DIAMOND

"You are very good, sir," was all Louis could say, and Mr. Allen saw that his lips were quivering with emo-tion and his eyes were full of tears. Should you know the place if we pass it?" he asked.
"Oh, yes, sir: I shall never forget it,

hor the great iron gate where she tossed the dollar through at me."

His face was all animation now. He was convinced that his teacher Delieved him, and that took a heavy load from his heart. But he could understand that it was necessary to have some tangible proof in order to satisfy the doubts of others, and surely it was very kind in the master to take all

After that the drive was very pleasant, and finally they turned again in-to a road leading directly from Brookline to Boston, and after rolling along at a swift pace for about fifteen min-utes, Louis said, pointing to a stately mansion which reared itself proudly behind its now leafless trees and shrub-

That is the place, sir." But a disappointment awaited them here, for the house was closed, and no amount of knocking or ringing brought enyone to the door to answer their

"They must have gone into the city, or perhaps south, for the winter," Mr. Allen observed, looking deeply disapfinted as they re-entered the carriage and drove away.

Louis looked up earnestly into his

face, his great eyes, honest and frank, as it is possible for a pair of eyes to Mr. Allen, that little dollar is mine,

and I never stole anything from any-body in my life." he said, with a quiet dignity that was of itself quite convincing.
"I believe you, my boy; and I be-

Meve, too, that it will yet be satisfac-torily proved to everybody. We must be patient a little longer—the family will doubtless return by spring; then we will come here again to interview Miss Margaret," Mr. Allen returned. Lindly and reasouringly, mentally resolving never to give up the matter until the had set the boy right in the sight of his schoolmates.

CHAPTER VI. About the iniddle of the term, after a regular old-tash oned New England snowstorm, Mr. Alien announced, one morning, that he had arranged for a sleigh-ride for the school for the following Wednesday, providing the weather should prove favorable.

They would meet at the schoolhouse at 1 o'clock, and go for a ten or twelve mile ride, then return to the schoolroom, where the parents and friends had agreed to provide a not supper for them, after which they would spend the evening in a social manner.

This announcement, of course, created great rejoicing among the pupils; every face grew bright and animated with expectation, and when recess arrived a general excitement prevailed. At moon Arthur Aspinwall sought Mr. Allen and informed him that he had some young friends visiting him, and asked permission to invite them to join the sleighing party.

Mr. Allen granted the request read-ily, little thinking what was to grow out of the apparently trivial circum-

Wednesday arrived-a bright, perfect winter's day.

The neavens were a vault of wonder-

ful, beautiful blue; the earth like a carpet of spotless white. At precisely one o'clock two roomy

sleighs each drawn by four sleek handsome houses, drew up before the schoolhouse door, and the happy children piled into them, shouting and frollicking, and full of life and joy. Louis Dumbar was among them, and

as light-hearted as any of them, althought he took pains to find a seat in the sleigh far away from Arthur Aspinwall. He had resolved not to have his pleasure spoiled that day by coming in contact with him, if it were posible to avoid him.
All were comfortably settled at last,

the word was given, the drivers tight-ened their reins, cracked their whips and away they went. One of the sleighs, however, stopped

before the stately residence of Judge Aspinwall. Arthur jumped out and ran in, but soon returned, accompanied by two young girls of perhaps 12 and 14

They were so securely protected from the weather, by numerous outer gar-ments, that it was impossible to judge regarding their appearance, except that they had bright, sparkling eyes, and were as full of fun and frolic as the rest of the company.

They were assisted into the sleigh,

while many curious glances were be-stowd upon them, and then the merry company were driven on. The ride was one never to be forgot-

The roads were almost as smooth as polished marble, and the sleighs flew over them in the most exhibarating

A ride of tweney miles in such air, such horses, and in such merry company, proved an excellent appetiz-er, and when the gay troupe poured inthe well-wanmed and well-lighted schoolroom upon their return, and gathered around the beautifully spread tables, which had been temptingly arranged during their absence, it

source of delight simply to watch them

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown had interested themselves on Louis' cenalf and were present to witness the goodly sight. But something had suddenly seemed to come over Louis' spirits. He had been as gay as the gayest during the ride, and he had entered into the enjoyment of it with all his heart.

But during supper he seemed greatIn demorphized, even distressed.

demoralized, even distressed.
The children had been formed into procession and marched to their seats at the table, and when they were all seated Louis found himself directly opposite his master, who had Arthur Aspinwall on one side of him and the two little strangers on the other.

He had cast one glance at this group, given a violent start, then grown very white, after which he sat almost like a statue throughout the entire meal, scarcely tasting anything that was set before him-hardly heeding the mirth around him.

