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had experienced little of this as yet in the washing of bands.

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soon found that complaints were of no avail, and only made matters harder Tibble Steelman avail, and only made matters harder for him, and that Tibble Steelman and figure in bronze, with a silver collar and of St. John's wood being named in the a mud wall? Kite that thou art, to

ally three years an appren tice, made his hands raw, and his joints Faith, Master Headley on his kneed was laid on him than on Stephen sideration of Stephen's youth, partly of his ready zeal and cheerfulness. His hands might be sore, too, but he was his hero worship of Kit Smallbone made him run on errands, tug at the bellows staff, or fetch whatever wa won the foremen's hearts, and it wa man had none of the airs that Giles Giles began by some amount of bully

ing, by way of slaking his wrath at the for one whem he continued style a beggarly brat picked up on the heath; but Stephen was good humored, and accustomed to give and take, and they both found their level, as well in the Dragon court as among the world outside, where the London 'prer tices were a strong and redoubtable body, with rude, not to say cruel, rites tiation among themselves, plenty of and house, guild and guild, but a united not to say ferocious, esprit de corps against every one else. Fisticuffs and ings were the amenities that I between them, though always with a love of fair play so long as no cowardice, or what was looked on as such, was shown, for there was no mercy for the weak or weakly. Such had better betake themselves at once to the cloister, or life was made intelestable by constant learn blown. rable by constant jeers, blows. baiting and buntings, often, it must be owned, absolutely brutal.

nen and Giles, had, however passed through this ordeal. The letter to John Birkenholt had been despatch ed by a trusty clerk riding with the but the 'prentice world was far too rude Judges of Assize, whom Mistress for little maidens to be trusted in it, Perronel knew might be safely trusted, and who actually brought back a letter which might have emanated from the authority for the binding Stephen to the worshipful Master Giles Headley, their flat cape. and sending the remainder of the boys

Stephen was thereupon regularly bound apprentice to Master Headley. It was a solemn affair, which took place

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CHAPTER XII.

A KING IN A QUAGMIRA.

Life was a rough, hearty thing in the early sixteenth century, strangely divided between thought and folly, hardship and splendor, misery and merriment, toil and sport.

The youths in the armorer's household it of cause an usest of the bowl of party were, of course, the sum of the powl of party were, of course, the sum of party were, of course, the went on to describe, however, how my tassock of grass, afraid to proceed or advance, he could not have his revenge. And when the slough was passed, and they?' And feeling in his bosom, he brought out a gold whistle suspended the messenger on his landing at Dover, and when the slough was passed, and by a chain. 'Blow it,' he said, taking off the chain, 'my mouth is too full of slime.'

Ambrose blew a loud, shrill call, but it seemed to reach no one but Stephen. Ambrose only stayed for Dennet to the party were, of course, the word of the proceed or advance, he could not have his revenge. And when the slough was passed, and they?' And feeling in his bosom, he out to seek after thee. Such are the women folk, Master Headley. Let women folk, Master Headley. The youths in the armorer's household to cause an upset of the bowl of per-

ess to Tibble Steelman and Kit effigy. This was to take place early in nes, though he might always the morning of the 14th of September

those first weeks. The actual toil, to Julian's pillar, while the rising sun they were about to return homeward, which he was an absolute novice, came peeping through the low eastern then put forward his little daughter, holding on her joined hands the figure on him than on Stephen of poor Spring, couchant, and beautifully Off to thy fellows, variet! at the same if we keep along by the modelled in bronze with all Tibble's time dealing a dexterous blow under lead us out somewhere. best skill.

> Cardinal-elect, and he even came to break his fast afterwards at the Dragon farthingales and coifs of Queen Kather ine and her ladies, that she pronounce

greenwood, uncle,' said Ambrose.
'Thou, too, Ambrose?' said Stephen

'For once away from thine ink and thy books!" 'Ay,' said Ambrose, 'mine heart one!' varms to the woodlan Jucle, would that thou couldst'co 'Wood that I could, boy. We three

would show these lads of Cockaynee what three foresters know of wood craft. But it may not be. Were I once there, the old blood might stir again

the city was little bigger than ou moderate sized country towns, and fa from being an unbroken mass of hous had yet made the two young forester delighted to enjoy a day of thoroug country in one another's society Little Dennet longed to go with them and her father held out hopes of going stionate of brothers, giving his promised her all their nuts, and as

were no very severe casualties before the prentices, being the larger number at his plight, whistles and shouts fo ppear on the scene, and he had a folly Cross Day, the last holiday in the ronderful knowledge of what was going mer about it, and on which the apprentiance of the scene, and he had a process Day, the last holiday in the saw well as the stouter and better fed, his people, and imprecations on their tardiness, until Stephen was near enough the most off towards Harrow.

Kit Smallbones had no notion of favorng their master's cousin.

So the party in early morning heard
Poor fellow, he was very miserable in
their Mass, and then, repairing to St.

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their Mass, and then, repairing to St. window of the vaulted church of St phen, or by envy at the capful of juicy was apprently heeded but little. Wot gave thanks for his preservation, and green leaves. George Bates and their present occupation, but was apprently heeded but little. Wot gave thanks for his preservation, and green leaves. George Bates and with yo how to get out of this quagmire? hes, while his groans met with gave thanks for his preservation, and green leaves, George Bates, rushing up was the question.

