THE GREAT HOGGARTI DIAMOND

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icularly well received. The public passed it unnoticed. Only a few recognized in it the gentus that was to make the world wonder within a few years. After the success of "Vanity Fair," the story of "The Great Hoggerty Diamond" was releaved and the discerning critics who had ignored

it promptly wrote sounding praises of it. was one of Thackeray's very personal stories. ment. He had suffered the loss of a child and your thirteen aunts!"

TY HEN Mr. Samuel Titmarsh reaess he spent most of his time with his mouth and the imitation gold chain, who little hand and gave his such a squeeze Aunt Hoggarty, though he would have stared at us so?" the glossiest, blackest hair you ever saw. hearted fellow does not exist."

have liked his company, too. But Mrs. friends, sir," said the elder of the two He did not tell Gus about the family Hoggarty was rich, and they thought he young ladies, who was addressed as Lady quarrel, but merely said that the o'd lady might as well be her heir as another.

always made him ill After all this martyrdom, Mr. Titmarsh county families of the name. confidently expected that his relative "Ma'am," said Mr. Titmarsh, "Gus's guineas at least. But when the day came -a very respectable house, ma'am." for his departure Aunt Hoggarty ex- The young ladies smiled at this. "I like peaches, another of grapes and a noble pressed her gratification at finding him so you, sir," said Lady Jane, "for not being haunch of venison, and three cards—Dowof my sainted Hoggarty, set in the locket Mr. Titmarsh?"

With these words she gave him a locket ure." said Lady Jane. as large as a barndoor padlock. In the "Oh, that it will!" cried the younger of middle of the brooch was the portrait of the two, Lady Fanny, clapping her hands. Hoggarty in the scarlet uniform of his "And after we have been in the park,"

the great Hoggarty diamond. Luckily his aunt hated all the Hog- about his uncle and thirteen aunts?" gartys, and she insisted that her beloved Dozens of gentlemen on horseback came took advantage of the opportunity to sug- and complimented Lady Fanny and bowed gest that he would have his uncle's minia- respectfully to Lady Jane, and had their ture framed because it was such a sweet joke with the old lady, whom they adpicture, and then have the diamond reset. dressed as Lady Drum. Lady Fanny His aunt not only assented graciously, but seemed to be looking eagerly for some London and have the bill sent to her.

his labors as thirteenth clerk in the im- both turned scarlet and then began to mense offices of the Independent West laugh, as if he had said the funniest Diddlesex Fire and Life Insurance Com- thing in the world. pany. His mother had put her little fortune of four hundred pounds into the com- horse came riding up and Miss Fanny pany to purchase an annuity for herself. immediately betrayed that this was the It paid her thirty-six pounds a year when Somebody. no other company in London would pay more than twenty-four.

great Mr. Brough of the house of Brough loped off again, leaving Mr. Titmarsh to & Hoff, which did a tremendous business wonder how he could have offended the in figs and sponges and Zante currants. gentleman. He was a leading director, too, in the pany and the Patent Pump Company, all Mis Majesty's Secretaries of State, as had thousands of stockholders everywhere. almanae in the office, and the husband tells the story everywhere." Mr. Brough's name led every charitable of Lady Jane. The Right Hon. Edmund he was foremost in supporting all great which he was mounted. public movements.

Mr. Titmarsh was rather respected to his wife. among the clerks, because he came from a better family than most of them, but especially because of his rich aunt. Mrs. smile, "it's Mr. Titmarsh, a cousin of Mr. Brough called him in on the day after Hoggarty. When he returned to the of- grandma's by the Hoggarty side. Don't the ball and informed him that he had fice he soon let them know that she had you know the Hoggartys, Edmund?" given him a splendid diamond, worth at a young man of great connections rose the mania of fancying all the world re- Hoggarty. When Mr. Titmarsh informed lodging to another till Mr. Titmarsh informed longing to another till Mr. Titmarsh informed

At the first opportunity he asked leave of absence, explaining very particularly said at once: that he had important business at the West End, the mention of which aristothe office prick up his ears. He departed grees till the Right Honorable said "Damn with his friend Gus Hoskins, who had the Hoggarties, ma'am." dressed himself in honor of the occasion

Mr. Titmarsh himself wore his blue coat with brass buttons, a sprig waistcoat and move." nankeen trousers and one of Dando's silk | Lady Drum's little eyes twinkled and different from the high-waisted blue coat hats that looked a good deal glossier than her sly mouth puckered up with joy. "We that he had brought from the country.