As soon as supper was over, he watched his opportunity, and going to Mr. Allen when he was unoccupied for a moment, he asked, in a low, earnest

"Mr. Allen, will you please tell me the name of the light-haired little girl who sat beside you at supper?"
"Certainly, Louis," replied his teacher, with an amused smile. "A very pretty little miss, isn't she? Her name is Margaret Houghton. She---"

"I knew it; I knew it," interrupted Louis excitedly. "She gave me the dollar, sir—oh, go ask her quick!" and the lad was actually trembling in his eag-

Mr. Allen started and regarded him "Are you sure, Louis?" he questioned gravely.

"Yes, sir; I never could forget her. Nobody was ever so kind to me before nobody ever gave me a present before, and I thought she was the most beautiful little girl I had ever seen. You can't think I would forget her or mistake her for anyone else for her," the boy returned, with flushed cheeks. "Come with me," said Mr.Allen briefly, out kindly, and led him directly to

where the two little strangers formed the center of a lively group.
One, Miss Ada Parker, was a bright little brunette, full of fun and sparkle, and she was entertaining her new acquaintances with a glowing account of city amusements. She was Arthur Aspinwall's cousin, and her companien-our former little friend, little Marguret Houghton, was her most intimate school friend and confidente.

They had come for a little brief visit to the Aspinwalls', and to enjoy a few fore the Houritons returned to their country frome, and in a way that brought justice to all parties.

Margaret had noticed the grave, quiet boy opposite to her at supper, and wondered why he did not eat more after his long rice. days of country frolic in midwinter. his long ride; but he was so greatly changed from what he had been on that summer day a year and a half ago, that she did not recognize him as the poor boy to whom she had given the little golden coin.

Mr. Allen led Louis directly to her. "Mics Margaret," he said, "here is a young gentleman who claims acquaint-ance with you; do you recognize him?" Margaret Houghton glanced from the speaker to his companion, and she saw that he was the grave boy she had no-

Her bughing blue eyes instantly grew serious, and a puzzled expression

came instantly.

For fully half a minute she stood thus regarding him, while the group about them grew silent and watchful; Arthur Aspinwall, among the number, looking pale and startled, as if he had a presentiment of what was to

Louis' dark eyes met those blue ones, ing look, but not one word did he speak, though his heart beat heavily, and there was a choking sensation in his throat.

wanted the recognition to come from that beautiful girl without hav-ing to remind her of the circumstances under which they had first met.

Her memory served her well. Now that her attention had been particularly drawn to him, and she studied his face carefully, she began to trace something familiar in his countenance, and a light broke gradually over her own.

"Why, she said, at last, a lovely smile chasing the perplexity from her brow, "you are the boy who came to my party a year ago last summer! But how nice you've grown-I hardly knew

A shout went up from the group around them, for Louis' schoolmates comprehended the situation at once, and knew that this was the little Miss Margaret of whom he had told them at the time of the trouble about Arthur

spinwall's missing dollar.
The sound was music in the boy's ears, for it testified to the sympathy goodwill of his companions, but it rather disturbed the pretty ger's composure, and she looked around surprised and blushing from embar-

[To be Continued.]

Light and Shade.

The Red Tapir seems useless to me; He lives in a desk, as you see: He pokes his long nose Into other folks' woes,

And then calmly asks for a fee. Mr. Gaswell-I dropped a cent in the

gutter and it has reduced me to pov-Mr. Dukane-How could you be reduced to poverty by the loss of a single

Mr. Gaswell-Don't you see that it makes me a penny-less man.

Queen Victoria cheerfully bears, among other burdens of her exalted position, the inflictions of a crowd of minor poets who send their verses to her in honor of every conceivable occasion. It is said that at the birth of the Prince of Wales no less than half ton of "poetry" was delivered at Windsor Castle.

Mrs. Riley-Are yez on calling terms wid our new neighbor? Mrs. Murphy—Av coorse, I am. She called me a thafe and I called her an-

A noted American preacher, whose identity may as well be lost in the name of William Henry Smith, was once visiting in the South, and one Sunday he and a number of the friends who were of his party attended ser-vice in a small church of colored people. The minister was a good deal amused to hear the jet-black preacher read a sermon written and preached by the Rev. Mr. Smith himself, and he whispered to his friends that they were listening to one of his own ser-

At the close of the service the black minister came up to the party of white

visitors and said apo'ogetically: "Ef I'd only knowed yo' was comin' I wouldn't ob gib yo' sich a po' preach. De fae' is, I was so busy gettin' in my gawden las' week dat I didn't hab no time to git up a sarmon my own se'f, so I jess up an' read one I came 'cross in a papah. Ef I'd knowed yo' was comin' I nebbah in de wo'ld ob gib yo' a po' preach like dat. I'd gib yo' one

Poverty to Wealth.

Began Life as a Humble Worker in the Rice Fields.

War Genius of the Empire-Remark. able Career of the Bismarck of China, Who Has Taken His Life in His Hands by Journeying to Pekin to Warn His Government Against the Civilized World's Vengeance.

