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The emissaries of Trajan giad! acceeded to The emisaries of Trajan ylad! acceeded
the request of Eustace. Tha bomely repast was
 to refresh themselres, whilst Eustace waited
upon tiem. Arain the thought of bis ole horae upoo them. Again the thougbt of ins oid horne
carae thiclity upon him ; and he could not testrain his tears. He leit the roorn where
guests were, bathed his face with mater, and re turned to watt on the two men.
'I bave a strauge presentiment,' 'emarked one of the mea during Eustace's absence, 'that our
good host is eren he whom we search after. Harked you not how he hesitated when we firs addressed bim.
eyes red with suppressed tears?
'Let us try the last test, the saire mark on
of the Danube, when be strucik dowa the North era champion.'
As soon as
As soon as Ewstace returned the soldiers ex
ammed מis head, and finding the wisheif for mart which be recerred duriag the wassage of the Danube, embraced their old General; the
geighors, too, came in, and the exploits of Eustace were soon to the mouthe of the ri
 Eustace add has two guides; as they seared th
Iraperial capiai, the Emperor came out to mee
 and side by side, amidst the congratulations and applause of the people, the Emperor anu bis lon
The return of Eustace raspired the people village to volunteer as soldrers, aūd bis only difíl cuity was to select who should be rejected. Oue conlungent from a far off village arrested his at teation it was headea by two youtbs of won-
derful likeness the one to the other, and appar derful lixeness yhe one to the other, and appar-
ently wathio a year of the same age. They
were tali in stature, of commanding features, and heir selection, as leaders, by their comrades, did justre to ther: attainments, and the superionty
of their manoers. Pleased with the gouth;
in Eustace placed them in the ran of his armp, an
Gegaa bis march against the maraders, who ba reached wrinin a few miles of the coast whereon us captain.
Pttching his catap within sight of that of th small village that formed the rear of bis yosition
A widcw tady, of but few yeas, bui sadif worn ith gree. About the mid-day meal, we pouth E. Of what I was wlipa 3 coild,' said the eldes

I know only this, that mp father carried me
ver a broad nper, anu lad me under a bush over a broad niver, ani lad me under a bush,
vhile he returnet to fetcu mp brother; but mhile we was gone, a hoo came, selzed me by the mother mas lost on our journef nigh to a great wea, where she remaned with a eruei captaia
who had seized ber for his slape. Who had seized ber for his slave. As I was car-
cieủ away by the lion, metheugtt a wolf seizad ried awas by the lion, wethecght a wolf seiza
on my brother, whom my father had lett on th opposite bank: The lion soon tropped me, for
men with loud cries and stones pursued him drove ham from me. Then they conveged me to che village where we bave hived together so ${ }^{\text {long. }} \mathrm{M}$
'My brother, O my brather!' exclaimed the
ther youth, bardly able to restrata tis emotion other youlk, hardly able to restran tis ervotio
during the recital; 'I am he whom the wolf car ried off; but I was sared from tis jaws by the
shepherds, as thou wast foom the jaws of the
The widow had Yistened to the woaderfu' story of the two youg men. She marrellid much a their preservation; on the miorrow she sought
the conmander of the Imperial forces ; she found him in bis tent, his oficers were around him, and the two young men stood within the

