

Squire Barlow was not a welcome vis- inously quiet: beady eyes deep-set in a yellowish, out an stay."

Leathery face. He looked the mean. The Squire calmed down immediatehard-fisted man he was known to be: ly. He picked up his hat, buttoned up

Jonas was cooking a bit of bacon whipped the groun' from under tay on the little stove when the door open- feet with ye're consarned pretty maned and a rasping voice spoke familiners an' ye're bank account, and took iarly: "Goin' to sell out, I see, Jonas, Ann Eliza out o' my arms, an' married her, damn ye. Mebbe ye don't remem-Jonas looked up in evident displeas-ure. He was a slender, old man-per-low-down-."

was thin and white, and his heard and breath failed, for Jonas was up in an showing the pink skin Beneath, for white and dilated with sudden, virile Jonas was in prime health as a result anger He leaned with one hand on of his regular, active farm life. Now the table, and in his grasp was the his cheeks were pinker with irritation, long bread-knife. His voice was om-

r. Jonas's glance encountered "Steady, Squire, I don't allow no nother old man-as advanced in years man to insult me in my own house. as himself, but not as well preserved. nor anywhere else. I guess ye ve said He was short and stout, with black, bout enough. Ye might as well git

and as Jonas was not pleased with the his coat over his still beaving breast, pterruption he turned again to the and laid a heavy hand on the doortove, giving curt assent to the knob. Then he turned and for full a minute the two men looked steadily "Ye see right. Guess ye know the each into the other's eyes like animals anin' of red flags jes' as well as about to spring. The Squire's lips do, seein' as how gen'raly ye happen were drawn in a sneer, showing his be 'roun' where there's bargains. yellow stubby teeth. "I ain't got no will ye shet th' door, Squire? I ain't weepins," he said finally, opening the away in a night. Was it any wonder, no plans for heatin' all out doors." door. "But mebbe this time to-mor-



for the Squire's temper and he let himnew owner.

Jona's nature was self-contained, and he did not show his emotions. Yet,

he replied reverently.

And mebbe ye don't remember." t on the Squire in a louder voice, for pigh five year I was a vis-Ann Eliza Wimble every Satur-tht, and takin her to meetin' Thursday evenin' in good weather moin' drivin' with her, to say in of buyin' her gum drops, an' me, an sich." Again he paused. again Jones nodded, looking out window sadly, for Ann Eliza n his wife for forty years, and than two years before he had d her in the little village church-

Bquire's voice rose in passionate down the State of Tennessee, fighting down the State of Tennessee, fightin ke, that 'bout that time ye through that terrible campaign.

haps seventy years of age. His hair It was well for the Squire that his

re closed the door with an to git out. I jest called to give ye

almost as though he were talking over. The Squire's words were no himself. And as the Squire's face surprise. He knew that Barlow had himself. And as the Squire's face bought up the notes; he knew that suddenly, showing the white, scared. The Bradley-Martins have been so ed with suppressed anget (for bought up the notes; he knew that bad expected Jonas to cringe be- there was no hope for him after toore him) Jonas calmiy stirred his cof-morrow. He had already packed his ce. Tooking meditatively out of the few clothes in a grip, and was ready. low across the bleak, frozen hill- To-merrow, before the sale could begin, he would walk out and leave the indifference was too much old place, with all its memories, to its

me in. Jonas Updyke. But ye as he wandered about the house, ask me why I come. For thinking of Eliza, he came very near to we've lived here in this valley tears. It was all so lone some and foreventy year, boys together, and lorn. The dust lay thick on the parpear gone that I've crossed this known in the old days. His mind rsill. But it won't be the last, went back, as it had done a hundred was an unctions sneer in his son Bill,—and a great sob welled that grated on every fibre of up in his throat. If Billy were only there-but he put the thought resothere—but he put the thought reserve wouldn't be no tears shed. but y away. Billy was not there;
there—but he put the thought reserve wouldn't be no tears shed. but y away. Billy was not there;
there—but he put the thought reserve was dead and home was borne. An' as for crossin my step in Eliza was dead, and home was home year, nobody knows bettern' yer- no longer. Jonas was up long before how that happens."