Li Hung Chang, the "old fox with the gray goatee," as Vizevona, the Italian freebooter, once called him, says the Chicago Times-Herald, is a man whose wealth is reputed to be on a level with that of the Rockefellers, Rothschilds and Vanderbilts, though students of Chinese history will tell you that he could buy up any two of them. In 1840 this representative of a "dead" nation was a puny orphan boy, working on a rice boat in the marshes of Hwei-Ling, where he was born. His life was bounded on all sides by the

In 1844 Li Hung Chang, by some freak of fortune that nobody has been able to discover the truth about, reached Canton, and a year later, thanks to the way in which a ragged, friendless beggar lad can seek and obtain an education while the state feeds and clothes him in that "effete" and "barbarous" land, he was admitted to the famous study cells. In 1849, after five years of hard work, he had outstriped all competitors and became secretary to the viceroy of Knowloon be one.—Emerson, province. In the following year this vicercy led 50,000 men against a rebel Hung Chang took his place, pursued the enemy and won a great vic-

In 1851 he was called to Peking and became secretary of war, and in the ten years following he studied and mastered the whole intricate system of his country's government. The year 1865 saw him still a poor young man, but when he was appointed governor of Klang-Su he began to accumulate

In Kiang-Su are the great salt mines of China, and the governor of the dis-trict has the privilege of "farming" the monopoly. Then, too, he began to round up the mandarins in his pro-vince. They tried to tell this young, quiet mannered governor that were only earning a bare living out of their fees, but he astonished them by exhibiting complete knowledge of their methods, and soon 50 per cent, of their emoluments went into his capacious

In 1863 came the great rebellion, and Gen. Gordon began his triumphal march against the insurgents. Li Hung Chang, the war genius of the empire, became his right-hand man, and after four years of marvelous success on the field his emperor loaded him down with more honors and emoluments. In 1865 he was appointed governor-general of the Liang-King provinces, with four viceroys and 1,800 mandarins under his orders, and in rice tax, the sampan tax and house tax-all infinitesimal charges on the individual- but when one directs fractions that count.

In 1868 his wealth was estimated by foreigners who knew him intimately, to be \$45,000,000. Still he remained in imperial favor, and in 1872 came his culminating triumph, when he was made viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li, the impertal province, with a palace in the royal city, and practically the collection of all the national funds under his control.

Here he devolved a peculiar method of semi-moral squeezing. His emissaries visited every province regularly and took good care to guard the mass of the people from extortion at the hands of the mandarins. An officer found guilty of demanding or accepting more than the set amount of taxation was promptly dismissed from his office in disgrace. Li Hung Chang lation there was no necessity to crush the individual with heavy taxes. He insisted on one-half of every tax be ing turned into his hands, and one-half of these receipts he handed over in turn to the imperial treasury, keeping

the balance for himself There was no false pretenses about it. The emperor, happy in the fact that never before had he found a man who could drag such enormous sums out of the hands of the mandarins, was more than satisfied with the share that came to him, and he new very well that his minister was dividing

equally with him. As viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li, Li Hung Chang started to build a navy. He let contracts for ships, armament and dockyards, and, beginning to mingle with Europeans in his way, soon came to see a vista of new possibilities for the acquiring of wealth. He was chief promoter, and is today principal owner of the China Merchant Steam Navi-gation Co., the only native steamship line in existence, with a monopoly of all internal and most of the coast

The fluctuations in the value of silver gave him a chance for the accumulation of more millions by skillful manipulation of deposits in the great Hong-Kong and Shanghai bank, of which he is now one of the largest shareholders. In 1877 the members of the diplomatic corps at Peking presented a memorandum to the emperor, begging for the establishment of an exact system of coinage. The viceroy told them blandly that he would see about it. He has been seeing about ever since.

The sale of titles and honors, a recognized perquisite of the vicercy of Pe-Chi-Li was in his hands for several years, and his policy was to charge "all the traffic would bear" to mer-chants who were able and willing to pay for handles to their names or right to wear gold buttons. As comman-der-in-chief of Chinese forces he was 'visited" by dozens of contractors, but it may be said to his credit that he listened to none of their advances, possibly because their "offers" were so small in comparison with his vast wealth that he chose to overlook them; possibly, too, because he wish-ed to give them the idea that he was

not a man who could be bought.

In addition to the many sources of mentioned he has had percentages of very large customs duties, the export silk tax, the jade mines municipal earnings of many No one in the empire can approach Li Hung Chang in the hold he has on the common people of China. They know of his great riches, but they also know that for forty years he has stood between them and the exteriors of petty mandarins. ns of petty mandarins. His fortune is an accumulation of Che Position of the Family Physician

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The only way to have a friend is to

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> others intends to tell others of your faults. Have a care how you listen. Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand .-

> Remember that in every quarrel the person who has been least to blame is generally the most ready to be reconciled.-Bowdler.

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Life's real heroes and heroines are those who bear their own burdens bravely and give a helping hand to those around them.

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