Friday, No

Short Story

"And the lameness?"

which they regarded as presperity that Allan was suddenly beset by a grievous illness. It had been written down in the pitiless law book of Na-the ture that he should pay for the sins a shuffling across the floor, and Alian of some ancestor, of whose very exdrew himself upon the bed again, of some ancestor, of whose very ex-istence he was ignorant. The disease ran its slow course through many though all his body seemed to quiver critical times when the heart of the Presently the footsteps of the doc-

stood still. lower door opened and shut. But At last it came to an end. The sennearly an hour passed before the tence of Nature was fulfilled. The life younger brother came back to the strength, and the dumb consciousness for a moment at the figure curied up of suffering gave way to active thought, he demanded to know how soon the bandages were to be taken. Several days passed. Then in the who attended him returned evasive answers. Thereupon Allan, half haps I imagine it—but is there not guessing the truth, became silent. In something that you want to talk to the meantime David also silent, clung me about? esparately to a fragment of hope. One morning the doctor, as he was about to leave, motioned across the ness, is it not?" sick man's bed to David that he wish-

stood. Allan was keen, strong and determined. David was gentle and sympathetic, but a little dull. They were allike, however, in their intense devotion to one another.

It was not even let you hope. If your leg determined questioning on the part of allan to bring out the rest of the story. The boys at the store, knowing sician's care. Your devotion to one another.

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and there were now and again and his thoughts to cry aloud.

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of the young man was spared, but the room. When he came, it was with the disease left him blind and a cripple. belief that he was prepared to speak as Allan began to recover his to Allan and tell him all. He looked

evening Allan said suddenly to his brother: "David, what is the matter? Per-

"Yes," said the other, startled.
"It is about my eyes and my lame-

for their benefit.

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"The proud lines in the other's face." deepened to harshness. After a mo-mentary struggle he managed to say aloud: "It was very kind of them." But to himself into his pillow he

will be some time before we can pay up these debts. Every one seems to be good about it. The doctor says he will wait years if need be.

"Of course you know what my pay is," continued the younger brother; large sheet of paper.
"and you also know what our expenses are. Well, they don't fit. I said David. Then he noticed that the have been thinking about it. We edges of the sheet were notched at in-

"The worst of it is." David went his finger alor n, without looking at his brother, of the pencil. on, without looking at his brother, "that we cannot get you the things you ought to have. It is so hard for you to be all alone here with nothing to read, nothing to "Never mind that, Davy," said Allan, "Never mind that, Davy," said Allan, "what we must think about "what we cannot get you the things you cought to have a large that the wind that he might thus make his presence known; but happening to glance down upon the paper, he saw the words "My dear

At last David found work to do in

was left alone most or the time.

One evening David had an unexpected vacation. An accident where he worked caused the establishment to close early, and he hurried to the But to himself into his pillow he room, eager for the pleasure of a few hours with his brother.

"I am afraid," said David "that it he said to himself: "I will go up will be some time before we can pay duletly and surprise him." He ascended the stairs with a quief

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"Yes," replied Allan, absently,
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s." continued the younger brother;

must move into one room and must tervals and that it had been folded in creases. As the blind man wrote, he "Yes," said Allan.

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had used exclusively and which was lacked the power of sight.

now half open. With noiseless step, the younger brother crept over the The pencil was still moving slowly now half open. With noiseless step, the younger brother crept over the floor to this bureau. The guess was correct. Hidden under some handker-chiefs lay a small vial, filled with a

colorless liquid. David took it up, shook it mechanically, and then turned it over and over in his hands, while he tried to think what he had better do. At any think what he had better do. At any moment Allan might finish his writing and come in search of the poison. It would then be necessary for David the knowledge an impulse for death. But I put it away and said: brother would suffer the torture of "No, let me think of this more fully. of the room. Presently Allan heard humiliation. That would not do. Better to carry away the vial and make over all of life. Perhaps when I am and David's tread sounded upon the ter to carry away the vial and make no explanations unless they were demanded. He was about to steal out of the room, when the thought struck that his brother if determined. One thing: the happiness of being with and David and That night as the brothers were thought—and in the end I found only about to retire, Allan said:

"David, there is something I want that his brother if determined." one thing that his brother if determined, one thing; the happiness of being with could secure death by other means than this one bottle of poison. There for a time I asked myself if it were mised myself, but I want to assure was a loaded revelver in the bureau not enough. But I remembered that must be taken away. But what my existence, wretched and useless as was to prevent Allan from obtaining it was, meant more of labor and of more poison? He was accustomed to hardship for you, and I thought, too, hardship for you, and I thought, too, distressed, perhaps. But I promise was a loaded revolver in the bureau not enough.

say to his brother, when they talked in the evening of their life and thair any more. You can take off the barfars; "it was such a hard strugfie, But now there is no longer any doubt that we are going to succeed in the world."

To this prophecy, which Allan responded to speak David would always agent, with a enthusiasm that the will never recover?" he said.

The dactor looked up at him and tall, with a frowth Theally, "he powers, but solely from his beliefe in phis edger brother. The difference between the brothers was more than that of years, as each of them well unders stood. Allan was keen, strong and branch and the state of things pretty clear to you."

The sick man's strength gradually returned. Presently he was able to move about the room, and then, accompanied by the landlady's little daughter, he maniged to make short that is why I have dared to accompanied by the landlady's little daughter, he maniged to make short that is why I have dared to accompanied by the landlady's little daughter, he maniged to make short that is why I have dared to accompanied by the landlady's little daughter, he maniged to make short the room, and then, accompanied by the landlady's little daughter, he maniged to make short the voice and trust me as you always and trust me as you always and trust me as you always and will, and that is why I have dared to keep the original property of the late of the strate ters."

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David's little daughter, he maniged to make short the word and trust me as you always and will, and that is why I have dared to take this step.

So David told. The money in bank was all gone, of course, and there to the date over life to the when the property of the late of the which trate iters."

The slok man's strength gradually move and trust me as you always and trust me as you always and will out our derivations into the street. He wore a dark shaded over were practically and the s room to the bureau. There was a and silence. It seemed to David that small drawer at the top which Allan he himself, and not Allan must have

> over the paper. David rose from the bed and, resuming his place behind the blind man, read on: This concerns you and me, and no

there were so many ways! turned to The blind man at the table wrote on, thing left. But you you love me, and you promise."

Those two Allan and David, were by the best of the set of the set

course feel an intense sorrow-What was the matter? The was moving slower with strong emotion that you should suffer so, and it

would be an unspeakable happiness to help you, to work for you—you would be dearer to me, then, a thousand times, than if-"Oh, what am I saying!" ex

the blind man, aloud. The pend dropped from his fingers, and he three himself back in his chair, not let him go," he cried, he cruel in him to leave n a the be cruel in him to leave m dt the —what will he—Oh, Davy! He leaned upon the table with his one else; is it not so, brother? The David stood watching almost brea world is far away from us; we are less in the struggle to keep silent. At, last, Allan caught up the sheets of paper on which he had been and tore them to fragments.

"It is over." said David He retored the bottle to its place in the bureau and crept past his brother out

buy his own medicines, now that he of what sorrow you must feel for me; distressed, perhaps. But I promise was strong enough to get about. Ah, and the pleasure of being with you there were so many ways!

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