BY PATRES BYAN

ried and my hands re have I long der

Tis hard to toti, when totl is almost vain, In barren ways;
"Its hard to sow, and never garner grain
In harvest days.

rden of my days is hard to bear, But God knows best; ave prayed—but vain has been m For regl—sweet rest. Tie hard to plow in spring, and never reap The autumn yield; Tie hard to till, and when his tilled to weep O'er fruiteen fields.

And to I cry a weak and human cry, To heart oppressed;
And so I sigh a weak and human sigh,
For rest—for rest.

My way has wound across the desert years,
And cares infest
My path; and though the flowing of hot tears,
f pine for rest.

Twas always so; when still a child I laid On mother's breast— ted little head, e'en when I prayed As now, for rest.

And I am restless still; 'twill soon be o'er, For, down the west, Life's sun is setting, and I see the shore Where I shall rest.

THE OLD BARON

THE CHAMPION OF VIRTUE.

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it, then laid it down, and took up the letter starved?" utes; at length he called his servants about him. The first question he asked was:
'Where is Edmund?'

They could not tell. ' Has he been called? Yes, my lord, but nobody answered, and

the key was not in the door. Where is Joseph?" Gone into the stables.

Where is Father Oswald?" Seek him, and desire him to come hither.

over again, he came.

He had been framing a steady coun ance to answer all interrogatories. As he came in, he attentively observed the Baron, Father Oswald

As soon as he saw Father Oswald, he spoke 'Take that key, and read this letter!' He did so, shrugging up his shoulders, and remained silent

'Father,' said my lord, 'what think you of 'It is a very surprising one.

Edmund?

'I do not know.

'Not that I know of.' 'Call my sons, my kinsmen, my servants. The servants came in.

'Have any of you seen or heard of Ed-Father, step up stairs to my sons and said he. 'Alas! the wisdom of man can

kinamen, and desire them to come down neither hasten, nor retard its decrees.' to Master William's chamber.

'And so have I, Father,' said Master William; 'see what I have found upon my and then descended the staircase, and

'Pray, sir, read it to me before you shew it to anybody; my lord is alarmed too much Howe

Oswald looked as if he was an utter stranger but one piece. to the contents, which were these:

Whatever may be heard or seen, let the seal of friendship be on thy lips. The peasant Edmund is no more. But there still lives a man who hopes to acknowledge and repay the Lord Fits-Owen's generous care and protection, to return his beloved in my pocket, or in Joseph's?" protection, to return his beloved am's vowed affection, and to claim his 'What,' said William, 'can this mean?"

'It is not easy to say,' replied Father wald, 'is not founded upon thoughts. I 'Can you tell what is the cause of this lieve, it will not suit you to be tried by.'

alarm? desires to see you directly; pray make haste the time nor the place for them.'

nen,' said Father Oswald, 'my lord desires your company immediately in the breakfast parlor!'

What! to meet your favorite, Edmund,

I suppose? said Mr. Wenlock.

ment, the key of which was conveyed to my has done before." an unknown hand. My lord is both surpose? I should be glad to understand why.'

ates. At length he said :

me, I shall endeavor to unriddle it, to the confusion of all that are concerned in it. Do so, Dick, said my lord, 'and you our duty, and leave events to Heaven.' But. Father, I have a further view

said the Baron. Edmund's departure that is clear enough;

haps he may be concealed somewhere in that partment, from whence he may rush out in judge like yourself : I wish you to make inthe night, and either rob or murder us; or, quiry concerning them, and believe the at least, alarm and terrify the family.'

You shoot beyond the mark, sir, and peace of your family.' vershoot yourself, as you have done before

knew not what to do or say for several min- house (looking at Father Oswald), who will though he knew not from what cause. not suffer him to want anything. Those

By the time the Baron had read the letter know what value to set upon your sagacity conciliate their affections, and engage their hereafter. Let us all go over that apart-ment together; and let Joseph be called to

whose features were in strong agitation. Wenlock stopped him. What mean you, said Father Oswald,

to insinuate to my lord against me, or friend Edmund was obliged to you for his Joseph? But your ill-will spares nobody. It will one day be known who is the disturber of the peace of this family; I wait for that were bad enough the first night; but, aftertime, and am silent.'

Joseph came. When he was told whither they were going, he looked hard at Father Wenlock observed them

'Lead the way, Father,' said he, 'and oseph shall follow us.' Father Oswald smiled. We will go where Heaven permits us,

They followed the Father up stairs, and Father Oswald withdrew, and went first went directly to the haunted apartment.

my lord now directly; he has something day-light, which had been excluded for many years.

through the lower rooms in the same However, they overlooked the closet in

already, and wants nothing to increase his which the fatal secret was concealed; the onsternation.'

