BARNABY RUDGE

CHARLES DICKENS

in peril of his life-brought here by portion.' sequence of your crime.'

again endeavoring to break away.

night, to-morrow; if not to-morrow,

ing it. "You!"

earnestness. "But why?"

with a livid face.

"Not to load you with reproaches." she replied; "not to aggravate the but to restore you to peace and hope. faced, that He will comfort and con- single prisoner. clasping her hands, and looking upval that will remain to us, and soothe poses, was desolate and alone. you with my truest love and duty, and pray with you that one threatening judgment may be arrested, and that our boy may be spared to bless God, in his poor way, in the free air

He fell back and gazed at her while

'Begone!'' he cried. 'Leave me you plot, do you! You plot to get am the man they say I am. A curse on you and on your boy!"

On him the curse has already fallen," she replied, wringing her hands. one and all. I hate you both. The will be the knowledge that it comes to you. Now go!"

"I say go-I say go for the last

dungeon door, and having done so, a more hopeful prospect. carried her away.

June, there were glad faces and light which he was gifted, in reviewing his hearts in all quarters of the town, best chances of coming off handsomeand sleep, banished by the late hor- ly and with: small personal inconvenrors, was doubly welcomed. On that jence, his spirits rose, and his confinight, families made merry in their dence increased. When he rememberhouses, and greeted each other on the 'ed the great estimation in which his common danger they had escaped; and office was held, and the constant dethose who had been denounced, ven- mand for his services, when he betured into the streets; and they who thought himself how the Statute had been plundered, got good shelter. Book regarded him as a kind of Uni-Even the timorous Lord Mayor, who versal Medicine applicable to men, was summoned that night before the women and children of every age and Privy Council to answer for his con- variety of criminal constitution, and

"I will," she answered, "I desire duct, came back contented, observing when he called these things to mind to. Bear with me for a moment to all his friends that he had got off and dwelt upon them, he felt certain more. The hand of Him who set his very well with a reprimand, and re- that the national gratitude must recurse on murder, is heavy on us now. peating with huge satisfaction his lieve him from the consequences of You cannot doubt it. Our son, our memorable defence before the Council, his late proceedings, and would cerinnocent boy, on whom His anger "that such was his temerity, he tainly restore aim to his old place in fell before his birth, is in this place thought death would have been his the happy social system.

your guilt; yes, by that alone, as | On that night, too, more of the say, with these whole loaves of com-Heaven sees and knows, for he has scattered remnants of the mob were fort to regale upon, Mr. Dennis took been led astray in the darkness of his traced to their lurking-places, and his place among the escort that intellect, and that is the terrible con- taken; and in the hospitals, and deep awaited him, and repaired to jail among the ruins they had made, and with a manly indifference. Arriving "If you come, woman-like, to load in the ditches, and the fields, many at Newgate, where some of the ruinme with reproaches"-he muttered, unshrouded wretches lay dead, envied ed cells had been hastily fitted up for by those who had been active in the the safe-keeping of rioters, he was "-I do not. I have a different pur- disturbances, and who pillowed their warmly received by the turnkeys, as

at another time. You must hear it. whose thick stone walls shut out the tonous duties. In this spirit, he was Husband, escape is hopeless-impos- hum of life, and made a stillness fettered with great care, and conveywhich the records left by former pri- ed into the interior of the prison. "You tell me so, do you?" he said, soners with those silent witnesses "Brother," cried the handman, as, of my limbs. I'm quite an old man. raising his manacled hand, and shak- seemed to deepen and intensify; re- following an officer, he traversed un- Don't hurt me!" morseful for every act that had been der these novel circumstances the re-"Yes," she said, with indescribable done by every man among the cruel mains of passages with which he was in such piteous accents that Hugh, towards the wall. After two or crowd; feeling for the time their guilt well acquainted, "am I going to be who had dragged away the chair, and three ineffectual twitches at his "To make me easy in this jatt. To his own, and their lives put in peril along with anybody?" make the time 'twixt this and death by himself, and finding amidst such "If you'd have left more walls himself and bade him get up. pass pleasantly. For my good-yes, reflections, little comfort in fanatic- standing you'd have been alone," was "I'll get up certainly, brother," dangerous humor, Mr. Dennis, who for my good, of course," he said, ism, or in his fancied call, sat the the reply. 'As it is, we're cramped cried Dennis, anxious to propitiate burnt, for reasons of his own, to purgrinding his teeth, and smiling at her unhappy author of all-Lord George for room, and you'll have company." him by any means in his power. "I'll sue the conversation, had no alterna-

