

he does his best to think of the future. "Cheer up, Mary ; I'm sure I shall get something better to do before long."

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The better work was a long time coming, but it did come at last, and Jack and Mary are now comfortably settled twenty miles outside the great city. "He is the best under-gardener we have ever had ; and as for Mary, she makes an excellent nursemaid, and seems as happy as the day is long," said Mrs. Belcher to the Vicar, when he asked how they were getting on.