At the great jeweler's shop of Mr. Polonius, however, Gus held back when he saw the great carriages at the door. He insisted on waiting outside while Mr. Tit- blue with rage.

marsh went in to have his diamond reset. An old lady and two very pretty young ones were looking at pearl necklaces when Drum. Mr. Titmarsh handed his aunt's enormous machine to the jeweler. The old lady stretched out her hand, took up the beautiful trifle and burst into laughter, crying: "As I live, it's the great Hoggarty dia- frightened.

She turned to her companions and said:

justice, you're not like the family."

began to rattle off a hundred stories about of Mr. Preston's buttons. the thirteen ladies. She was a chronicle "Sir," said he, "this kind old lady asked of tiffy years old scandal. Then she took me into her carriage and I rode in it to Mr. Titmarsh's arm and said: "Come please her, not myself. But don't be into the carr'ge and tell me all about frightened. I'm not a-going to dine with

happy married life. This, added to the depressing a great powdered footman in yellow office, for example-I recommend you to tion the story got, always made it one of breeches slammed the door of the equip- have a care, or they will take you at Ms beloved ones. "It was written at a time of age behind him. Titmarsh caught a last your word!"

great affliction when my heart was very soft and glimpse of Gus Hoskins, his mouth wide Mr. Preston humble. Amen. Ich habe auch viel geliebt." So open, a smoking cheroot held rigidly, and self into his study in a rage. Lady Drum, rlage.

day after his first year in busi- wretch with the iron heels and the big ogized, while Lady Fanny held out her

preferred to stroll in the fields with a cer- Mr. Titmarsh did not like to hear his As soon as they had disappeared he tain person in the village whose name was friends abused. "That young gentleman's clapped his hat on his head, brave as a Mary Smith and who had given him a lit. name is Augustus Hoskins," said he. "We lion, and stalked past the footmen ready tle green silk purse with a thick curl of live togther; and a better or more kind- to knock them down. Then he went home

Jane. So he spent all his evenings playing "Well, on my conscience, so he is now," cribbage with her, which he hated; and said the old lady, and began at once to marsh was not serry that these gents losing small sums at it constantly, which enumerate all the Hoskinses that she should hear it. The next day, when he he could not afford; and drinking her in- knew-the Admiral Hoskinses and the came home from the office, he found his fernal sour black current wine, which General Hoskinses and the Sir George landlady and his landlady's daughter and Hoskinses, and a score of other great

would make him a present of a score of father is a leather seller in Skinner street

steady and frugal, which, she said, put ashamed of your friends, whatever their ager Countess of Drum and Lady Fanny him above the need of money. "I give rank in life may be. Shall we have the Rakes; Mr. Preston and Lady Jane Presyou," said she with a sob, "the portrait pleasure of setting you down anywhere, ton, and Earl of Tiptoff. Lady Fanny and which contains the valuable diamond that Mr. Titmarsh explained that he had a in person. And all this, thought Mr. Sam-

you have heard of so often. Wear it, dear few hours off from the office, and that he uel Titmarsh, came to him because his Sam, for my sake, and think of that should be very happy indeed to take a aunt Hoggarty had given him a diamond sainted angel in heaven, and of your dear drive in the park if it were no offense." pin! "I'm sure it will give us-infinite pleas-

lady. Ain't I dying to know everything he would not only come with pleasure

told him to go to the best jeweler in one, which caused Mr. Titmarsh to wink at Lady Jane and say, "I guess the young Mr. Titmarsh returned next morning to lady is looking for Somebody," at which

Presently a fine gentleman on a fine

"Let me introduce the Earl of Tiptoff to Mr. Titmarsh," said Lady Jane. His The chairman of the directors was the Lordship growled out something and gal-

He seemed destined to offend all the

"Who the devil's that?" said he surlily Hoskins ate a great deal too much of the

least thirty guineas, and his reputation as of this relationship. Lady Drum, who had about his aunt, Mrs. Hoggarty of Castle

"Yes, we're cousins, and not very far removed." and plunged into a marvelously cratic district made every young man in intricate recital of Irish and English pedi- in West Diddlesex shares. During the fact that Samuel failed to introduce her attorney, called her nephew a heartless in leading her away to lie down, Tit-