Squire opened his coat, adjustBarlow had predicted he cooked his collar, and began impressively, last breakfast, and by sun-up he was sizing his words by tapping on ready to depart. He stepped out of "Jonas Updake, let me ask ye a few air was sharp with November frost, ons. Maybe ye don't remember but he swung away down the road at how old ye're gettin-mebbe a gait that set his heart pounding joye've forgotten Ann Eliza Wimble ously. Over his shoulder, on a heavy at lived in this town as a girl some cane, he carried his carpet grip-sack. y year back." He waited for reply. In his pocket was mon y-not so much s nodded his head "The best to be sure, but enough to keep him for that ever lived, peace to her ash- a month. And why worry beyond

that, even at seventy years of age? If you had asked Jonas whither he Then a familiar voice sounded in his was bound be could not have told you. ears. "Father, father," it said. Surely but he felt in his heart that he could that was "Sonny's" voice, and he was "Yes, father. It was right here It make his way to one of the large chies | back in the old home, and it was time | was our buby, and you saved it for us make his way to one of the large cities and find work, for his spirit was yet young. It was his boast, admitted by his neighbors, that he had not aged a day, in look or manner, in the past ten years. So he strode on with a light step, and for a week covered about twenty miles a day, putting up at country hotels. The fresh air was like wine: the varying landscape was land the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and milk the cows . He to get up and it was time to get up and it was time to get up and it was time. The first out and the course was not proved and you can go back if you want, and never work or want any more!"

But Jonas did not hear. A great peace came over him. He knew only would take care of him; that its long it was not being the cows . He to get up and it was time. The first out and the cows . He to get up and it was time. The first out and the course was not proved and the course was not proved and the course and the course was not proved and the course was not proved and you can go back if you want, a like wine; the varying landscape was you everywhere. You're right here at journey was at an end. a delight. He lived again the days of home, my home."

Slowly the fruth dawned upon him. Sound of great bells. All over the city

what it means to be dubbed "old and ne good?" Have you an idea of the The Queen of England Stands Godhopelessness of age when the only outwhom he might calls sonny." And building, standing at the head of the There was ample time for Jonas to

regret the past. As he plodded along the frozen road be recalled the occurrences of ten years before, when "Sonny" bad passed out of his life. On the boy's shoulders had fallen the burden of the farm with its mortgage. Together they had worked, Bill doing the lion's share, to raise the encumbrance; and when the money was almost in hand, Jonas had loaned it. against Billy's earnest protest, to a friend on an unsecured note, at heavy interest. And when the friend failed. Billy saw the fruits of his labor swept then, that he proposed giving up the farm and moving to the city? Were they to continue there, with noses to the eternal grindstone, merely eking out a living? The mother agreed. faith in her son being deep and abiding: but Jonas said No. and when. after months of argument. Billy announced his intention of going aione. Jonas rose in wrath and showed kim the door, bidding him with a curse to "Go, and stay, and never show your face again." Now, in his bitterness. Fen country, in a spacious, well-woodweak and weary, Jonas sat down by ed park, close to the town of Huntingthe side of the road and wept quietly- don. Four centuries ago it was the who had pined away grieving for her her ghost, in long, queenly robe and estimated as \$77,521,065,660. son. He did not know that on the day royal crown, is said to ream its cor-of his departure, Billy, prosperous and ridors even yet. The Castle, however, generous, having heard of the approaching sale, had appeared before the astonished Squire Barlow and up- hand, erstwhile Lord Cheef Justice of set that individual's prophecy by satis. England, and one of the earliest profying all demands and rendering the motors of American colonization, from the ticket seller, sale unnecessary; nor that for weeks hangs in the great hall, and its origin the day the parce

out knowing how, or, indeed, why, he the park want or recrease to the local field of a few had proceeded steadily north, through der the shadow of the mounts will see in the middle of a few had proceeded steadily north, through der the shadow of the ghost of Sir John and had pecked him until

face of a woman. "Tible" Your long in England that one almost fer-house is on fire!" he cried, as he gets their rise to induce in the so-

