other volume. 'Dryburgh Abbeythat's how it looks on a gray day. I

was lucky enough to see it in the sun-

'What?' exclaimed Mr. Bud.

was about the same as he might have

shown upon meeting somebody who

had been to fairy-land, or heaven, or

some other place equally far from

'You don't say! Well, to think of

it! I am happy to meet you. By

close to Sir Walter Scott! And may

'Oh, certainly. And Scott's Edin-

burgh house in Castle Street, and the

house in George Square where he

Mr. Bud's excitement was great

Maybe you've seen Holyrood Palace,

'Why, of course. And the Canon-

gate, and the Parliament House, and

the Castle, and the Grassmarket, and

ived as a boy and met Burns,'

and High Street-'

be you've seen Abbotsford?'

shine; it's loveliest then,'

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CHAPTER V. A LODGING BY THE RIVER. (Continued.)

"Sure! Why not As fur as rest goes. I just loaf around and watch other people work. That's what I call rest with a sauce to it. And as fur as quiet goes, I get used to the unknown with nobody carin' what my business is, or where I'm bound fur, to know where from, and where to. loaf around for a week or so without anybody takin' notice, and no ques-

"And what does your family say to

"Nothin', now. They used to say about the thoroughness and consistconsiderable when I first fell in the habit. I hey some poultry customers here in the city, and I make out I got to come to look after business. That leaves, Mr. Bud look on with brightstory don't go fur with the fam'ly; but they hey their way about this." Davenport turned around from the window, and spoke for the first time

"Then yo udon't occupy this room more than half the time?" "No, sir, I close it up, and thank rides with Frank to the hilltop, shows

since entering:

the Lord there ain't nothin' in it him Scotland, and advises him to fly worth stealin'.' "Oh, in that case," Davenport went on, "if I began some sketches here.

and you left town before they were done, I should have to go somewhere Nicol Jarvie them three sufficient It was a remark that made Larcher old man grinned. He seemed to be

wonder a litle, at the moment, know- at his happiest in praising, and finding the artist's usual methods of ing another to praise, his favor te work. But Mr. Bud, ignorant of such matters, replied without question: "Well, I don't know. That might be fixed all right, I guess."

Davenport, abruptly, walking over to a row of well-worn books on a wood-

'Yes, sir,' said the old man, with refilled, but he kept Davenport to somebody else's.' pride and affection, 'them books is the same subject. Larcher felt him my chief amusement. Sir Walter self quite out of the talk, but found Scott's works; I've read 'em over compensation in the whisky and in Now in the country everybody wants again and again, ever one of 'em, watching the old man's greedy enthough I must confess there's two or joyment of Davenport's every word. and what fur. The only place to be three that's pretty rough travelin.' The afternoon waned, and all opporpeople that one man don't count for But the others !-well, I've tried a tunity of making the intended sketchanything. And talk about noise! good many authors, but gimme Scott es passed for that day. Mr. Bud was What's all the clatter and bang Take his characters! There's stacks for lightening up, or inviting the amount to, if it's got nothin' to do of novels comes out nowadays that young men to dinner, but they found with your own movements Now at call themselves historical: but the pretexts for tearing themselves away. half a dozen women's voices askin' people in 'em seems like they was The did not go, however, until Davme about this, and wantin' that, and cut out o' pasteboard; a bit o' wind enport had arranged to come the callin' me to account for t'other, -- would blow em away. But look at next day and perform his neglected that's the kind o' noise that jars a the body to Scott's people! They re task. Mr. Bud accompanied them man. Yuh see, I got a wife and four daughters. They're very good women-very good women, the whole his characters are. -Of course, I'm after them until they were out of bunch of them-but I do find it rest- no literary man, gentlemen. I only sight. enthusiasm.

said Davenport. 'Tnere's no doubt

ency of Scott's characters.' He took

one of the books, and turned over the

tion! 'She's a wild ship, that'-

across the border as fast as he can.'

'Interesting old illustrations these

are,' said Davenport, taking up an-

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'Yes, and the scene in the Tolbooth where Rob Roy gives Bailie old warehouses toward the region skyscrapers and lower Broadway. reasons fur not betrayin' him.' The

'Scott is evidently his hobby,' replied Davenport, with a careless smile, 'and I liked' to please him in

He lapsed into that reticence which, as it was his manner during most of the time, made his strange complete commercial guide to London and its suburbs, the Directory contain seasons of communicativeness the liets of more remarkable. A few days passed came on in Larcher's presence.

It was a drizz ing, cheerless night, Larcher had been to a dinner in sail, and indicating the approxima, Madison Avenue, and he thus found himself not far from Divenports of leading Manufacturers, Merchant abode. Going thi her upon an impeter, in the principal provincial town pulse, he beheld the artist seated at Kingdom. the table, leaning forward over a con-fusion of old books, some of them forwarded, freight paid, on receipt of Postal Order for 20%. open. He looked pallid in the light of the reading lamp at his ebow, and his eyes seemed withdrawn deep into

'How's this?' began Larcher. 'Do find you pondering,

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'No; merely rambling over familiar You been to Dryburgh Albey?-to fields.' Davenport held out the top- Adams, Thos. D., Oh, Shakespare, laughed Larcher. Ayles, Mary, Theatre Hill 'Oh, yes,' said Davenport, smiling at the old man's joyous wonder, which The Sonnets. Hello, you've mark-

ed part of this." Little need to mark anything so nous. But it comes closer to me than to most men, I fancy.' And he Baker, Thilomena, recited slowly, without looking down

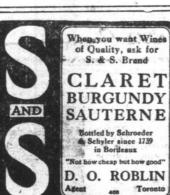
When, in disgrace with Fortune and George, I never expected to get so And trouble deaf heaven with my boot-And look upon myself, and curse my

> having recourse to the page, went on: possest,
> Desiring this man's art and that man's Boland, Hannah, retd
> Brothers, Mrs. Mary

But I think that hits all men,' all the rest. It's very easy; thous- said Larcher, interrupting himself. ands of Americans go there every Everybody has wished himself in year. Why don't you run over next somebody else's shoes, now and again, Butler, Jacob, card, don't you believe?"

The old man shook his head. 'I have certainly wished myself out That's all too fur away from home of my own shoes,' replied Davenport, fur me. The women are afraid o' the almost with vehemence. 'I have water, and they'd never let me go hated myself and my failures, God alone. I kind o' just drifted into knows! I have wished hard enough this New York business, but if I un- that I were not I. But I haven't dertook to go across the ocean, that wished I were any other person now would be the last straw. And I'm existing, I wouldn't change selves afraid I couldn't get on to the manwith this particular man, or that parpers and customs over there. They ticular man. It wouldn't be enough say everything's different from here. to throw off the burden of my mem-To tell the truth, I'm timid where I ories, with their clogging effect upon don't know the ways. If I was like my life and conduct, and take up the you - I shouldn't wonder if you'd burden of some other man's-though been to some of the other places I should be the gainer even by that, where things happened in his novels?' in a thousand cases I could name.'

With a smile. Davenport began to ing with somebody e'se, said Larchenumerate and describe. The old interest, slight as it was, produced man sat enraptured. The whiskey er, 'We all prefer to remain our and seltzer came up, and the host selves, with our own tastes, I suppose. saw that the glasses were filled and But we often wish our lot was like



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