Gordon. He had been made prisoner that object to company, brother. I rather am sure. There-I'm up now. What could, waiting his further pleasure. evening. "If you are sure it's me like company. I was formed for so- can I do for you? Only say the word tortures and miseries of your condi- you want," he said to the officer who ciety, I was.' tion, not to give you one hard word, waited outside with the warrant for "That's rather a pity, ain't it?" his arrest on a charge of high trea- said the man. Husband, dear husband, if you will son, "I am ready to accompany you" No," answered Dennis, "I'm not with both hands, and shaking him as ter. Through the half-opened window world would say, a providential oc-

but confess this dreadful crime; if -which he did without resistance. He aware that it is. Why should it be a though he were bent on stopping his the Temple Garden looks green and currence) that the brother of my Lord you will but implore forgiveness of was conducted first before the Privy pity, brother?" Heapen and of those whom you have Council, and afterwards to the Horse "Oh! I don't know," said the man you done for me?" wronged on earth; if you will dismiss Guards, and then was taken by way carelessly. "I thought that was plash of many an oar, spatkles in the very dease heads curiosity had penethese vain uneasy thoughts, which ne- of Westminster Bridge, and back over what you meant. Being formed for done," returned the hangman. ver can be realized, and will rely on London Bridge (for the purpose of society, and being cut off in your Hugh made him no answer, but and the summer air steals gently in, Lord Mayor was decidedly wrong, and penitence and on the truth, I pro- avoiding the main streets), to the flower, you know"mise you, in the great name of the Tower, under the strongest guard "I say," interrupted the other his teeth chattered in his head, cast very town, the smoky town, is ra- that amusing person beyond all Creator, whose image you have de- ever known to enter its gates with a quickly, "what are you talking of? him down upon the floor and flung diant. High roofs and steeple tops, doubt, in stating that my friend was

sole you. And for myself," she cried, Of all his forty thousand men, not their flowers?" one remained to bear him company. "Oh, nobedy particular. I thought to me to see you here," he muttered, morning sun, and high among them bond parent, avowing revolutionary ward, "I swear before Him, as He Friends, dependents, followers,—none you was, perhaps," said the man. "I'd have crushed your head against all, St, Paul's towers up, showing its and rebellious sentiments; I am not knows my heart and reads it now, were there. His fawning secretary Mr. Dennis wiped his face, which it; I would." that from that hour I will love and had played the traitor, and he whose had suddenly grown very hot, and re- It was some time before Dennis had cherish you as I did of old and watch weakness had been goaded and urged marking in a tremulous voice to his breath enough to speak, but as soon His chocolate and toast stood upon tures make such very off and embaryou night and day in the short inter- on by so many for their own pur- condctor that he had always been as he could resume his propitiatory

CHARTER XVI.

Mr. Dennis, having been made prisoner late in the evening, was removed to a neighboring round-house for that night, and carried before a justice for examination on the next day, she poured out these words, as though Saturday. The charges against him he were for a moment awed by her being numerous and weighty, and it manner, and knew not what to do. But being in particular proved, by the nervous." anger and fear soon got the mastery testimony of Gabriel Varden, that he great alarm. had shown a special desire to take his life, he was committed for trial. Moreover, he was honored with the speech with me, and let them know I distinction of being considered a chief among the insurgents, and received from the magistrate's lips the complimentary assurance that he was in "Let it fall heavier. Let it fall on would do well to preuare himself for

worst has come to me. The only the worst, the worst. comfort that I seek or I can have, was not somewhat startled by these honors, or that he was altogether She would have urged him gently, prepared for so flattering a reception, even then, but he menaced her with would be to claim for him a greater amount of stoical philosophy than even he possessed. Indeed this gentleman's stoicism was of that not untime. The gallows has me in its common kind, which enables a man grasp, and it is a black phantom that to bear with exemplary fortitude the may urge me on to something more. afflictions of his friends, but renders Begone! I curse the hour that I was him, by way of counterpoise, rather born, the man I slew, and all the liv- selfish and sensitive in respect of any that happen to befall himself. It is In a paroxysm of wrath, and ter therefore no disparagement to the ror, and the fear of death, he broke great officer in question to state, from her, and rushed into the dark- without disguise or concealment, that ness of his cell, where he cast him- he was at first very much alarmed, self jangling down upon the stone and that he betrayed divers emotions floor, and smote it with his iron of fear until his reasoning powers glanced round the cell in search of ing forward, looked from beneath his hands. The man returned to lock the came to his relief, and set before him

In proportion as Mr. Dennis exercis-On that warm, balmy night in ed these intellectual qualities with

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how high he stood in his official capacity in the favor of the Crown and oth Houses of Parliament, the Mint, the Bank of England, and the Judges of the land; when he recollected that whatever ministry was in or out, he remained their peculiar pet and panacea, and that for his sake England stood single and conspicuous among the civilized nations of the earth;

