



CHAPTER III.

Four days had passed, and Sunday had come, and this Sunday was Christmas day. It was a clear, bright, frosty day, with brilliant sunshine that sparkled on trees and bushes, and the diamond icicles that beautified their bareness.

by the look of gloomy discontent that darkened the eyes and brows. "Do you see the likeness?" asked Yorke abruptly, as his eyes turned from the portrait to himself. "Of course you do. I— with an uneasy little laugh—"I can see it myself. He was a bad lot, that Ferrers—my great uncle—and came to a bad end. I often think they ought to have painted a black veil over the portrait, as they have done over that one of Marino Faliero in the Doge's palace in Venice."

CHAPTER IV. The Christmas dinner is over. We have eaten of turkey and plum pudding; we have been astonished at father's genial appearance and conversation; we have

ville mother recently sold her 3-year-old daughter for \$5. At that rate the "land of steady habits" and wooden nutmegs ought to do a thriving business. The probability is that a trust will be formed to control the output and put up prices. The people of Connecticut have long enjoyed the reputation of being very ingenious; and this happy combination of humanity and business in the matter of traffic in hungry children ought to, and doubtless will, still further enhance her fame.—New York Commonwealth.

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Question of Union Label. Among other things which the Social Reform Club in New York has been trying to do has been to disseminate information and to influence public opinion favorably on the union-label question. The great public which is in trades unions knows much about union labels and their effectiveness in strengthening labor organizations and improving the condition of the laborer. But the larger public outside of the trades unions knows nothing about it, and probably has never heard of the union label. John N. Bogert, secretary of the Greater New York Labor League, thinks trades unions have passed through a siege of trials, overcoming many faults and evils in the struggles from weakness to strength, and that the union label must pass through the same ordeal. The label has been made a power for improvement in three trades—the cigarmakers, the hatters and the printers—and has been adopted by fourteen other unions. It has its defects, against which we must strive, but it stands for a much wider interest than that of the union which issues it. In the case of the bakers it is a matter of general public interest when it is a guarantee of cleanly conditions, and when, as in the clothing trade and cigar trade, it is a guarantee against child labor and prison manufacture.

RULED BY THE BANKS

CONGRESS DANCES WHEN WALL STREET FIDDLES.

Gage, Carlisle, et al. Plan to Contract the Currency—Corruptionists Invite Revolution—Republican Pledges Not Failed—Free Silver is the Issue.

WIDOWS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Seven Pensioners Whose Husbands Served Under Washington. "Seven women are still drawing pensions as the widows of men who saw active service in the war of the revolution: women whose husbands served under Washington more than a hundred and twenty years ago," writes Clifford Howard in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Free Silver the Issue.

What do the Republicans mean when they talk about "sound money"? They mean gold and nothing but gold. How do they propose to get what they want? By retiring the greenbacks, which bear no interest, and substituting for them a currency founded on interest-bearing bonds.

Exchange Echoes.

Of all the ridiculous ideas of finance, the one declaring that one class of money should be redeemable in some other kind of money, is the most ridiculous.—Constitution, Cuero, Texas.

Selling Children in Connecticut.

The practice of wife-selling has been in vogue in the more benighted sections of our country ever since its settlement, but it remained for the wealthy and enlightened State of Connecticut, to commence the business of selling children, to keep them from starving. A West-

Verdict in Damage Suit.

A novel verdict was returned in a jury in Portland, Ore., in the damage suit of Lee A. Donough vs. The City and Suburban Railway Company. The jury decided that the company pay the costs of the suit, furnish Donough with a wooden leg and also give him employment. Donough was a motorman, and lost his left foot by having it caught in the gearing or cogwheels of the motor while engaged in "cutting out." He claimed the gearing should have been protected with casings, and that the company was negligent in not having them on the car.

Labor Notes.

Frisco has Chinese cigar makers. Chicago has 100,000 unemployed. There are 804,087 Bell telephones. Gold miners in Alaska get \$15 per day. Des Moines is to have a municipal electric plant. Cleveland Boot and Shoe Workers' Central Union is dead. All Minneapolis municipal stone cutting must be done by unionists. Chicago Building Trades Council will give a monster parade and picnic on Labor day. The attorney general of California has decided that a Frisco street railway cannot carry freight. Mayor Harrison of Chicago has signed the ordinance requiring that all city printing shall bear the union label. Mayor Hincheliffe of Paterson, N. J., has issued an order forbidding brewers to drive beer wagons through the streets of that town on Sunday. The Mayor is himself the largest brewer in Paterson. The New Hampshire courts have sustained a law by which the State is entitled to any excess of profits over ten per cent., earned by any railroad in the State. Under this decision the State recovers \$750,000 from a single railroad.—Commonwealth. A number of citizens at Wakefield, Mass., have for the past three months been running a co-operative grocery store. The place is open twice a week, and the members take turns in acting as storekeeper. Goods are purchased in Boston and sold to members at regular prices current in town.