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"Yes, sir; have you any objection?"

The young man raised his hand-

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THE STORY IN THE LONE INN.

CHAPTER I

"Oh," said the stranger, enlighten- and now muttering, "Not so fast, my ed, and touching his hat gallantly to fine fellow. I'll find out what you're made of first." he came out, and the old lady in acknowledgement, "I see; but as I am a complete stranger stood directly in his way. here. I do no tknow the way over the mountains; and it would be rather in- le, eh?" convenient, not to say unpleasant, to break my neck just at present. So, on said the young man, soothing his the whole, I'll take the road for it; horse, startled by the captain's sudmy horse will do it in five hours. I den appearance. think. Is it going to rain before midnight, think you?" said the stranger, May I ask your business there?"

saying about the weather hereabouts, captain for a moment, and said, concern at the quarrel. cause it generally does what it ain't quietly: said Mr. Rowlie, evidently determined tion." not to commit himself.

The stranger laughed.

"Oh! thank you; quite enlightened. What an acquisition you would be to think of me, now?" lan almanac-maker, my good friend. friend; good-by, madam," said the I should take you. Your face is any from the stranger's face.

young man, gathering up the reins, thing but a letter of recommendation. The words recalled the young man my good friend."

All this time Captain Nick had been

rage. "my deeds shall not belie my face! Out of this you shall not stir until you have answered for that

cuse me," said the young man, in his careless way; "I never quarrel, save with gentlemen." "You violent young puppy! Do you

know who you are talking to?" he cried, in a voice hoarse with passion. "Some rascally, low-bred Yankee, I have no doubt! Come, str. let go my bridle rein!" said the stranger. calmly, but with a sudden rising light in his eyes that might warned Captain Tempest of his danger.

But Captain Tempest, hearing only his calm, even tone, laughed insolently in his face, and grasped it all the "Not in the least, my young friend. on his arm, and the boy Jacinto stood beside him, his momentary emotion "Well, now, there ain't never no some eyes, and fixed them full on the all gone, and his face expressing only

"Do let go, captain! Wify should "Yes-you may ask; but whether you quarrel with him, a perfect know, and then again it mightn't," I'll answer or not, is another ques- stranger?" said the boy, earnestly, laying hold of the captain's arm, "You'd like a guide over the mount- while the young man fixed his eye on ains, wouldn't you " continued the Jacinto with a startled look,

unabashed captain. "What would you Go to the devil," was the harsh "Well," said the young man, care- hand and tightened his hold of the his wearied steed to jog on after his Well, I think I will try your road for lessly, after mature deliberation on bridle, never for a moment releasing own will. and an infernal road it is; my the subject, "I should say, if I wanted hold of the reins, nor removing his horse is lamed already. Good-by, my an impertinent scoundrel for a guide, insulting stare of derisive triumph have arisen so soon I would have

"Then, by Heaven!" said the cap- had excited, and with a stern com- a bad bargain. On, Saladin, my boy,

some eye, he turned to the captain. "Will you let go my bridle rein?"

"Then, by Jove! I'll make you!" he cried, and quick as lightning he raised his whip and cut the captain blinding slash in the face, With a shrick of a wild beast of

prey, Captain Tempest, bleeding and blinded, sprang back, and with a derisive shout, the young man struck spurs into his horse and flew down the road, shouting back as he did so: "Good-evening, my kind friend!-

better luck next time!" And, with a laugh, he was out of sight in a moment, the last glimpse he had of Captain Tempest, showing him livid and foaming at the mouth, in a perfect frenzy of impetent rage.

nearly half an hour, casting a glance back every now and then, as if he expected nursuit: and when it became too dark to see halting at intervals to listen. Nothing met his ear, however but the faint, distant beoming of the sea, and the melancholy wailing of the wind, that was rising each moment and his sharp pace gradually relaxed and loosening the rains on go at a more moderate pace.

Night had fallen at last-fallen in more than Egyptian darkness with a "gloomy sky above, a gloomy earth, below." The wind came wailing up from the sea, and over the distant hills in long lamentable blasts, and lifted a folded cloak of black cloth, lined with rich fur, that lay over the shoulders. In vain he strove to pierce through the Tartarian darkness—the eyes of Argus himself would have

stayed at that inn all night," he said The words recalled the young man in a sort of soliloquy; "but it's too from the transient interest Jacinto late now, and I must make the best of watching him, and listening intently; tain, his face growing crimson with pression of his handsome mouth, and on! There is rest and comfort in along the way where I could stay for the night; or have I lost my way among the wilds of Jersey? What a Don Quixote I am, to be sure!" he said, with a slight laugh, "to leave merry England and ride over to America in search of adventures, and begin by horse-whipping one of the some boy that was, and how his voice did remind me of-ha! if that's not a light by all that's lucky! Turn. Saladin! if there's shelter at hand!" Far in the distance, dimly twinkling through the deep gloom, the traveller had caught a faint, uncertain ray of light, and never did stormtossed mariner hail the welcome beacon more gladly than he did. Saladin saw it, too; and pricking up his ears he mended his dejected pace and struck off from the high road in

> he direction whence it came. Nearly an hour had elapsed since his leaving the Mermaid, and the young man judged he had come about six miles during that time. The light appeared, as he went, to have been further off than at first he had supposed: and the house, if house it were to be situated in a sort of marsh, or bog, into which his horse sank at every step. Still, Saladin plowed his way bravely on, sinking and rising again, until the light was reached at last, and the traveler saw it issued from an upper window of a solitary house—in very truth, a Conesome lodge that stood so low in a lonely

sort of savages live here," said the young man, as he alighted, and raising the handle of his heavy riding whip, knocked loudly and authoritatively at the door; but be they gobnight as this is going to be, under the cold canopy of a New Jersey sky." And again he knocked as if he would have beaten down the stout, oaken

bleasant voice, that might have be- woman to admit every one. Walk in,

who, seeing the light, has sought of doing that myself. I'll accompany shelter here," he answered promptly. you if you'll allow me." "Are you alone?"

onged either to a man or a woman.

hrough the deep darkness.

"Yes; unless you call my horse called the woman, suddenly throwing company. Come, my friend, be hos- open a door and admitting such a pitable enough to let me in. I am flood of light from a huge, blazing

"Enter," said the invisible voice, ness, were half blinded . withdrawing the chain. "One has to

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door opening sumdently for that be careful who they admit these visions of swimmingholes lurk in my The Maritime purpose. Not a ray of light could he times; for since the war there have mind! I am not a slacker but earnsee, but only a white face that shone been marauding parties of soldiers ing a smacker is harder, I'm thinging, knocking about the country, and it the cataract falling, the days in the than ever before; for I am recalling "Who are you?" said a harsh, un- makes it dangerous for a poor, lone forest, the nights by the shore.

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