rest in woman's smile, And win a minstrel's name. Ah! little have I served my land, No laurels deek my brow, I have no woman's heart or hand,

But fancy has a magic power; It brings me wreath and crown, And woman's love, and self-same hou

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CHAPTER XXVIII. THE MAN TOM WANTED TO SEE.

night Tom fell asleep, and slept sound ly till morning. He had done his duty in so doing he was unconsciously doing recognize my name, and so I am going as a matter of course, and it did not the very best thing be could. occur to him that he had done anything heroic till he read a paragraph in the paper the next day giving an account of the affair, in which he was terms. The paragraph was headed

following day he had three times the sales as on any preceding one. In fact was delighted about the middle of the afternoon to see his employer walk

'I am glad to see you back, Mr. Bur-

'And I am glad to be back,' said his employer. 'But what is all this I hear. Tom. about an attempted burglary?' · Did you see the paragraph in the morning's paper, sir? 'Yes. I see you are reported to have

acted like a young hero.

'I didn't know I had done anything thing which might confirm his susheroic till I had read it in the paper,

Burton, approvingly. 'If the account thing that will suit you.' is correct, however, I must say that

ing. 'You have no idea how mad he name,' he immediately reflected. self. Weren't you afraid?'

I wasn't altogether comfortable in mind,' said Tom, 'for I wasn't sure that my plan would work, but I can't

'If you had been you wouldn't have after.' been able to act with so much cool-

ness. How much money was there in ' Eight hundred dollars.' 'Is it possible? You must have

been doing a good trade.' 'I think I have,' said Tom. com-

You have done as well as if I had been here. I will take care that you

are rewarded for your fidelity.'
'It is enough if you are pleased,' said 'No, it isn't. Such fidelity and bravery ploy you in that capacity. You might take a notion to leave us without warning.

as yours deserve to be encouraged, for they are rare enough Mr. Burton went to the drawer and

counted the money. It exceeded eight hundred dollars, for Tom had been loing a good trade that day. In fact, bug about that ' it was close upon a thousand. He took out a hundred dollars in

gold and handed it to Tom. Here, Tom, said be. 'I give von a hundred dollars. It will show you that

I am not ungrateful.' ired dollars?' said Tom, in

'Yes. I don't know but I ought to ' No. no.' said Tom, hastily, 'You ere very generous. But I don't think I

ought to take it." Then be guided by me and accept it. I give it to you treely. Without

you I should have lost eight times the unt. You have not only done your duty faithfully, but you risked your life in doing it.'

'I suppose I did,' said Tom, 'but I didn't think of that at the time. 'Take the money, then, and I hope

it may be of service to you.' Thank you, sir. The money will rice to me, and since you in sist upon it, I will accept it.'

stand, Tom, that in giving on this money, I don't feel that I led the obligation. Should r opportunity occur, I shall do

Thank you, sir,' said Tom. and Tom went about his du

Rather he had reason to songratulate himself on his success. Coming to detective? California, wholly without friends or 'I came

a desire to look at some clothing.

was exposed, there was a scar.

create no suspicion.

make our fortunes.

Gates laughed.

am sure I don't.'

should like,' said Tom.

'I am poor but honest.'

young man, we are too sharp to em-

What is that ?

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE ABSCONDING CLERK.

The spokesman was a tall, thin man,

naintances, and with very slender my own account. You will under-ns, he had certainly been fortunate. stand me better when I tell you that 'Yes, they But he did not forget that he came to this clerk caused the failure of a mer-thoughtfully. 'I wish I could turn chant who owed me ten thousand doland he had not as yet taken a single lars. If the securities can be recover no good. I wish I could with safety step toward fulfilling this mission. He had promised Mr. Armstrong to dollar.'

look up the clerk who had absconded with so large a sum of money, and pre-'It is perfectly true, sir.' cipitated his downfall. All that he had done to redeem this promise was was in California? '

and notice their personal peculiarities. rumors that he had come here.' in the hope some day of identifying But as yet no one had been seen, at

all corresponding to the merchant's probable, and I was willing to take with a perturbed look he opened the the risk,' 'What more can I do? What more I infer that you think you may find ught I to do?' thought Tom. 'If I this clerk at the mines.'

aly knew, I would do it. But it may Yes, sir. I know he is going out think I was a burglar? that this is really a wild goose chase. there.' There seems as little chance of finding 'How do you know it?' this man as of finding a needle in a ton, in fresh surprise.

to clue by which to guide himself. He 'The absconding clerk was here towould indeed know this man if he came night! across him, but what the chance of uch a meeting? Surely, very little. from the description, though he had Tom began to think he had been changed his name, and I had never altogether too sanguine in the matter. met him. I learned that he was going He had set about the quest with all a to the mines with a companion, and I

boy's sanguine ardor, forgetting, or asked leave to join the party.' rather leaving out of the account, the Of course he has no idea who you In spite of the exciting events of the tell what to do, he continued to stay No, he never saw me, and had no on in Mr. Burton's employment, and ground of suspicion. But he might

> · Why Lincoln ? ' tomers entered the shop, and expressed

Won't it lead him to suspect you? 'I think not. There are a good many as hard as a brick.' It served as an advertisement. The glance wandered to his companion, he will be a little startled when he

'I shall have to make some prepara-

surprise, but asked to look at a miner's whom Tom suspected, 'here's some- morning.'