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she sadd, 'I am a stranger in these arts; hiteen years have passed suce 1 let ich, but then poor and in miserg; we reache Younder sea ; our twa sons were with as, we
crossed in a shipman's boat, but when we arrive ed on this side, be detanaded money of my husgive him, beiseized on me and carried me into slavery: I lived fur years beneath bis roof ia sought to do me evil, for God preserved me from his, devices. At length my master died, and and rould now retura to Rome, if, per
chance I may find my busband and my chil dene, may 4 busband and $\mathrm{OF}_{8}$ chi
' Eustace! my busband!"
The Geeeral
datised his fanting mife, and biss byta, we shall see no more on earik; a lion and wore crorsing a them of before mine efes, as we mang leagues trom bence.
'Father! our dear father!" said the
youths, as they Lase: before the General.
iN iast night I overbeard the tale of their adren tures; this is be whom the lion took; this on olf, The tale was sron re-told; and Eustace was wife and bis sons. Then loud blew the trumpet tirough the camp, ard cheers rang from the ent, leading ms locg iost wife, and supported o either side by bis suris. Tha enthusiasm anded
them in obtaining the victory ores the enens. is joy and that Lay they fought for their hane heir Enperor, and thers commande:
The Empero: Trajan dud ant live to welcorae
ome bis bouozed Geocral; bis successor, homver, spared to expense in order to receive Eus deserved. The barpulet hall was gorgeous with cres and curiontises. On the Emperor's sight on Eustace, and has
 rifice to the great trod of War, and ofler our
hanks for this thy mictory. ${ }^{6}$ As may lord nleases,' said Eustace; 'on thing I prap, that iny lord will not regard my
absence fron the tempie as an intentional sigght to bis rojal person
'Aosence, sir!' exclaiced the Empetor, ' ormmand your atteadace; see that you and
ours are before liee altar of Mars, at nocn to haorrow; thou shati oftet sacrifice witt thy own
$\qquad$ Alt.-a Christian-be it sn-sacrice or die.
Death then, tog lord: I morshap Christ, no
Let tiun sare thee from the mouths of the
 - And cee too, ry lord, said Theosby farcing trom the lower part of the hall.
'As thicu witt : cane, sirs; our hoas well be The party soon aroved at the anphativeatre rapidy spread abersad the tedngs that the naouth, for bs Cirestianty. Some pitied him
for what ther calied bis folly: : What die ratber than throw a little sncense on the fire!" Other gloried in bas expected death, for they hated ile We their brother streggth to underg,
Eustace stood in the arena; his wife kneit by bis sute, and his soni stood before him to meet the hou's first bound. Tre crowd grew mpatient-
a sudden slence; a sound as of revolriag hinges ad then a sullen coar, as muth a bound the hoo prangig tato lue centre of the amphitheatre. He ast one look upon the youths, an, then bo bow another and another was let loose; but the old ion kept guard over the family, and fougbt witi
the other lions, and diove them back to therr 'It is enougla,' said the Emperor, 'be has a will test bis powers aganst the heat of fire ; pre pare the brazen ox.'
A fire was lighted buneath the animal, a vas the belly of whaci the pratims wera introduced through a door io the right side. As soon as it
was heated to its uturost beat, the executioners bastened to throw thair victums in ; Eustace forbade them, and then clasping his wife in his
armas, and followed by uis sons, he moved slowls up the ladder that led to the horrud cell, and entered the belly of the brazen ox calmly and without fear.
For three days the fire was kept burning be seart the creature. On the third evening the
east was opened; withia lay Eustace, his wife and his sons, as it were in a deep and placid was the smell of fire upon therr persous.
So died they all: the husband, the wife, and
the children-: The people buried them: mith the children.- The people buried them wrth
honor; and remembered with sorrow the martyrdom of the Cbisisian General:

