## THURSDAY EVENG, MAR. 6, 1873. ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

But what is the gentleman's name?"
Annabel, who waited till she could

wait no longer.

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"Not ask the question!" exclaimed Philip. "And why?"

"Ose I've got orders not to answer it—leastways not to tell you the name, and that means the same thing. I'm wory sorry to disoblige you, but I promised, and in course I couldn't break my word—could I, sir?"

"Oer tainly not, Jim, certainly not. But this amazes me. Why should he still wish the mystery maiutained? and what possible harm could follow from an acknowlegment of his name?" "I'm that's just where I'm in the dark, sir. It's a part o' the strange business that has been a-puzzling me to no purpose. Howsomever, it can't last much longer; that's a comfort, for really when a man has got a mystery that won't clear up, let you go round and round it and try it asyou may, it ain's good for one; it interferes with their wery sleep, and don't conduce to a healthy state o' mind or body, and that has be the case with me since ever I came to Rockstone; and a to go, never so much as being allowed to tell you I was going."

"Ah, how did that come about, Jim?" asked Philip. "Who asked you to go to Rockstone?"

"It was master, sir. He called me into his room one day, and, when I got in, he shut the door wery carefally. Thinks I, wot's wrong? and began to wonder if anything had been missed out o' the warehouse. My face went read at the werry thought, and the beating o' my pulse went down to nothing."

"I'm Potts?" says he.

"'Yes, sir, 'says i, as doleful as a condemned criminal.

"'I'understand,' says he, 'you were in Woolman's Lane on the night when the gen'lam was attacked a find assisted Mr. Weston to help him?"

"Olint I just feel relief at the words, sir. Not a bit less, I am convinced, than the same condemned criminal does when a pardon comes to him at the foot of the gallows. I brightened up in a moment, and answered quite briskly that I was by good chance in the lane, and went for the gallow

good chance in the land, and what of the cast that took the gon lant to Banwell Row."

"Well," says master, 'the gentleman wants you to come and live with him."

"To live with him, sir? say. I, opening my oves wery wide, and looking the pictur o' astonishment.

"Yes, to live with him,' master says again. 'He has taken a fancy to you, and wants you to be about him to serve him in various odd ways—to drive him out and take his arm when he wants to walk—in fact, to be beside him at all times—He lives on his own estate in Yorkshire, says he, 'and has neither wife nor child. It will be a great thing for him if you go and I don't mind telling you, Jim Potts, says he, 'that it will be a good thing for you too."

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"At that I told him I didn't want 40 leave the whatchouse, for I like you so well, sir, I couldn't think of going any where else, though I asked him to think the old gen lain for his kind offer.

"But this won't separate you from Mr. Weston, says he, and he smiled way queer. "In fact, Jim, he went on, wot you have just told me makes it all the more desirable that you should go to Rockstone. I man not at liberty," says he, to tell you, why, but if you are at tached to Mr. Weston, as you say, you cannot do better either for him or yourself than to go.

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"Then I'll do it, says I, without another word, but he had a hard matter to get me to go out by the counting-house them and there without coming to tell you I was going, and it was really serving you to do it that I obeyed. A mortal mystery it was to me of course, and one that had no light into it on any side, but I took the master's word for it being good for you and Miss Annabel, and left Liverpool that wery afternoon, and though I don't know no more than I did then, it's my arm belief that it will turn out as master said, for the old gen'lam is a gen'lam, as I always said he was, and is liked well by high and low at Rockstone. His behavior to me has been uncommon handsome, and I've tried to make myself as useful to him as I could."

"And that I'll swear has been to no small extent," exclaimed Philip, who, with Annabel, had listened to Jim's story in silent wonder.

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