William read this letter, while Father the room, and united so well, that it seemed

Wenlock tauntingly desired Father Os-The Father, in reply, asked them where and sleep it away.'

thoughts are free.' 'My opinion of you, sir,' said Father Os-

judge of men by their actions; a rule, I be-'None of your insolent admonition 'I can tell you nothing, but that my lord Father!' returned Wenlock; 'this is neither

down, I must go up to your brothers and 'That is truer than you are aware of, sir; kindmen. Nobody knows what to think or I mean not to enter into the subject just your fine-spun arts and contrivances, and I

Master William went down stairs, and 'Be silent,' said my lord. 'I shall enter Father Oswald went to the malcontents. into this subject with you hereafter; then, As soon as he entered the outward door of their apartments, Mr. Wenlock called out: time, do you, Dick Wenlock, answer to my 'Here comes the friend; now for some questions. Do you think Edmund is con-

cealed in this apartment?' ' No, gir.'

'Do you think there is any u.ystery in it?' No, my lord.'

'Is it haunted, think you?' 'No. I think not!' Should you be afraid to try?"

'In what manner, my lord?" 'Why, you have shown your wit upon the very extraordinary has hap-sen. Edmund is not to be you and Jack Markham, your confident bound; he disappeared in the haunted apart- shall sleep here three nights, as Edmund

an unknown hand. My lord is both surprised and concerned, and wishes to have your opinion and advice on the occasion. The Baron and his son Williams commenting upon the letter. My lord gave them to file Robert, who looked. The Baron and research his s. The Baron and research him at some with my reasons for the suppression. The Baron and research him at some with such and such as the competent of the way.

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Is not this a very strange affair? Son, it. Yesterday, Edmund's behavior was doors flew open, a pale glimmering light applications and bedifferent from what I have ever seen it. peared at the door from the staircase, and a strange with the respect and He is naturally frank and open in all his man in complete armor entered the room.

vice. Let my cousins see the letter; let us secret; and, fearing to disclose it, he has where Wenlock sunk down in fled away from the house. As to this letter, and Markham had just strength to knock They read it in turn. They were equally surprised; but when it came into Wenlock's there is more then he dares reveal. I tremnd, he paused and meditated some min-ble at the hints contained in it, though 1 alarmed his lord. shall appear to make light of it; but I and 'I am indeed surprised, and still more con-rned, to see my lord and uncle the dupe of

an artful contrivance; and, if he will permit submit to its decrees.' But. Father, I have a further view in imagine to be the contrivance of Edmund, obliging my kinsmen to sleep there. If any

ently. I mean shortly to inquire into many Why, one part of the scheme is to cover things I have heard lately to their disadvantage; and, if I find them guilty, they shall for the rest, we can only guess at it. Per- not escape with impunity. 'My lord,' said Father Oswald, 'you

lordship will be enabled to re-establish the During this conversation, Father Oswald now, the Baron said. 'You show only your was upon his guard, lest anything should inveteracy against that poor lad, whom you escape that might create suspicion. He The Baron was struck with amazement at cannot mention with temper; to what purthe letter. He took up the key, examined pose should he shut himself up there to be and left the Baron meditating what all these things should mean. He feared there was 'Starved? no! no! he has friends in this some misfortune impending over his house.

> He dined with his children and kinsu who have always magnified his virtues, and and strove to appear cheerful; but a gloon extenuated his faults, will lend a hand to was perceivable through his deportment. help him in time of need; and perhaps to Sir Robert was reserved and respectful; Mr William was silent and attentive; the rest Father Oswald shrugged his shoulders, of the family dutifully assiduous to my This is a strange fancy of yours, Dick. sullen and chagrined. The Baron detained lord. Only Wenlock and Markham wer said my lord; 'but I am willing to pursue it the young men the whole afternoon; he First, to discover what you drive at; and strove to amuse and to be amused; he hear what these poor terrified creatures say secondly, to satisfy all that are here present showed the greatest affection and parental of the truth or falsehood of it, that they may regard to his children, and endeavored to

ttend us thither.'

Father Oswald offered to call him, but Joseph came to conduct them to the haunted Venlock stopped him.

'No, Father,' said he, 'you must stay with men, and went up stairs with heavy hearts us; we want your ghostly counsel and advice. Joseph shall have no private conthem, and a table spread with provisions and good liquor to keep ap their spirits.

> accommodations here.' 'Sir,' said Joseph, 'his accommodation

orders. 'I own it,' said Joseph, 'and I am not out doubt, you are better qualified than we. ashamed of it.'

ome of him?' said Markham.
'Not at all, sir; I trust he is in the best
'Perhaps this may help to dispel the fears protection; so good a young man as he is, is that have been raised; at least, I will try to safe everywhere.

'You see, cousin Jack,' said Wenlock, 'how this villian has stolen the hearts of my offices; do as you please.' The Baron unlocked the door; he bid uncle's servants. I suppose this canting Father Oswald went into the outward were known.'