for the smoke was stiffing him. He Martins, passes most of his time look most get back or die, like a rat in a ing after his forty thousand acres and hole. As he groped his way he fell in attending to his duries as requiry

over the end of a blanket and rolled prettier as she grows older. down, down, over and over. His head Prince Nanzeta Pehassnez Montestruck a sharp corner at the foot of zunm, who claims to be the lineal de-the steps, and he by still, the precious scendant of the famous Aztec Klug of

knew that he was warm, and that he hair. He wears civilian clothes, a lay on a soft heal; but his eyes were broad-rimmed sombrers, and usually heavy and he could not lift the late carries an interesting, carved cane.

Have you ever thought, young man. RAUNTED CASTLE OF KIMBOLTON

mother to American Baby.

look is continued need and reduced. When Queen Alexandra stood as earning especity? The truth came goumother to the son and heir of the home strongly to Jonas when he began Duke of Manchester and his American to seek work. There was no work for wife, it was the first occasion on which him. They wanted young men. He this royal lady ever assumed responwas too old; he couldn't stand the sibility for the sparatual welfare of any racket. And some were less gentle child whose mother is a native of the with the rebuff. Gradually his little United States. Kong Edward, while fund dwindled, and at last he made still Prince of Wates, accepted the his way by begging at farm houses sponsorshippof quite a number of chil-along the road. He found shelter in dren of Anglo-American unions.

bayricks and barns, speaking in after. By the bye, the Duke of Manchesdark and leaving before dawn. Lack fer is the present head of Drogo deof food began to tell. The wrinkles Monte Acuto, who was a famous deepened in his face; his eyes took warrier in the immediate train of Robon a hopeless expression; his guit was ert, Earl of Moreton, at the time of the slower: his back began to bend. In a Norman coloquest. Among his ances-few weeks Jones was an old, old man, trail homes, rescued and restaurated And with weakness came the feeling with the aid of his American fasher-inmoustache grew long and straggly, instant, his eyes flashing, his nostrils of dependence. His pride melted. He law, Eugene Zincherman, of Cincinwanted a strong arm about him. But hall, pre-eminent stands the traditionwhere was only one in all the world on tilled, association-harmited Kombotton where he might call to some " And Castle. The castle is an ancient stone



DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER.

has another ghost, loss dismified, perhaps, but distinctly interesting in its habits. The perfrait of Sir John Pensale unnecessary; nor that for weeks
Billy had been advertising all over the
East for his father to come home.

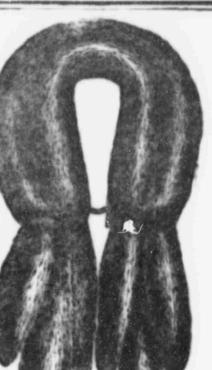
It was New Year's eve. Jonas had
been on the road over a month. Without knowing how, or, indeed, why, he
had proceeded steadily north, through der the shadow of the months if the park wall or severing himself unhad proceeded steadily north, through der the shadow of the months if the park wall or severing himself unhad proceeded steadily north, through der the shadow of the months if the corneled and found the park

pushed past her. | cini world. Theirs is a success due to Women screamed and children ran riches at least, so it would appear, hither and thither. Hardly knowing why Jonas hurried up the broad stars. As he turned into the upper hall a cloud of smoke enveloped him. He entered the first room and can to the window. Opening it, he shouted into the window, opening it, he shouted into the still night air, "First FIRE?" He heard men's voices, but as in a dream, for the smoke was stifting him. He hole. As he groped his way he ten in attending to his duties of against a bed. A tiny voice startled magistrate near his Warwickshire him. It was a baby, choking in the dense smoke. He reached out blindly: ested to poultry farming, and at his hands came upon the child strug. Coombe Abbey has bred birds that gling beneath heavy coverings. He have stirred up the keenest seri of grabbed it up, dragging off the blan-kets, and wrapping them around the little one's head and body.

Somehow he reached the door, stag-gered into the hall and foundthe stairway, As he started down he tripped And the Countess of Craven grows

bundle clasped in his arms.

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#### Crow and Parrot Fight.

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