

COUPON BONDS.

(By the Author of "Parson Dodd's Adventures.")

PART I.—CONTINUED.

"I think I'm pretty sure—back to I heard something sounded like somebody getting into the kitchen window."

"What now?" suddenly exclaimed Mrs. Dodd, starting up in bed. "What now?" "I thought I might as well get up and satisfy myself," replied her husband, in a low, agitated voice.

"He made no reply, but presently came gliding softly through the billow of his cap. "I can't hear nothing. But I never in all my life heard the doors creak so. I could have sworn there was somebody walking over in that room as happy as I might be."

"No, I can't say I do. Did you?" "Just as plain as ever. I don't mind anything in my life. But what's the snuff, snuff and snuff you do?"

"I thought of the matches, but I certainly covered 'em up tight." "You snuffed again, first one, then the other, now a series of quick, snuff snuff, then one long, deep snuff, then a snuff by both together, as if by uniting their efforts, like two persons pulling a rope, they might accomplish what neither was equal to singly."

"Why, what, father?" "It's Thaddeus! He's been walkin' in his sleep. He's got the matches and set the house afire!"

"I should like to know if you didn't get excited and run me in the kitchen, as much as I did you?" retorted the indignant housewife. "You began it; you first put it into my head. But never mind; it can't be helped now. Let's have breakfast as soon as you can."

go straight home again as ever I had to do!" muttered Mrs. Ducklow.

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"I'm not sure, but I think I'm a little excited, a little nervous. I don't know what I thought, but I don't know what I thought."

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"They're mighty risky things to have in the house, that's one objection to 'em," replied Jephroth, thus adding breath to Ducklow's already kindled anger.

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Out of breath as she was, she quickened her pace, and nudged on, flushed, perspiring, panting, until she reached the house. "Thaddeus!" she called.

"No Taddy answered. She went in. The house was deserted. And to the carpet bag she turned, and gazed at it with a look of intense interest.

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"The man in the chair" she exclaimed, or rather in an effort to exclaim, succeeded only in bringing forth a hoarse, gasping sound. "He died of pneumonia," was the answer.

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RECOGNITION. Though nearly worn out by the day's work, the young man, who had been in the city for some time, was looking for a place to stay.

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