With these crumbs, or as one may pose. You must hear it. If not to-doomed heads in the temporary jails, an unusual and interesting case, And in the Tower, in a dreary room which agreeably relieved their mono-

Don't. Who's a-going to be cut off in himself on the bench again.

fond of a joke, followed him in sil-strain, he did so. ence until he stopped at a door.

asked facetiously.

denly stopped, and started back.

the door.'

the man. ed Dennis. "I can't be shut up with scot-free. Unlikelier things than that self to a train of charming recollec- Ont. that man. Do you want me to be have come to pass. Even if we tions, and after a pause, soliloquized throttled, brother?"

particular desire on the subject one it's well done, it's so neat, so skil- the way of his mamma! ? am not a bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure. way or other, but briefly remarking ful, so captivating, if that don't seem surprised. And his mysterious friend It removes all kinds of corns without that he had his orders and intended too strong a word, that you'd hard- Mr. Dennis, likewise! I am not sur- pain. Failure with it is unknown. to obey them, pushed him in, turned ly believe it could be brought to sich prised. And my old postman, the the key, and retired.

tarily raising his arm to defend him- that he spat upon the dungeon pave- could possibly happen to him." self, stared at a man, the only other ment. fast asleep again.

defence. There was nothing movable thing of a smile upon his face. with the utmost vigilance and cau- in one and the same plight."

again. Tired of standing, he crouched soon be all over with you and me, him with outstretched neck, to as- you?" sure himself that he really was still asleep, and was not about to spring upon him when he was off his guard.

Finishing this speech with a growl like the yawn of a wild beast, he stretched himself upon the bench again, and closed his eyes once more.

might sleep on until the turnkey vishimself upon these promising appearances, and blessing his stars with much fervor, when one or two unpleasant symptoms manifested themselves; such as another motion of arm. the arm, another sigh, a restless tossing of the head. Then, just as it seemed that he was about to fall heavily to the ground from his narrow bed. Hugh's eyes opened.

It happened that his face was turned directly towards his unexpected visitor. He looked lazily at him for some half dozen seconds without any aspect of surprise or recognition, great oath pronounced his name.

"Keep off, brother, keep off!" eried Dennis, dodging behind the chair. soner like you. I haven't the free use look up your friends"-

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name as I think that others should know of the

wonderful merits of Burdeck Blood Bitters."

aod I'll do it."

Hugh, clutching him by the collar in the bed-chamber of Sir John Ches- a good stroke of chance (or, as the breath by that means. "What have pleasant; the placid river, gay with Mayor should lave been in court, with

"I did the best that could be done"

"This is my quarters, is it?" he he whined; "I did indeed. I was forc- ing to glance with an air of tranquil The country justice had indeed turn-"This is the shop, sir," replied his know how many bullets on each side room, and sometimes to gaze indolent- Barnaby, and solved the doubt that He was walking in, but not with not been taken, you'd have been shot, drank, and read the news luxurious- thought how much he had to answer the best possible grace, when he sud- and what a sight that would have ly been-a fine young man like you!" "Halloa!" said the officer. "You're Will it be a better sight now?"

asked Hugh, raising his head, with upon his equable temper. His man- HOW TO CURE CANCER WITHOUT "Nervous!" whispered Dennis in such a fierce expression, that the oth-ner was unusually gay; his smile KNIFE, PLASTER OR PAIN er durst not answer him just then.

shouldn't and the chances fail, we as follows:

rolled over on his side, let his arm his own secret hopes and the men- ring the bell for more. soothe that ruffian than the most ela-Relieved in some degree by this, borate arguments could have done, or the hangman took his eyes for an in- the most abject submission. He reststant from the slumbering figure, and ed his arms upon his knees, and stoopsome 'vantage ground or weapon of shaggy hair at Dennis, with some-

within it, but a clumsy table which "The fact is, brother," said the could not be displaced without noise, hangman, in a tone of greater confiand a heavy chair. Stealing on tip- dence, "that you got into bad comtoe towards this latter piece of fur- pany. The man that was with you niture, he retired with it into the re- was looked after more than you, and motest corner, and intrenching him- it was him I wanted. As to me, self behind it, watched the enemy what have I got by it? Here we are,

"Lookee, rascal," said Hugh, con-racting his brows, "I'm not altoge-her such a shallow blade but I know The sleeping man was Hugh, and tracting his brows, "I'm not altogeperhaps it was not unnatural for ther such a shallow blade but I know Dennis to feel in a state of very un- you expected to get something by it, comfortable suspense, and to wish with or you wouldn't have done it. But it's whole soul that he might never awake done, and you're here, and it will down in his corner after some time, and I'd as soon die as live, or live as die. Why should I trouble myself although Hugh's breathing still pro- to have repenge on you? To eat, and claimed that he was sleeping sound- drink, and go to sleep, as long as I ly, he could not trust him out of his stay here, is all I care for. If there sight for an instant. He was so was but a little more sun to bask afraid of him, and of some sddden on- in, than can find its way into this slaught, that he was not content to cursed place, I'd lie in it all day, and see his closed eyes through the chair- not trouble myself to sit or stand back, but every now and ther rose up once. That's all the care I have stealthily to his feet, and peered at for myself. Why should I care for