THE TRTALS OF ST. EUSTACE. When Trajan was Enperor of Rone, Sir
Placdus, a bnigt of great prowess, asd a most skiltuil comunazuder, was clief of the armunes of the
Empire. Like his Imperial master, be was meraiful, just and chantabie, but a worshipmeriful, just and chantabie, but a worship-
per of 1 dols, and a despiser of the Crristaan faith. His wife was worthy of bls virtues, and sons had he, educated in all tie magnilacence that
befitted their father's station; but, as was to be expected, the faith of the pareuts
It was a farr soft dap, the southerly wind blew lightity over anon obscuring the sun, proclamed the ever anon
huanter's day. Sir Placidus rode to the chase.-
His trends and retaners were with bim, and a rigbt gallant company they were. A herd or
dees was soon found, the dogs were loosed from their !eashes, the whole party started in ful! and eager pursult. One stag of lofly stature and
mane branching antlered tead, separated itself from the rest of the herd, and made for the followed the herd, but Sir Placidus gave his atteation to the nooble ayimal,
Switt and long was the chase. Sir Placius enough to the noble anomal in ingpise bia mith apes of its ithikate with ais hunting spear. Oa, on they went with uatriag speed. hile mose to the view. He pressed the stag up its sides, and
gaiaed rapidy ta the chase. In a momeat the stag furned and faced the knight; be prepared to stribe, but nis hand was stayed as be saw be-
tweea the boras of the creature a cross encircled with a ring of glorinus light. Whatst he mused
on this wonder, a voice addressed him. The on this wonder, a
stag seemed to spak thus to the kaight:
'Why persecutest thou me, Placidus? For thy sake hare I assumed this shape $;$ I am the
the God whom thou gaorantly worshippest; $I$ the God whor thou ganorantly worshippest ;
an Christ. Thue alligs and thy prayers have anu Chist. Thune allas and thy prayers have
gone up beiore me, and therefore am I noir
aome. As thou dost bunt this stag, even so will I Lhunt thee
his horse. How loug be lay on the fell from trnew not. When has senses recturaed, he cried io angulsh:-
'Tell me thy will, O Lord, that I may beliere in thee, and pertorm it.'
Then replied the
Son of the liring god. I created bearen and earth, caused the light to arise, and dirided it
trom the darkness. I appointed daps, and sea-
sons, and perrs. I formed man out of the dus! of the earth, and for his 53 te took upon me form. Crucified, and buried, and the thurd day I rose agaiu.'.
'All tiis
I belteve, Lord,' replied Placidus: ' gea, and that thou, art He wio briogest baca
the wandering staner.'
Then said the roice, sif thou beiterest, go Then said he roce,
toto the city and be batised.
'Sball I reveal this uuto my
Lord, that they also may believe? the morrow's
that had happened uato hum: then :old her all lieve, and were baptised, and their childrea with them. The knight was called Eustace, his wife
Thosospgta, whilst to his sons the oames ot Theosbytus and Agapetus were given in their
baptism. On the morrow the bnight revisioa
\& 1 implore thee, $O$
Lord, to manifest lay self according to thy word,' prayed the knight.
Theo the voice was beard, saying, 'Blessed art thou, Eustace, in that thou hast been mashed come the devil. Nom has thou troiden bito to dust nhe beguiled thee. Now will thy fidelity
be shown ; for he whom thou hast forsaken will rage concunually against thee. Many thugs
must thou undergo for my sake. Thou must grace is sufficient for thee. In the end thou shaft conquer ; choose then, whether thou wilt experience thy trials in thine old age, or forthwith.
C Even as thou wollest, $O$ Lord ;o may be so, try me now, and help me in my trial.' With thése words the voice died awap, and was no nore heard; and Eustace, after prayei end
praze to. God, rose from bis knees and returned to his own house.
Gichata few days : had elapsed, ere the trials. hob came' upon. Eustace and his tamily; pest:
 ELobbers plundered his palace, driving amay the
kaight, bis Fife, and bis sons, in poverty and

nalseduess. It was in vain that the Empero Aghtest trace of him could be found
such rags as theg could obtain, reached the se The captaino of the vessel was capturated with the beauty of Theosbyta, and consented to carr side, than he demanded money of them for their
voyage.
'Vary well', rephied the captan, ' thy wife will
do as weill ; I will take her as my slare, she will sell for tie passage money.'
'Good master,' sald Eusta destitute, and have no money
: With ing life only will I her distres.

- As you please, west woman, and take ber to my cabin; as for 'Leare me, leave me. Eustace,' murmur can die but once.'
ed; he clasped his two boys by tieir yands, and ' $A \mathrm{~b}$ from the ship.
 A. few bouss' trarelling brought Eustacs sad
fate. his children to the bank of a broad and rapu
river, the waters of which san so desp that he t one time ; placing one therefore on the bank at one time; placing one therefore on the bank,
under the shade of a bush, be clasped the eldest In his arms, and plunged into the riser. Th
stream ran swiftly, aud the bottoria was tieach erous; but at length be reached the further sid plunged joto the river. The midde of the stream rom the prood close to which his younger son
fron was placed, and approach the child. It was all a van that he shouted, and strove to jeach
sbore; the woif seized the child and bore it of before bis father's eyes. At that moment a loud
roar from the other bank startled the bereaved falber, ; be turned and saw a hon car:y away bis - Alas, alas! exclamed Eustace, 35 socn a3 he bad reached the further bays of the river,
once I was floarishing itise a luguriant tree, but now I arn aitogether bilighted. Miltary cnsigon
were around me, and bands of armed mea. Mp wife and my chidren are tasen tram me; the
one to slarery, the otbers to death. O Lord thou didst warn me that I ruast endure the trials
of Job , are nct these wo:se than that holy man's? In bis greatest misery be had a couch wherreo sionate him to bis mistortuaes. His wife, too remained to bim-mine 15 gone fom rae ; place
a bridle on ay lips, lest $I$ utter foolisuness and stand up against thee, $O$ my God.'
His heart relieved by thess pass:onate expres sions, the bnigit contioued his trapel ; after
many dars of want and fatioue he reached a far many days of want and fatigue be reached a far
of rillage, wiere he took up bis abode with one of the villagers, as his hired serrant. For fiftee years he served bis master faithfully, and a
his death he succeeded to dis cottage and his land.
Traja prosper ; his enervies but his fortuves stronger, for Placidus no longer directed the soldiers, by his example, to deeds of vaio against the eneemy, Often and often did the
Emperor thint of his lost commander, and ceaseless were lus endeavors to find out the
place of his conceaiment.
Eustace was working in his fields about tia
Eustace was working in his tields about the two men drew near, and after cbserving tim for costed the knight.
'Friend', said one of the men, 'dost thou and has two sons?'
The beart of Etstace was sore triea, recalled his previous houors in the world, and be still feit a lingering wish to retrace his steps.-
Nay,
he thought, ' were I not alone, it wer well to return: but for a solitarg, this place sirs, of th ame jou ask after.'
'It is but a fool's errand we are on, master, I lear,' sald the man; we have traselied far and aear after our old, General, but no ane kat
aught of him.
It is years snce be Ieft Rome, friends, s not;'rejoined Eustacte. - must go onwards.
the old bureau.
As we were passing domn Exchargz street everal years ago, we stopped in front of an auc-
ion room to examan the parious articles that were exposed to be soill under the haramer. We bad been there but a few moments when we heard a femaie roice inquiriog, 'Is this buraau to be
sold to-day?' On looking up we perceired that he to-day? On looking up we perceired that
question bad been addressed to us by a young ae question bat been addressed to us by a young
ladg, whose sad but pleasant couatenance struck sat once. We rephied that all the articies the bighest bider.
'I should like bureau if it goes low enough,' e sait, pointing to an old fastuoned article tha was starding among the otiner furniture; ' but I
ever boughit anything at auction in mF life, and ver boughit anything at auction in my life, an
see no woman here. 1 do not koow if it would 'It mould be perfectly proper,' we recarbed int fou wish it, I will bid of the bureau.?
tIf 504 w:ll, sir, I will be greatly obliged to