Out laughter; and he recog. then put forward his little daughter, from behind, shouted out: 'Here's a 'I never was h shulker! Here's one of the black guard! Stephen, but yonder lies the Tower, and Off to thy fellows, variet? at the same if we keep along by this dyke, it mus

the cap, which sent the blackberries up Hal Randall and Ambrose had both into Ambrose's face. 'Ha! ha! shout or the mud will dry on me, and I shall come up from the little home where ed the ill-conditioned fellow. 'So much stand here as though turned to stone by Perronel presided, for the hour was too for a knave that serves rascally stranearly for the jester's absence to be regers. Here, hand over that bag of Go on first, master hawk-tamer. What marked in the household of the nuts?

Ambrose was no fighter, but in de-Court, and held such interesting discourse with old Dame Headley on the his fists, and bade George Bates come foot, felt sure that it was some great and take them if he would. The quiet, him a man wondrous wise and for the young armorer, and made but have further suspicions when they came understanding, and declared Stephen poor reply to the buffets of his advertoa pool of clearer water, beyond which happy in the possession of such a sary, who had hold of the bag, and was firmer ground, and the strang kinsman. was firmer ground, and the strang with an exclamation of joy, borrow nearly choking him. with an exclamation of j. However, Stephen had already missed Stephen's cap, and scool

him, and rushed back, falling on Am-brose's assailant with a sudden well-square face he had seen more than once directed pommelling that made him before. turn about, with cries of 'two against

'Not at all,' replird Stephen. 'Stand by, Ambrose; I'll give the coward his found him out, lads? Well, it may no

In fact, though the boys were nearly of a size, George somewhat the bigger, Stephen's country activity, and perhaps the higher spirit of his gentle blood thougenerally, gave him the advantage, and on this occasion he soon reduced Bates

to roar for mercy. 'Thou must purchase it!' said Ste- in a few moments more they were sur phen. Thy bag of nuts, in return for rounded by the rest of the hawking the berries thou hast wasted.' Peacable Ambrose would have re-

monstrated, but Stephen was implac-able. He cut the string and captured 'Yea,' said Henr the bag, then with a parting kick bade been for this good lad, ye would never Bates go after his comrades, for his have heard more of the Majesty Eagle was nought but a thieving kite. England. Swallowed in a quagu Bates made off pretty quickly, but had made a new end for a King, and the two brothers tarried a little to see how much damage the blackberries had The gentlemen who had come up

fore, said Ambrose, anxiously.

'Nay, we can't be far astray while we whistle, ''tis a token that maybe will

bave enough to crack thy teeth on,' said see St. Paul's spire and the minster full before us,' said Stephen. 'Plainer 'Plainer 'Plainer' howard.' 'Plainer' howard.' 'I shall know it again. And thou, my black-eyed lad. My purse, Howard.'

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PREARER HOME.

A rewet, sweet thought invades my mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the faciling light, Itself the large care of sky mind the facility light care in the case of the large care of sky mind the facility of the large care of

'Here is my brother coming sir,' he little maiden kept her pron

on.

The breaking-in and training of the two new country lads was entirely left to them and to Edmund Burgess. Giles soon found that complaints were of no the two new country lads was entirely left to them and to Edmund Burgess. Giles soon found that complaints were of no the two new country lads was entirely left to the lasses of their acquaintance.

The breaking-in and training of the tices claimed a prescriptive right to go out nutting in St. John's Wood, and to filling of bags, and cracking of nuts, and out: 'Ha! hast thou got her? Why, flat-caps as ye are, ye put all my fellows to shame. How now, thou errant bird, and though Ambrose and the complaints were of no the country lads was entirely left to the lasses of their acquaintance.

Ambrose explained both their parer 'I never was here before, sir,' sa

'Well said, boy. I must be moving

There was an imperative tene abo fence of the bag that was to purchase a him that surprised the brothers, and treat for little Aldonza, he clenched Ambrose, looking at him from head to man at the least whom it had been scholarly boy was, however, no match his hap to rescue. Indeed, he began to 

He whispered to Stephen, 'tis the King.'
'Ha! ha!' laug

be the worse for ye. Pity thou shouldst coner, but we know our city of Londo

further shouts were heard. The King halloed, and bade the boys do so, and party, full of dismay at the King'

'Yea,' said Henry, 'an it had no and her father held out hopes of going one of these days to High Park, as he called it, while Edmund and Stephen promised her all their nuts, and as many blackberries as could be held in their flat caps.

'Gilee has promised me none,' said Dennet, with a pouting lip, 'nor Ambrose.'

'Are we in the right track, thinkst thou? Here is a pool I marked not before,' said Ambrose, anxiously.

'Naw we can't be far astray while we whistle, ''tis a token that maybe will

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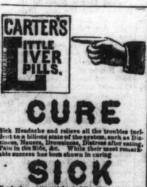
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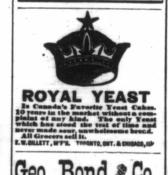
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