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THE TWO NEIGHBOURS,

OR,

REVENGE REPAID BY KINDNESS.

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CHAPTER III.

CONSTABLE,—

Please your worship, the men have got away,
Gone to America, so some folks say.

JUSTICE.—

You say the rogues are fled; what then?
A warrant issued now can't take the men.

CLERK.—

To go as emigrants is better far,
Than to be sent as convict transports are.
But if the rogues should venture to come
back

Why then we'll get a warrant on their track.

JUSTICE.—

Yes if the snow of last year should return,
And if our water brooks commence to burn,
Or if the scar, dead leaves resume their
green,

Among the IRS your IR may then be seen.

Old Play.

Dan and Ben Crooks were far too much excited and frightened, by the events of the morning, and night previous, to think of going to bed. Had they felt

inclined, the fear of sleeping too long would have deterred them from yielding to such an inclination. On reaching home, about one o'clock in the morning, they commenced at once to make preparation for their long journey, and their father, hearing by their movements that something unusual had occurred, got up, and having obtained a full explanation of the affair, he encouraged and assisted their preparation all in his power.

"As matters stand," he said, "you are hardly safe for an hour, and if you wait till day-light, detection will be almost certain. Purdee will keep his word for any time he may promise, but Wyatt I would not trust. At least I would not trust him long. Beside it's just as well that you should go now; times are getting worse every month, for our business, and the sooner we can look out elsewhere the better."

"Well," said Dan, "we can never have any comfort here again, supposing it were safe to stop. Every body has given us the cold shoulder for months."

"Yes that's a fact," said Ben, "and who likes to stay where they may see they are not wanted."

Such was the character of their conversation, during their hasty preparation.

By four o'clock in the morning the horse and cart, to take them to Manchester, were standing ready and the whole family were up to bid them good bye.