Golding, who was now sole executor to the deceased. The event had caused in the office a feeling of manimous regret.

White by nature a just man, Mr. Crageby hind been an unusually kind one—so far, at all events, as those whom he employed were concerned. A man of high principle and strict probity, he never made his own uprightness and rectitude an excuse for severely judging others. As one of his clerks put it. "Grageby was strict, but you couldn't help liking him, for he would never find fault without a cause for it." This necessarily insured him the respect and liking of those who were under his anthority.

Another circumstance which added to his popularity was the fact that he disliked making changes in the arrangement of the firm, Having once employed a man and found him trustworthy, Mr. Crageby prefetred to retain him, even though the salary paid continuously increased. This gave a feeling of security to clerks and warshousemen, which remained undistarbed till the death of the chief rudely awakened them, when they remembered the widiferent were the views and opinions of the junior partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of partner, who would now hold undisputed away. For Mr. Golding was a feeling of manifestical partners and feeling the feel of the first of the wire brim and successively handled a Moston. Mass. reporter named Dillon.

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But, as almost always happens, there was one person with whom his rudeness of manner was valled by courtesy, his about the sevent of the late partner, and coinsequently his cousin, Elinor Cragaby.

For aome years Mr. Golding had dierland in his inmost heart—or, perhaps, it would be better to say mind than heart—all king for his relative, and had set himself to gain her favorable regard. As yet, however, he had not achieved any marked success; but he was of a dogged, persovering rature, and did not despair. The match would be a very advantageous one, for Elinor was, by her father's death, placed in possession of a considerable fortune, which would be of use in extending and improving the business.

"For," as Mr. Golding was wont to any for a few friends, "Cragaby was gold fellow enough, but slow and old fashions—couldn't keep pace with the age." And now that the game was in his own hands, he began to launch out more holdly. But to de this required capital, and this, if he could but win his cousin's regard, was ready to his hand. Elinor's personal stractions, which had first captivated bim, would have been almost sufficient to induce him to seek the alliance, but Elinor's wealth was irresistible.

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"Remshaw, the governor wants you," said one of the seniors to a young man who, bending over his desk, appeared so intent upon his occupation that the other had to repeat the words, and in a louder key, before any notice was taken.

Then Gilbert Renshaw, with a brief 'Thank you, Brown," put his work carefully in his desk, and, locking it, turned and walked quietly across the office to the private room. Mr. Brown looked after him.

"He's a queer one," he soliloquized. "He's been here four or five years, and he takes things as coolly as if he had been here all his life—more coolly, in fact, Half of us would have gone to Golding full pelt, but not he; catch him hurrying I can't make him out," and with this candid admission, Mr. Brown turned his attention to his letter-writing.

Meanwhile Gilbert Renshaw had entered the private room where Mr. Golding sat alone.

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"I regret to hear it, sir," was the quies reply.

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tered to himself, "you shall suffer for it, my friend,"

But the days went by and for a time his vindictiveness remained without an opportanity to exercise itself.

He was ahrewd enough, however, to wait his opportunity. And that was not long in coming. One Saturday afternoon he happened to want clibert for some purpose, and sent for him. The young man could newhere be found. Mr. Golding glanoed at the clock and frowned angriy.

It was just ten minutes to the tline at which, their werk being done, the clerks were entitled to leave. Some were already closing their deeks, and making preparations for departure, but the sudden apparance of the chief in the outer office galvanized them into renewed activity. A kind-hearted senior in the meantime surrespitiously dispatched an office boy to the restaurant which Gilbert generally frequented, but the well-meant effort was fruilless.

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