He said it so energetically that his horse in his best and had bought a large clear lashed but and Mr. Preston, overcome with stand, pen and paper with his own to hold his own among the fashionables. fright, hastily accepted Lady Drum's in-As Mr. Titmarsh surveyed him, with his vitation to take a seat in the carriage. Mr. time in advising her to invest her money hands in the pockets of his wide trousers Titmarsh would have offered to alight had which he stretched out as far as possible the Right Honorable not been so insolent. higher. from his hips, blowing great clouds from As it was, he remained comfortably in his Mr. Brough became kinder and kinder. his cheroot and clamping with the iron corner, which forced His Majesty's Secre- He invited Mr. Titmarsh out to Fulham heels of his shoes, he felt that Gus really tary of State to ride bodkin. "I was going till he became a regular guest there; and looked quite the genteel thing and not at to offer to ride your horse home for you," that he should appear at his best the all as if he were only the son of old Hos- said he innocently, "as you seemed to be great man drove him in his own gorgeous kins, the leather seller of Skinner street. rather frightened at it. But the fact is carriage to tailors and hatters and shoe-

> shall always be happy of your company, cousin Titmarsh," said she.

"I'm very sorry, I'm engaged," said Mr. Titmarsh.

"Oh, indeed, what a pity!" said Mr, in shares, Preston, glowering at his wife, who looked When Mr. Brough heard of this Tit-

"Look, girls! This is the great jew'l of all pressing, I'll give up my engagement and Mrs. Hoggarty telling her that though the much of Mr. Augustus Hoskins,

This story was one of the carliest of Thack | hair represent his thirteen celebrated sis- he had no intention of dining with him, eray's important works of fiction. It was not par- ters, all married, and all ugly. Of which but only to give him a lesson in manners. are you be son, young man? To do you When the carriage drove up to his door he got out as politely as possible, walked Before he could answer the old lady into the hall, and then took hold of one

you; only if you play the same joke upon the cloud was beginning to fall over his briefly The young ladies followed, laughing. As other parties—on some of the chaps in our

he wrote to a friend after he had begun to gain his eyes staring at the cornet on the careager for dinner, was for hurrying away HEN Mr. Samuel Titmarsh re"Who was that hideous monster?" cried forward very pale and trembling, and apolday after his first year in bush. that he blushed to his ears.

and dined off boiled mutton and turnips Mr. Titmarsh's mother and sisters would "You're quite right to stand up for your with Gus Hoskins quite peacefully.

was a cousin of his. You may be sure that Gus told all the clerks and Mr. Tithis landlady's son standing with hushed awe before the table in his rooms, There. between Gus's copies of "Don Juan" and the "Peerage" were a basket of red the Earl of Tiptoff had brought the gift

He gave a great spread to the chaps from the office, who felt immensely proud at dining from provisions supplied by the retary to the managing director was in the face, pointed to the door majestical-let her know of his plight. They seemed Jane at the Preston house in Richmond. who was very high and mighty indeed to There was no obstacle now to his union he tumbled down staffs at once. blue enamel and seemed to spring from "Indeed, but we will!" shrieked the old Titmarsh promptly accepted, adding that

but would bring Gus Hoskins, too. The luck brought by the wonderful pin nephew must have their hair removed. He to the carriage when it entered the park did not end there. Mr. Brough heard of the haunch of venison and at once invited Mr. Titmarsh to his great villa in Fulham R. N. to the ball that he gave each year to the greatest people of London. Mr. Titmarsh with no less a person than Lady Jane

The people crowded around to look at were a trouble and stared at his activity. the property, no immediate results came After the ball, she took him home in her of it.

her relatives. "I know," said Mr. Titmarsh, "that Lady Drum's memory is not very accurate, tage near London for their home, where for you remember that she said my friend they were to keep house in miniature and Diddlesex held up its head proudly and Ginger Beer Company and the Consolimen that day, for who should come up but Gus Hoskins was her cousin, too. And so have Gus Hoskins in every Sunday and its shares remained high, and Mrs. Hogdated Baffin's Bay Muff and Tippet Comthe Right Hon. Edmund Preston, one of I told Gus; but he is very fond of me, and be altogether happy. But their pretty garty continued her desperate and hopehe will have it that I am related to you, dreams were dashed to the ground by of which did an immense business and had thousands of stockholders averywhere Mr. Titmarsh knew very well from the and say what I may to the contrary, he Mrs. Hoggarty, who informed them that Titmarsh was deluged with bills.