' Have you any further commands for me entlemen?' said the old man. ' No, not we.' 'Then I am ordered to attend my lord,

when you have done with me.' Go, then, about your business." Joseph went away, glad to be dismissed.

What shall we do, cousin Jack,' said Wenlock, 'to pass away the time? It is plaguey dull sitting here.' Dull enough, said Markham; 'I think the best thing we can do is to go to bed, Augusta of Germany is 71, the Queen of

'Faith,' says Wenlock, 'I am in no dis-'Do you think,' said he, 'that he lies hid position to sleep. Who could have thought Olga of Wurtemburg have both reached 60, the old man would have obliged us to spend the night here?'

our own doing,' replied Markham.

a fool as I am. You play the braggart, and and the Queen of Servia 23 I suffer for it; but they begin to see through

believe you will meet with your deserts one day or other.' Jack? Know, that some are born to plan, others to execute. I am one of the former,

thou of the latter. Know your friend, 'Or what?' replied Markham. 'Do you mean to threaten me? If you do-

Upon this Markham arose, and put himself into a posture of defence.

anger, began to soothe him; he persuaded, he flattered, he promised great things, if he

affection his tenderness deserves from you, ways; but be was then eitent, thoughtful, and give ma your advice and opinion of this absent. He signed dearly, and once I as a larming subject.'

Lears stand in his eyes. Now, I do suspect and crawled away as fast as fear would let 'My lord,' said Sir Robert, 'I am as much in there is something uncommon in that spart-them; they staggered along the gallery, and ment; that Edmund has discovered the from themee to the Baron's apartment.

The servant who slept in the outer room

Markham eried out: ' For heaven's sake let us in! Upon hearing his voice, the door was opened, and Markham approached his uncle A Lot of Men's Reefing Jackets, \$2.75 and \$3.50. "That is prudently and piously resolved, my lord, said Father Oswald, let us do our duty, and severents to Heaven."

We alock, who was with some difficulty related to the control of the or some ingenious triend of his, to conceal some designs they have against the peace of this family, which has been too often disturbed upon that rascal's account.'

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> He asked them several times: What is the matter? Markham at last answered him: We have seen the ghost!"

he echo ran through the whole family: result will be to their confusion, and your 'They have seen the ghost!' The Baron desired Father Oswald to talk the young men, and endeavor to quiet the disturbance. He came forward; he con-

the servants retire into the outward room The Baron, with his sons and kinsmen, re nained in the bed-chambe 'It is very unfortunate,' said Father Ospublic. Surely these young men might have related what they had seen without

alarming the whole family. I am very nuch concerned on my lord's account. 'I thank you, Father,' said the Baron but prudence was quite overthrown here distracted. The family were alarmed without my being able to prevent it; but let us

Father Oswald demanded What have you seen, gentler The ghost!' said Markham. In what form did it appear?"

A man in armor. Did it speak to you?

What did it do to terrify you so much? It stood at the farthest door, and pointed the outward door, as if to have us leave the room; we did not wait for a second notice, but came away as fast as we could.' 'Did it follow you?

'Then you need not have raised such

isturbance. Wenlock lifted up his head and spoke: I believe, Father, if you had been with us you would not have stood upon ceremonie 'Owing to your officious cares,' said Wen- any more than we did. I wish my lord would 'My lord,' said Father Oswald, 'I will go Are you not anxious to know what is bewith your permission—I will see that every with your permission—I will see that every

do it.'

OOM. I am going,' said he, to shat up the HARDWARE STORE, apartment. The young gentlemen have been more frightened than they had occa-

of you will go with me?" They all drew back, except Joseph, who offered to bear him company

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Queens are interesting. The Empress Denmark 65, and Queen Victoria of England 63. The Empress of Brazil and Queen while the ex-Empress Eugenie, whose name is still recorded in the place of honor in the Nov. 8 1889 'Don't say us, I beg of you; it was all calendar, is 56. The Queen of Saxony is 49, the Empress of Austria 45, the Queen of 'I did not intend he should have taken the Belgians 46, the Queen of Sweden 46. e at my word.'
'Then you should have spoken more of Russia 35, and the Queen of Portugal 35 'Then you should have spoken more of Russia 35, and the Queen of the Netherlands 24, the Queen of Spain 24,

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the English nobility. A club has been formed for getting great gentlemen cheap wine, and abolishing the wine merchant patrons are Prince Leiningen, cousin of the Queen, Lord Ellesmere, Lord Wolseley, and other great dignitaries. These gentlemen impatient of the charges of their wine merchants, have formed themselves into a co-Why, then I will try which of us two is operative tasting and buying society, and, so best man, sir.'

Wenlock perceiving he was serious in his The French "Bureau Veritas" report for 1882 states, that the total number of region tered sailing vessels of the world is 48,487 would be composed.

Markham was sullen, uneasy, resentful; whenever he spoke, it was to upbraid Wenlock with his treachery and falsehood.

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