How higk are foe willing to go
lls: for three or four dollaris sou icta
"Stait I spenis to a hand cartmas to leave it
¿No, sir, I will call at noon, and settie for it,
So safing the lady went amay, leav:ng us to
conder who she was, and of what use the old areau could be to ber. We examined it, took leren o'ciock when the auction commenced, we wore present, aud after waiting for vearly an -We will now sell the bureau. What will One man oflereí two dollars, another three, and we bid a hall dollar more. Wour dollars
vere bid-four and a balf and fire dollars. We were astonished that the old thing should bring ad disappoint the lady. The thought struck me that it might hare belonged to some fread, and she wishec to purcbase it on that account, and
rather tham disappoint her, we resolved to bid gain. The bureau ran up to ten dollars, and tainly we should not bave given four dollars for
it to use ourself. However, we bought it, and had it sent to our room, telling the auctooneer bat If a lady called for it, to ufform her where
might be found. We examoned it arain, and it might be found. We examoed it again, and
began to regret the purchase, feeling aimost cerain that the young lady would not thauk us for an bargato. Our pultosopby will not permit us

A littie after dusk, as we were sitting in our gy tor intruding, and remarked, 'You bought me that bureau, so the auctioneer informs me. 'Yes, I bou"
'Wbat did pou give?'
'Tea dollars andi a half,
Ten dollars and a half,
' You astonsh me. What can I do? I had 'You astonsh me. What can I do? I had
no idea that it mould bring orer chree or four
dollars, and 1 am no: prepared to pap for it todotlars,
night."
'I su
for it, b
suppose it was foolish io rae to give so much
but I presum sou , but I presumed you wanted it very much. hat amount for the bureau, if I were able, rather
'So I a aprehended. Perbaps it may bave beonged to some friend of yours

- Yes, sir ; that bureau was once my mother's, and I noticed a tear come in ber epe, which she
endeavored to conceal-‘ but she as dead nown and 1 want to keep it in remembrance of her:' Thinking that tiae lady might be poor, we told her that she might take the bureau that nigat,
'I am greatly obliged to you for gour kindWe urged her to take it, but sbe refused; sayiog - I will see what $I$ can do, and call in a day or two, and see you ;' and: budding us good There is something very mysterious about this woman, thonght we. It may be tuat she:is poor,
and perhaps in very destitute circumstances.: But she shows an exceilent beart and the warmest attachment to a deceased mother. Her educa-
tion must have been good, and she has evidently tion must have been good, and she has epidently
seen better days. And we thought that the next time she called upon us we would ascertain 80 me--perhapg of her = name-whick. we. felt, vers Ip a day or two the young lady called upon us,