list. He was a great man in his church was a fat, pale-faced man who evidently venison, but about a month afterward he niece. So they came on dismally enough nothing to show for its stockholders' inventors. and equally great in Parliament, where was dreadfully afraid of the gray cob on received a great piece of plum cake with in a carriage which cost him £14 for the vestment of £300,000 except a treaty

> cake. "Oh." said Fanny at once, with a sly The magic of the pin was not over yet. been made third clerk with a salary of Mr. Titmarsh was quite amazed to hear £150 a year. He then inquired most kindly Hoggarty declared that the maid stole the riage to induce Mrs. Hoggarty to invest lated to her, and had even claimed poor him that she was very well off, having a his young wife were half distracted with Brough was a bad manager, and instead ness the mother watched, and prayed esty, I promise you." Gus Hoskins as a cousin during the ride, jointure of £400 a year, a farm and three the continual changings and worries, and of carrying matters with a high hand, over it, but by the next midnight it lay Mr. Brough besought him to make her Hoggarty of Castle Hoggarty. fortune by advising her to invest the cash condescended so far as to bring inkhands that Mr. Titmarsh might lose no garty with the deep respect that her rank before the price of shares went up any

that I'm so comfortable here I couldn't makers, where Mr. Titmarsh ordered grand waistcoats and coats of a cut quite

Soon there came a letter from his aun agreeing to invest £3,000, and Mr. Brough "Hadn't you better invite this gentleman made a beautiful speech about it. At while their aunt was at Fulham. She Their opinion fell sadly when Titmarsh who shook hands with Samuel, and said: home to dinner?" asked Mr. Preston, quite the next annual meeting he declared might have stayed there longer if her at- told them that he did not have money "Mr. Titmarsh, I do not know whether ing whether she would not better sell her



tiptop nobs of the Kingdom. When he created and Mr. Titmarsh was installed in ly and said, "Begone!"—an invitation quite forsaken. wolunteer regiment. Around it were thir- she added wickedly, "we can walk in longed to the old gentleman's thirteen sis"Indeed, Fanny, we will do no such display indeed to with Miss Mary Smith. That young Mr. Brough was in a furious ill-humor others, invited him most pressingly to dinner at his house, which invitation Mr. woman had a fortune of £70 a year in- with Mr. Titmarsh when Mrs. Hoggarty being a man of weight in the Skinners vested in British consols, and her grand- left his house and home. When, in addi-

> their income was £300. So away went Mr. trol altogether he strode away in a rage. Samuel Titmarsh to marry the pretty No more invitations to Fulham, no more daughter of the late Commander Smith, holidays, no more paternal advances of sponsibility for the ruin and debts of the laugh. When she saw Samuel she laughed The village turned out to receive its private clerkship, at £150, was abolished. arrangement with his private creditors, young man who had become such a great This was the more embarrassing since who, he knew, were few and held but wore his diamond and his splendid blue young man in the city. His aunt Hog- Mrs. Hoggarty's genteel aspirations had small claims against him. But he discovcoat, and he had the honor of dancing garty would not hear of his going to his necessitated the renting of a house, which ered that his aunt had written to all the mother's humble house, but insisted on she filled with her furniture. She insisted, tradesmen warning them that he was a taking him to hers, where he had to drink also, on engaging a boy to act as page, swindler and that all the goods ordered gallens of her black currant wine. She garbed in an old livery. Followed by this in her name had really been ordered by and snorting out again in as much fright

> carriage with Lady Fanny and Lord Tip- Aunt Hoggarty was immensely kind to toff, and he told them all about how the the bride. She told Samuel to order three liceman to the bride. She told Samuel to order three liceman to the bride that heart of yours be always so toff, and he told them all about how the liceman to the bride. She told Samuel to order three liceman to the bride that heart of yours be always so toff, and he told them all about how the liceman to the bride. She told Samuel to order three liceman to the bride that heart of yours be always so toff. diamond pin was bringing him luck, and magnificent dresses and innumerable trinkhow all the chaps in the office looked up ets from London as his gift to his Mary, at him because he knew Lady Drum and and informed him that he need not worry

about the bills. Samuel had picked out a snug little cotshe was sick of the country and would Mr. Titmarsh did not receive any more go to London with her dear nephew and Muff and Tippet Company shut up with a card, "Lord and Lady Tiptoff," and Gus posters, nearly exhausting all his little with some unknown Indians who had hoard.

