

### THE PANGS OF REMORSE A COMPLICATED TANGLE.

A hundred passenger ships had no

without a parallel, unlike anything

one had seen before—especially un-

like Melchior, the Chevalier de Morni

Looking round him with inquiring

and still commanding eyes, the ma-

jestic passenger nods with gracious

condescension to the numerous re-

spectful salutes from the crowd of

fellow passengers, and turns to give

some instructions to the men bearing

As he does so his dark eyes fall

upon the moody figure upon the bul-

wark of the merchantman and the

small valise drops from his hand ac-

companied by an exclamation from

The men stare, the crowd buzz

curiously. What ails the gentleman?

"Nothing! twisted his ankle!" he ex-

plains, with a smile that shows his

shining teeth, and the crowd, satis-

fied, returns to its squabbling with the

"This way, to a cab!" says the gen-

tleman, wrapping his comfortable

cloak around him, and settling his

travelilng cap farther over his head.

A cab is found, the luggage is on

porters and dockmen.

his luggage.

Was there anything in that to upset tened to the description of it, noted the his clerk? He cound find nothing, asserted value, and said as little as nor would be have discovered the usual. slight thing that had touched the "We will value the cargo, sir, toa simple thing enough-it is always "Would you like to see the ship?"

The woman's Christian name was business, with no time for the grati

fication of idle curiosity. "The valuer Coming upon it suddenly at the bot- will see it to-morrow. Good-morntom of the plain, matter-of-fact busi- ing. ness letter, the tiny word had opened But he saw the ship, after all, for such a floodgate of memories that the the captain, having taken a liking to tide had swept his composure away the grave and courteous gentleman, letter like a broken-hearted child. | take a glass of sherry.

But it was past now and he was "I don't drink wine sir." said Clar ready to take his master's instructions ence Clifford, with a shade of weari-

"I've got a case at the docks," said pleasure." Mr. Walker, finding that nothing was! The captain led the way, to be gained by worrying his clerk to A crowd was collected on the quay, the last time. Ship and cargo to be go home and rest. "A man wants and the captain, who pushed his way sold." me to buy a cargo of Yankee notions, through it with broad shoulders and He's a gentleman. I guess, by the let- a sharp tongue explained it. say you'll send a valuer to-morrow."

"I understand," Said Mr. Clifford. And getting the name of the shop interest for him that morning, and anhe followed the captain up the ship's

Mr. Walker called him back.

only given you a slice of obstinacy." | age, but in reality far away, and gaz-The grave clerk smiled at this, but ing moodily at the thick water of the young man." went on his way, walking notwith- the dock and upon the forest of masts.

All the way to the docks his heart bulwark, his head raised, and kept repeating, "Lily, Lily!"

hands and feet turned to the clear It was an unfortunate thing, that morning light, he was a conspicuous letter, for, although Mr. Clarence Clif- object to the crowd below. ford's love had never died out or ab- Several glanced up at the stalwart, ated one jot, he had by dint of hard graceful figure, but they were only striving managed to keep it down far hurried passing glances; but suddenaway at the bottom of his heart with ly a tall figure stepped from the ganga daily conscientous load of business way of the passenger ship and entered the crowd, which instinctively

But this chance meeting with the made way for his commanding presname had fired the spark and up ence. came the fatal flame, breaking through | Commanding and handsome, a forthe mountain,, a blazing, roaring vol- eigner probably, an Englishman tan-

He had reached the docks and found event he was a handsome man, with the ship before the fire had abated, dark eyes that flashed from the sallow and then it was only by sheer force of face, rendered clear and mellow-lookwill that he had managed to drag him- ing by the heavy mustache and the self from the past and remember that setting of long, brown hair that fell the present consisted of an interview in half-formed curls upon the deep concerning Yankee notions. A strange, remarkable face it was,

He saw the owner of the cargo, lis-



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the top, but the traveler does not en-

"Wait by the wall there," he com nands, pointing to the dock wall, "I

The cabman touched his battered

Presently, as if awakened from his the ladder and drew back a little as he and the captain ascended the quay

They shook hands presently and the young man walked quietly away, the captain looked after him with honest dmiration and a shake of his head. "Spoiled as a land lubber," he

growled. "Wants a deck o' man-o'war to bring him out."

"You think so?" said the traveller sort of way behind him "Eh? Oh beg pardon! Yes, I was

looking after that landsmen. Light-

even while speaking had not taken his eyes off the departing Clarence, untill he had got out of sight. "Very!

"You're right, sir," said the cap-

"Yes," said the traveller, "and feel-

"Yes," said the captain; "yes, for

quickly. "Pardon me, was that young uncared-for appearance. Long hair, "Passenger ship just in; clearing fellow the likely purchaser?"

"No, not exactly," said the captain, Town Gossip, G.W.H. adding, after the open-hearted, widemouthed manner of a satior, "least- Mysteries of the Ancients ways, nothing is settled. He may buy the cargo and he may not."

"Oh, a ship broken, eh?" asked the traveller, then observing that the captain looked at him curiously askance. added: "But pardon me, that is your

"An agent?" asked the traveller, no nearer the mark than before-the mark being to learn where and what the youthful stranger was.

"Yes, something of that sort."

"Ah, just the man I was looking for," said the traveller. "I have some business that requires an agent and that young fellow has taken my fancy. What is his name?"

The captain turned to answer, then

ned by hotter climes possibly; at all "I was going to say I didn't know," he said, "but here's the owner. He'll fee in a kettle, and salad in his hair. know, for I found him talking to the I said, "Oh, Mr. Bingle, your hash-

when the question had been put to I like your beans, gadzook; you have him, and sying the well-dressed trav- the finest waiters, you have the ablest eller, who had lifted his hat with the cook." And Bingle was so tickled the air of a king. "I-stop, here is his poor man almost cried, and from his card, Jeremiah Walker, 2 Little eyes there trickled the tears of joy and pride. Then to his desk came

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that he is right-and I won't, if I can "Very!" assented the traveller, who the same view. He told me-much to shingled heads are seen there, and that the fashion has quite passed. So

people can afford this regular visit to the barber. Consequently one sees so "Indeed!" said the traveller, short, and presenting a most untidy, which does not need so much attenion, is certainly easier to manipulate

Egypt has seeds which were found in age-proof containers in the tomb of that half a century ago produced Lydia "Oh, no offense," said the captain, E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a

To-day I ate my



dinner at Bingle's dining hall: the coffee was a winner, likewise the codfish ball. I ate a brace of ehickens, a codfish and an eel. and muttered. "Oh, the dickens, how satisfied I

the boss was standing there, with cofhouse can't be beat! Your victuals "His name?" repeated the owner, to feet! I like your scrambled taters, Dutton a man with frozen face; he The traveller's face lit up with an said, "My slice of mutton was simply a disgrace; the viands you are selling are not as advertised; your kraut is evil-smelling, your pies are vulcanized." Then Bingle said, severely, "I do not want your trade: you are accustomed, clearly, to grub this is decayed." Now when again he sees me in Bingle's bean bazaar, the boss will strive to please me in all the ways there are. He'll give me meat that's tender, and cake that's like a kiss, and doughnuts that engender the ultimate of bliss. And so the path is easy down which I gayly tread; though compliments be wheezy, I see that they are said.

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