

for his patience under hard trials, and for his good conduct and industry. When the boxes and bales containing the treasures given by the African king and queen to the owner of the cat, and marked outside with a large W, were displayed before the astonished youth, he burst into tears, and implored his master to take all, if he would but continue to be his friend. But the merchant would touch none of it, declaring it to belong to Whittington, and to him alone. Before the captain took his leave, he said to Dick playfully, "I have another present for you from the African queen," and calling to a sailor below, ordered him to bring up the wicker-basket, out of which leaped Mrs Puss, to the great joy of her former master; and right happy was she to see him again, purring round him, and rubbing her head against his face when he took her up in his arms. For the rest of her days she continued to live with her grateful master.

Dick made a liberal and proper use of his wealth, rewarding all who had been in any way kind to him; nor did he even omit his old enemy, the cook, when bestowing his bounty, although she could never after look at him full in the face, from a sense of shame. Mr Fitzwarren constantly refused Whittington's earnest wishes that he would accept at least some of his great wealth, but he agreed to become his guardian and the manager of his property until he should be of age. Under his prudent

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