They went into lodgings where they stayed a week and then left because Aunt stroyed an establishment insured for Hoggarty vowed that the landlady stole \$20,000 in the West Diddlesex. second lodging in a week because Aunt money. He sent Mrs. Brough in her carcandles. In short, they moved from one her money, that lady having succeeded at did not see it. One night it was selzed dence that I think you are a very honest houses, as well as £3,200 in loose cash, the long stories and scoldings of Mrs. burst into tears and kneeled to Mrs. Hog- a corpse in her arms.

Her temper was not improved by the ever, made up for it. He drove to their lodgings and not only treated Mrs. Hogdemanded, but finally, when she com-

Fulham. the office that evening with Gus, who al- great organization. ways accompanied him as far as the door but never want in, because Mrs. Hoggarty who took him, and found himself quite a could not abide that vulgar person, they lion in the house to which he was taken. saw Mary smiling at the window and "A deep file," said the Sheriff's officer, beckoning to them to come in. She winking at another gentleman who winked laughed and danced and clapped her hands back and said: "I should say so! Only and welcomed Gus, whose spirits rose three and twenty and Brough's right-hand wonderfully when he heard the news. They were very merry for three weeks pound!"

year '84. Those thirteen sthreamers of red swer and Mr. Titmarsh did not care, for young friend Titmarsh, the office of sec garty burst into the room, looked him full stepped, blushing and happy, out of the

her passing whim of knowing such a per- against him.

Soon afterward the Ginger Beer Comless assault on society, till Mr. Samuel

He had been married a year when the

garty, beseeching her to save poor John.

invested already. A week afterward Mr. Titmarsh was arrested for debt on the suit of his tailor. money enough left to bury the little tricks and his fun. Mr. Brough had fled to France, and Tit-

plained about her habitation and com- marsh, though arrested nominally for his pared it scornfully with Castle Hoggarty, personal debts, was arrested in reality to he carried her off bodily to his villa at answer to the shareholders of the Independent West Diddlesex Fire and Life In-When Mr. Titmarsh walked home from surance Company for the looting of that He was greatly admired by the officers

a dividend of 6 per cent., and Mr. Titorney, Mr. Smithers, had not begun to enough to pay for lodgings in their house
you will remember me. My name is
fear that Mr. Brough was about to snatch of detention, but would have to go to the and you press it, I shall," said Lady aunt Hoggarty so fat a check that she her out of his own needy hands. Being a Fleet, And to the Fleet he went, through to promise to pass the night with Lady gentleman who had studied Mrs. Hog- a crowd of idlers, with his wife hanging Tiptoff. I am sure that you will not obgarty for long years with intense business trustfully to his arm and smiling like ject to her being away from you whilst landed property and invest all the money interest, he knew that ordinary arguments Heaven into his face—and taking Heaver, she is giving happiness to a sick mother would merely drive her into his rival's into the Fleet prison with him. He had and a sick child." camp. So he cunningly conveyed to her a loved her before, when all was sunshine; He gave Titmarsh a note from his wife march was advanced to second clerk with hint that since she had taken her keen but now that he was unhappy he knew and left after some more kind words. At this Mr. Titmarsh spoke up and said: a salary of £250 a year. Some days after- eye from her trusting nephew's wife that what it was to be loved by a good woman. Why, ladies, as the honorable gent is so ward, when he had promised to write to young woman was seeing altogether too So on that little ride down Holborn to that Mrs. Smith, the landlady, would exthe prison he kissed her, little minding plain everything, and this the kind creashall have sincere pleasure in cutting shares were at a premium Mr. Brough Thus it happened that one day just as the bailing who sat opposite; kissed her ture did with many tears and exclamadie is poor Mick Hoggarty, a cousin of mutton with him. What's your hour, sir?" was willing to part with \$5,000 worth of Gus was blowing the front from a pot of and cried with her; but before the ride tions of admiration for her young lady's Mr. Preston did not condescend to an- his own holdings purely for love of his porter in the Titmarsh lodgings Mrs. Hog- was over her tears were dried up and she

Mr. Titmarsh, said the papers, had manto be a rich man for the rest of his days. her and finally told their whole story. A great hubbub greeted him when he was taken to the Bankruptcy Court to be ex- Titmarsh's hand. "You seem so young. amined. Ruined shareholders tried to as- How old are you, my dear?" sault him, and everywhere arose cries of "Five weeks and two days," said Mrs. "scoundrel!" and "villain!" The faithful Titmarsh, breaking into bitter sobs.

the detainers against him, so that he myself." might at least live outside of the prison | When the young Lord's christening day

offer it.