'That's all right then,' said Tom 'I don't know but you are right, with satisfaction. 'I will ask you to cept some stocks that are well nigh you showed a great deal of pluck. That was a capital stratagem by which you 'So his name is Morton,' thought name of Lincoln, as it may come had a capital stratagem by which you give me a recommendation under the worthless."

'He How are you provided with money?'

re managed the matter so well my- asked, feeling that the enquiry would may as well say now that if you you want to go to bed. So good-night." should fall in your project and return 'Yes,' said Gates. 'We are going to to San Francisco, you have only to 'Then you'd better take me along,' for you to do.' said Tom. 'That's exactly what I am

kindness to me.'

boyish love of adventure, and he was Morton was reduced to a thousand dolabout to play for a high stake. The mission which he had under taken was that sum remaining of the cash he had one which required all his shrewdness 'Good!' said Gates, laughing. 'I see to carry out successfully. Tom realizyou are sharp; but I tell you what, ed this, but he was resolved to do his best.

' I see you don't know me,' said Tom 'So you haven't changed your mind, cisco with what money he had, but there 'I've heard of that before,' said young man,' said Gates, as Tom pre-

Seriously, gentlemen,' said Tom. 'To-morrow at ten.'

'I am anxious to go out to the gold When do you start?' fields, and am able to pay my expe there, but I haven't any friends that 'I will be on hand.' are going. Would you mind my going

along with you? How shall we call you? Oh, come and welcome, if you pay your own expenses, said Gates 'What do you say Morton?' ing his eyes, but not with obtrusive at-'I don't mind,' said Morton. tention, on the man he suspected, he ably, provided with ample means

won't trouble us. 'Thank you,' said Tom, 'When are you going to start? Day after to-morrow.

' I will be ready. Where shall I join 'We are stopping at the Hotel of California.

'I will come round there to-morro 'All right. You will find us.'

When this conversation was taking lace Mr. Burton was out. After the 'I believe the name is a common one.' trangers had retired he entered.

'Mr. Burton,' said Tom, 'I am going o surprise you.' 'Not unpleasantly, I hope.'
'I leave that to you to decide.

am going to leave your employment.

'Going to leave me! Have you re seived a better offer? If you have, The consciousness of having done one's duty faithfully, and having that

'I am glad to hear you say that, Mr Burton, but I have received no better offer, nor am I dissatisfied with my

'Then why do you wish to leave me? demanded his employer in surprise,

Tam going to the mines,
Better think twice of that, Tom Here you have certainty, and a com-

Then, through circumstances over tortable living. There you will encit he had no control, he had lost
fortune, and been reduced to comtive poversy, he found himself for
your labor is very uncertain."

'This is a strange story, Tom.'

'I was not certain, but there were at any bank lest they should be identi-'Rumors are not very safe to rely

Because he was in this store to-Tom was right. He had absolutely night, and said so in my presence.'

to change it. I shall call myself Tom going to make. One day about three months after he Lincoln. had entered upon his place, two cus-

That is his real name.

and his heart suddenly gave a great bound.

He was rather short start and his heart short start and his heart short start short start and his heart He was rather short, stout, dark com- to be perfectly sure that he is the man

plexioned, with a cast in his left eye, I am after.' 'Tom, you appear to me to be and on the back of his left hand, which shrewd enough to be a detective. I Every point of his appearance tallied wish you success with all my heart. I with the description of the absconding am sorry to have you leave me, but of touch my bed.' course I feel that I ought not to detain

you. When do you want to go?' tion,' said Tom 'I should like to smiling in a forced manner. The two customers did not notice leave you at twelve to-morrow. I hope Tom's earnest look, nor his start of you won't be troubled to fill my place.'

nerves,' said Gates. 'It's a great bless-'There's a young fellow-a distant outfit. Tom waited upon them, and relation of my wife—who is anxious to ing. Nothing disturbs me except listened eagerly, hoping to hear some. obtain a position. I would rather well, except the want of money." but if you insist upon leaving me, I will at any rate give him a understand what it is. 'Gates,' said the shorter of the two trial. I will send for him to-morrow

Tom, with momentary disappointment. handy some day.

worthless or otherwise-to worry me. He didn't think so,' said Tom, laugh But of course he would change his I will do that with pleasure. Tom, I may have, by and by, if we are lucky at the gold fields.' mas. I pretended to be a simpleton, and that put him off his guard.