He slept so long and so soundly again, and closed his eyes once more. that Mr. Dennis began to think he After looking at him in silence for some moments, Dennis, who was ited them. He was congratulating mood, drew the chair towards his rough couch and sat down near himtaking the precaution, however, to keep out of the range of his brawny

"Well said, brother; nothing could be better said," he ventured to observe. "We'll eat an' drink of the best, and sleep our best, and make the best of it every way. Anything can be got for money. Let's spend it merrily."

"Ay," said Hugh, coiling himself into a new position-"Where is it?" "Why, they took mine from me at then suddenly jumped up, and with a the lodge," said Mr. Dennis; "but mine's a peculiar case.'

"Is it? They took mine too." "Why, then, I tell you what, bro-"Don't do me a mischief. I'm a pri-ther," Dennis began. "You must

"My friends!" cried Hugh, starting up and resting on his hands. "Where are my friends?"

'Your relations then," said Dennis. "Ha ha ha!" laughed Hugh, waving ore arm above his head. "He talks of friends to me-talks of relations to a, man whose mother died the death in store for her son, and left him, a hungry brat, without a face he knew in all the world! He talks of this to me!"

"Brother," cried the hangman, whose features underwent a sudden change, "you don't mean to say"-"I mean to say," Hugh interposed, "that they hung her up at Tyburn. What was good enough for her, is good enough for me. Let them do the like by me as soon as they please -the sooner the better. Say no more to me. I'm goiog to sleep.'

"But I want to speak to you; I want to hear more about that," said Dennis, changing color.

"If you're a wise man," growled

Hugh, raising his head to look at him with a frown, "you'll hold your tongue. I tell vou I'm going to sleep." Dennis venturing to say something more in spite of this caution, the desperate fellow struck at him with all his force, and missing him, lay down again with many muttered oaths He whined out the last three words and imprecations, and turned his face aimed a blow at him with it, checked dress, which he was hardy enough to venture upon, notwithstanding his "Well," returned Dennis, "I don't comply with any request of yours, I live but to sit as patiently as he

CHAPTER XVII.

"What can you do for me?" cried A month has clapsed, -and we stand of escaping, on his trial; and it was boat and barge, and dimpled with the other country justices, into whose distance; the sky is blue and clear; trated. For though the brother of my shaking him in his strong gripe until filling the room with perfume. The established his near relationship to wont to look black and sullen, and sane, and had, to his knowledge, wan-"If it wasn't for the comfort it is cross, glitters anew in the bright dered about the country with a vagalofty crest in burnished gold.

on the coverlet; and, sometimes paus- of society.'

The cheerful influence of the morning seemed to have some effect, even more placid and agreeable than usual; "A deal better," said Dennis meek- his voice more clear and pleasant. He "I will, when you're in," returned ly, after a pause. "First, there's all laid down the newspaper he had been the chances of the law, and they're reading, leaned back upon his pillow "But I can't go in there," whisper- five hundred strong. We may get off with the air of one who resigned him-

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ed with two bayonets and I don't satisfaction round the well-ordered ed the wavering scale against poor of me, to point you out. If you had ly at the summer sky, he ate, and trembled in his favor. Grip little

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You cannot be happy while you have The officer seemed to entertain no can but be worked off once; and when "And my friend, the centaur, goes corns. Then do not delay in getting

Dennis stood trembling with his off with muskets! Bah!" and his na- man of Chigwell! I am quite rejoic- lee's Vegetable Pills are compounded back against the door, and involunture so revolted at the bare idea, ed. It's the very best thing that from roots, herbs and solid extracts of known virtue in the treatment of After delivering himself of these re- liver and kidney complaints and in tenant of the cell, who lay, stretched | His warming on this topic, which marks, he fell again into his smiling giving tone to the system whether at his full length upon a stone bench, to one unacquainted with his pursuits train of reflection, from which he enfeebled by overwork or deranged and who paused in his deep breathing and tastes appeared like courage; to- roused himself at length to finish his through excesses in living. They reas if he were about to wake. But he gether with his artful suppression of chocolate, which was getting cold, and quire no testimonial. Their excellent fall negligently down, drew a long tion of himself as being in the same The new supply arriving, he took who have used them and they comqualities are well known to all those sigh, and murmuring indistinctly, fell condition with Hugh; did more to the cup from his servant's hand, and mend themselves to dyspeptics and

