Felix, the lad mentioned in the be ginning of this chapter, was scarcely to be called one, upon account o the mental imbecility that confined his usefulness to such simple cutie as running little errands from : som to room about the house.

So Mr. Brudenell rode off to the post office, and Ishmael walked off to the cottage occupied by Jim Mor-

CHAPTER XI. THE FROFESSOR OF ODD JOBS The little house was situated right at the foot of the hill south of Bru-

denell hall. Ishmael approached it from behind and walked around to the front. He opened the little wooden gate of the front yard and saw seated in the front door, enjoying that early autumn morning, a stalwart old man whose well marked features and high forehead were set in a rim of hair and beard as white as snow. A most respectable and venerable looking form, indeed, though the raiment that clothed it was old and patched. But Ishmael had to look again be fore he could recognize in this re erend personage the Professor of Odd

A curiosity to know whether the professor would recognize him induced Ishmael to approach him as stranger. As he came into the yard, however, Morris arose slowly, and lifting his old felt hat, bowed cour teously to the supposed stranger. 'Your name is Morris, I believe,' said Ishmael, by way of opening a

conversation. But at the first word the professo started and gazed at his visitor, exclaiming: "Young Ishmael, Oh, my dear boy, how glad I am to see you once more before I die," burst

into tears. Ishmael went straight into his embrace, and the little odd-job man pressed the young gentleman to his honest, affectionate heart.

"You knew me at once, professor" said Ishmael. "Know you, my boy," burst out the young man with enthusiasm.

I knew you by your steady, smiling eyes and by your rich, sweet voice, young Ishmael. No one has a look nd a tone like yours." You think so because you like

'And how you have grown. And they tell me that you have risen to a great lawyer I know it was i you to do it," said the professor olding the young man off and gaz ing at him with all a father's pride "By the blessing of heaven, I have been successful, dear old friend" said

Ishmael, affectionately; "but how is it with you, all these years?" he "How has it been with me? Ah young Ishmael-I should say Mr.

"Young Ishmael, professor." "No, no; Mr. Worth. I shall love you none the less by honoring you more. And with me you are hence forth Mr. Worth.

'As you please, professor. But I hope it has been well with you all these years.' "Come in, Mr. Worth, and sit down,

and I will tell you." The professor led the way into the humble dwelling. It was as neat as tom chairs, and pine tables, all of the professor's manufacture, and its bright tinware and clean crockery

ranged in order on its well-scrubbed But its look of solitude struck a chill upon Ishmael's spirits.

"Where are they all, professor?" he enquired. "Gone, Mr. Worth," answered Morris solemnly, as he placed a chair

"Gone! not dead," exclaimed Ishmael, dropping into the offered seat. "Not all dead, but all gone," answered the professor sadly, letting himself sink into a seat near Ish-

"Your wife?" enquired the young "There-and there," answered the

professor, pointing first down and then up; "her body is in the earth; her soul in heaven, I hope." "And your daughters, professor?" enquired Ishmael in a voice of sym-

"Both married, Mr. Worth. Ann Maria married Lewis Digges, old Commodore Burghe's boy that he set free before he died, and they have moved to Washington to better themselves, and they drives a back well as I hear the drives a back."

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well, as I hear. He drives a hack and she clear starches. They have three children, two girls and a boy. I have never seen one of them yet."
"And your ather daughter?" 'Mary Ellen ? She married Henry Parsons, a free man, by trade a blacksmith, and they live at St. Ini- McCallum, Chisholm goes. They have one child, a boy

I haven't seen them either since they "And you are quite alone," said Ishmael, in a tender voice. "Quite alone, young Ishmael," answered the professor, who forgot or this occasion to call his pupil Mr.

"And how is business, professor?" "Business has fallen off considera-bly; indeed I may say it has fallen

off altogether. "I am sorry to hear it. How is

that, professor?" "Why, you see, Mr. Worth, its falling off is the natural result of time and progress, of which I cannot complain, and at which I ought to rejoice. It was all very well for the neighborhood to patronize a jack of all trades like me when there was nothing better to be had; but now you see there are lots of regular mechanics been gradually coming down and settling here-carpenters and stone masons and painters and glaziers and plumbers and tinners and saddlers and shoemakers, and what not. Law, why you might have seen their signs as you rode through Baymouth "

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