'By Jove, I don't believe I should cription tallies in every narticular.'

'Are you going to the mines?' he

'That sum you richly deserved. I A thousand dollars won't go far here.
'I should think not, But I suppose

to himself, when his companion had come to me, and I will find something left the room. 'Have I done right to encourage his intimacy? Is there no 'Thank you,' said Tom, warmly. 'I fear that through him my secret may will remember that, and your constant be divulged? Then, there is that boy.

It's strange, by the way, that his name 'Do you want to go as private secretary?' he asked, jestingly. 'I don't and as sharp as a steel trap. I'm haps he is a distant relation. How is Lincoln—the same as mine. Perthink my friend will want one, and I very sorry to lose him.' ever, he is only a boy. There can't be any harm in him.' But Tom felt less regret. He had a

CHAPTER XXX. THE EFFECT OF A NAME.

Gates. 'There's a good deal of hum-sented himself at the hotel the follow-nized in a city, the population of which ing evening.

By the way, what is your name? Could he only have negotiated the the correctness of his suspicions. Fix made his way to Europe, settled down

answered, carelessly: 'You may call me Tom Lincoln.' Morton started, and turned swiftly and apprehension. He could not see

'What name did you say?' ' Tom Lincoln.' 'I once knew a man by that name,' liberal reward. He was not prepared said Morton, hesitatingly. 'From what

State did you come? ' · Our family originated in Massache setts,' answered Tom, not appearing to notice anything in the other's manner.

'Very likely,' said Morton, recovering himself, convinced that it was only naturally suspicious, not knowing what steps might have been taken to secure him. It seemed improbable, however that a mere boy like Tom should know anything of his crime or have any connection with the efforts to capture him. It may be added that his secret was known to no one in California except our hero. Gates was an acquainta he had picked up and made a companion from his need of society, but this en comrade knew nothing of him save what he had chosen to tell, and

rely believed that Morton was his They did not occupy the same room at the hotel. Gates had proposed it, but Morton had not encouraged the idea. He said that he was a light sleeper and

When Morton was alone in his chamber, after disrobing himself, he uncleased from around his waist a belt which had been made expressly for his a use. Opening it, he drew forth a quantity of papers and carefully examined them. It is not my intention to mystify the reader. These were the papers which had been taken from his suppleyer, and for the lack of which WEST SIDE QUEEN ST. employer, and for the lack of whi

Metown Den 81, 1981.

'Who would employ so young a fail. They represented an aggregate of eighty thousand dollars.

Morton looked them over carefully

ed he will be able to pay me dollar for dispose of them, but no doubt an ac curate list has been furnished to the detectives. Meanwhile they are a great care to me. I am compelled to carry 'What made you think the clerk them round with me all the time.

Here there was a knock at the door 'I know that, sir, but it seemed very papers into the bed near by. Then

don't dare to leave them on deposi

'What's the matter. Morton? said. 'You look startled. Did you Morton responded with a force

'I was plunged in thought,' he said and your knock startled me. Will you come in? A minute, if you don't mind. Have you any spare matches? I have non-

in my room. I rang the bell, but nobody came. Yes, there are some. Help yourself, Gates, not suspecting how unwelcom his visit was, sat down and lighted a a cigar.

'Is smoking offensive to you?' he Tobacco, 'Well, yes, in a bedroom.' NO. 1. QUEEN STREET, 'Out it goes then. I suppose yo

'Don't do that,' said Morton, ner-

' Don't do what?' said Gates, staring.

Why man, you're as nervous as

· Luckily for me I was born without

'You are rich, though. You don't

No, I am not, Gates. I've got s

thousand dollars, and little else-ex-

'Well I haven't got any stocks-

' Just so; that is what I am hoping.

' I am glad he's gone,' said Morton,

purloined from his employer. But in

California, as I have already said, this

was an era of high prices, and though

this sum seemed considerable, it would

soon melt away if Morton did not find

some way of earning more. He might

have gone into business in San Fran-

was always a danger of being recog

feasible plan of increasing his fortun-

on the Continent, and lived comfor

But, as we know, the securities thus

rived from them, unless to negotiate

for their return in consideration of a

The night passed, and the nex

morning rose bright and clear. The

first part of the journey was to be per-formed in a stage-coach. The last

At ten they started. Tom and Gate

were in high spirits. Morton was

more sober. He had cares and anxie

Each of the three were provided with

a revolver, for the country was 'un

settled, and they were liable to me

reapon of his own, but Gates, who had

two, lent him one of his. Tom secret

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Gates laughed

woman,' he said,

were thinking of the fortunes we are Charlottetown, P. E. Island 'Perhaps so,' said Morton, who did not care to divulge his real thoughts. 'By the way,' said Gates. 'I hope

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