His aunt had removed her furniture (and most of Samuel's and Mary's possessions during the process) as soon a he was arrested, and in reply to his appeal she wrote him that she had destroyed her will in which her fortune was bequeathed to him, ending her note with the postscript:

'I took a viper in my bosom and it stung

He brought his father, and that kind, fat directed into the shrubbery near the river. gentleman brought his kind, fat wife, and There he found Mr. Preston; but he came

the prison and lodge outside. As soon as he was freed from all remoney came to him. On the contrary, the company he bestirred himself to make an The people crowded around to look at him, for he cut the very best of capers, kept him up night after night debating wonderful creature, Aunt Hoggarty forced him. Even the wedding dresses and other as fury. Titmarsh's anger fied at the him, for he cut the very best of capers, about her investments, but as her agents herself into society. Once she even sucgifts that he had ordered in London were sight, and he began to laugh. So did Lord who walked through the quadrille as if it could not get the price she demanded for ceeded in getting near Lady Drum and included in this; for his aunt, as he now insisted on claiming relationship. That found, never had paid these bills. Therethen, old dowager, who had forgotten all about fore, detainer after detainer piled up

> Titmarsh did not know whether to be moral man?" pany exploded like one of its own bottles. little, weakly thing, but Mary was the with rage. sad or happy when they showed him the Mr. Preston went away, quite speechless The Patent Pump shares went down a happiest woman, she declared, in the "At any rate," said Lord Tiptoff, laughfew days after the Ginger Beer Company world, and fergot all her sorrows. She ing, "Titmarsh here has got a good place had been born at the same time, might blows nobody any good." give hers a silken bed, it never could be

Gus. afterward tomahawked the agent of the under England's glorious debtors' law, can easily get a clerkship, and with that company. Then came a fire that de- that deprived honest men of all right or and my wife's income we can manage ability to labor just when they needed it honestly to face the world." the most. He envied the black man who My Lord at first turned red and looked Hoggarty vowed that the islining stole and looked slices from the mutton. They left the Mr. Brough tried desperately to raise swept the crossing. He was not allowed rather angry. Then he held out his hand even to carry a broom.

When at last, after many, many hours. Mrs. Hoggarty immediately sent for her they succeeded in taking it from her and course of his peroration he was to her great relatives, Lady Drum, Lady cheat and swindler and demanded that marsh sat beside it where it lay in its moved almost to tears, and at last Tiptoff and the rest. Mr. Brough, how he return to her the £3,000 which she had wicker cradle with its sweet fixed smile Titmarsh, and is partner with his excelit came to him that he had not even delight of his nephews and nieces for his

> thing. He got up and walked to and fro. Suddenly his eye fell on some thing that he had quite forgotten in his trouble and misery. It was the great Hoggarty diamond pin.

> He looked into the bedroom. His wife was asleep. He ran to the pawnbroker and received seven guineas for it and put it into his landlady's hand to get what was needful.

After the funeral Gus took his friend for a long walk. When they returned Mary was not there. She had gone out man, and in for three hundred thousand with the landlady. At 10 o'clock at night

Mrs. Titmarsh merely said in the note

ourage and goodness.

coach at the prison door, as if she were a Tiptoff was ill and needed a nurse for her princess going to the Queen's drawing son. She asked Mrs. Smith to accompany her and set forth at once. They found The failure of the great Diddlesex com- another applicant waiting-a great, bouncpany became the theme of all the news-ing, handsome woman, with excellent papers. Brough, it was said, had gone off recommendations, who answered all Lady with a million pounds, although the truth Tiptoff's questions with alacrity and enwas that he was living in a garret in Bou- ergy. But when Lady Tiptoff turned to logne without a shilling and only Mrs. Mary, the latter was looking into the Brough, like a good, brave woman, faith- next room; looking-looking where she saw the baby lying in its little crib. She did not reply to her ladyship's questions aged to secrete £100,000 and only waited at all; so Mrs. Smith, vastly disturbed to pass through the court in order at her unseemly behavior, spoke up for

"scoundrel!" and "villain!" The faithful Gus stayed valiantly by his side, however; and on his other side sat Mary, pale as death, looking anxiously into his face.

