

THE MEANEST MAN.

sions and influential in his commercial position. Men honored him in public and cursed him in their hearts. The trinity of all human evil—war, famine and pestilence grew insignificant in his presence. He had enthroned hell on the earth and given to misery a perpetual lease. So he stood forth as the incarnation of the mightiest and the meanest. I class him as the meanest man I ever knew. Organized meanness! Systematic meanness! Scientific meanness! Meanness reduced to a science! I wonder if he ever knew that I regarded h'im as
**THE MEANEST MAN I EVER
KNEW? I wonder!**