He spoke up manfully and answered all questions so frankly and honestly that none could doubt his entire truthfulness.

When his testimony had all been given

When his testimony had all been given bread for her husband. And he, good felthe commissioner said that it was clear low, thought about it and came to this indeed that he had been deceived as conclusion: "Some gents may call me a grossly as everybody else and that he evidently was innocent of all guilt. They to go out to service, who was bred a lady went back to prison, he and his young and ought to have servants herself. But wife, and lived through long days that if you love a person is it not a pleasure to passed as in a dreadful fever. Mary was feel obliged to them? I am proud and not well, and the misery and foul air and happy to be able to think that my dear gloomy sights told on her. But though wife would do it, now that misfortune has Titmarsh tried hard to get sureties for put it out of my power to support her or

in the comparative freedom of "the Rules arrived the Tiptoffs celebrated it by giving of the Fleet," he could find none to Mary a present. It was her husband's release from the Fleet, their lawyer having

"I took a viper in my bosom and it stung her husband now, she could not bear to me." Mary's grandfather, the lieutenant, leave the child just then; nor would Lady had nothing but his half pay. Samuel's Tiptoff let her go, for the mother loved mother had lost almost all through the Mrs. Titmarsh as much as the baby loved failure, and neither Mary nor he would her. So she went with them to visit Lady

One day Mr. Titmarsh went there to Then Gus Hoskins came to the front. thank Mr. Preston for the place. He was father, Lieutenant Smith, retired, had tion, he learned that Mary's little fortune obtained leave for Mr. Titmarsh to leave his fat knees before Mary, who was standing there holding the little Lord and looks ing half frightened and half ready to

Mr. Preston was too fat to rise vety quickly. Just as he was getting up he caught sight of Mr. Titmarsh looking as flerce as the crater of Mount Etna. He gave a start, lost his footing and rolled

into the river with a great splash. Tiptoff and his wife, who came up just

"Oh, you old sinner!" said Lord Tiptoff. "Will that heart of yours be always so

vowed that it was the lovellest child ever through our friend's unhappy attachment, seen, and that though Lady Tiptoff, to and Mrs. Titmarsh has laughed at him, so whom, as the papers announced, a baby there is no harm. It's an ill wind that

"Such a wind as that, my Lord," said as beautiful a little child as their little Titmarsh, "with all due respect to you, shall never do good to me. It shall never The young father walked up and down be said that Sam Titmarsh got a place the street within the bounds, fretting over because a great man was in love with his his enforced helplessness, and wearing wife. You have made me free, my Lord, out his heart as so many wore it out and thank God! I am willing to work. I

and said: "You are right, Titmarsh, and The baby was sickly, though the mother I am wrong. Let me tell you in confi-

Nor did he. He is now Lord Tiptoff's steward and right hand man. And he is a happy man and father, and his wife is loved and respected in all the country 'round: and Gus Hoskins is his brotheron its face, and wept bitter tears because lent father in the leather way, and is the

Mrs. Hoggarty of Castle Hoggarty married a gentleman who had been not entirely unconnected with an affair of forgery, and had subsequently taken to religion with much success. After his marriage, however, he exchanged religion for rum and water, and this profession he also nursued with success, so much so that he

died after a few years. Aunt Hoggarty then called herself Mrs. Hoggarty-Grimes-Wapshot of Castle Hoggarty. She wrote to her nephew that she had overcome all earthly resentments over the grave of her departed saint, and proposed that she take up her residence with her dear relatives. When Mr. and Mrs. Titmarsh respectfully declined this offer, she altered her will, which once more she had made in her nephew's favor. and left all her property to the Irish Hoggartys.

But one day she saw Mrs. Titmarsh in a carriage with Lady Tiptoff, and heard that the Titmarshes were always invited to the castle and were growing rich. Thereupon she altered her will again and left every-

thing to them.

Before she had the temptation to change her will again she died. "Peace be to her soul," says Titmarsh with all his heart, "for certainly she left me a very pretty piece of property.'