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home of delight if the weather room auton. Armstrong, scopping his horse at an I'm boasting" intersection, standing in his stirrups

kied his brow in porntsyite.

The sound of galloping hoof beats to pared with this. Where do you expect the rear caused him to stak into his to encounter your comtade?" radific once more and wait patiently until he was overtaken. As his outrounding the mansion he had left an direction and at a distance my at all if higher little difference to me save proportionate to the time he had spont the lack of companionship." on horselack, the thought occurred to 1dm that his law detainers had changed their halads regarding his liberation and were pursuing him, but he was fortified by the knowledge that he possessed a permit written by Cromwell's own hand, which no one in that part of undire public by England would dare to disregard. If the oncomer should prove to be a private marauder, of which the country doubtless had many, the horseman peposed a calm confidence in his own the late, completely barring the way, as far terth as Carlisle. and with knuckles resimp on his hip awalted whatever mant ensue.

The hastening rater came round a corner, curbing his animal down to a walk on seeing the path blocked. The two horses neighed a greeting to each other. Armstrong was pleased to note that the stronger was a youth with a face as frank and beaming as the day, a face to which his friendly heart went out at once with sympathy, for it seemed glorified by the morning light. as if he were a lover sure of a warm greeting from his lass, which was indeed the hope that minuted the boy.

Arriving as near the impeding horseman as he seemed to think safe, he came to a stand and with a salutation of the hand mude inquiry.

"Ito you stop me, sir?" This question carried neither challenge nor imputation, for, the times being troubled, no man could be certain t'ut he met a friend on the highway until some declaration was forthcom-

"Cody so for as to beg of you some solution of the enigma of these roads. I am desirous of traveling southward and sock a main highway, which I amgrievously populated to find

You could not have chanced on a Letter guide, for I was brought up some miles from the spot, although at the moment I san myself on a southern. fourney. We turn here to the right, but we have far to go before we reach

"The more incky am I, then, that you Ince overtaken me. 'Twould need a wirned to unravel this tangled skein |

"Indeed," cried the youth, with a light-ome much, "I've often lost mypell in their entanglements, and, what

Suspect, at Carlinic, so I must get on venture if there is any obstacle."

"Then I shall be happy to bear you simplify my quest," company if it so pleases you until we She is the most winsome little lady in solve. of Lord Rudby, who is"

"You my high, my young sir"

"Do you mean the minister to the king of England?"

"Yes. There was no other."

"Then you are perhaps about to visit Charles at Oxford?"

"Ale, I have nirendy told you more ance," said Wentworth, trying another In reticence a moment since, and you hourse with rage. have not been so garrubus concerning your marne .

"Sir, I am Willem Armstrong, and

most glad to mayel in your company. I may say, however, that I hold a mass E o'clock of a summer's morn- from Cremwell kindelf, so if you are a tug in rural England is an king a man you may not wish to be my

se time. The blicks sing wheth- "I am my "If abroad through Cromhe war or peace in the land; well's permission" answered Wentthe trees and hedgerows and the flow. Worth planning, "and I'll venture my of his own surgery," cried Armstrong. "That is Frances, my sleer," breaths appearance of the doctor. The girl narrow lanes, but the man who trasts Yours. "The cometimes well to have a to these winding the consideres, unless friend in the enemy's came, and my he know the country well is like to friend protends he can get anything leading heavily upon him. find houself in an enchanted maze, and from Old Noti. Rend it, if you think

Wentworth handed the document to the better to view the landscape, write- the Scot, who read and returned it "Mine is out a limited permit com-

"I feer there is little chance of seelog than until I reach Oxford, if indeed rough art of the leech. He undid the look had shown him the woods sur. I find him there. I suspect he is detained at carrisde. However, I travel the walstcoat and shirt, disclosing an bour before in an entirely mexpected on my own business and he on his, so obling gash,

"You go to Oxford done then?"

Yes: I'm tired of waiting and so set out nione this mernion, deviating from the better to approach Rudby Hall without theus.

was the accomplishment of the task. With a long sigh, opened his eyes,

one."

from saddle to earth. He searched for me," his face pale as circle.

"He has killed me!" he gasped. 'Nonsense! You would not now be Who is your assallant?"

"No matter for that. Help

"It is her father. Do not leave me; what to do." I faint, It-i-if I-I cannot direct you, take use down the lane, the highroad. My home-the house to the right,"

The cictim collapsed in a heap on the sward, reddening the grass with his

Armstrong was no stranger to the doublet and flung it open; tore away

"Well pierced," he nautered, "An-"Part of the way with you, I hope enough; the opslaught was too herce calling through the open window;

and sudden. The old man's intention

He staushed the wound with the stair head, If. Thou, as he fell into a meditation, the pouls is pouls be forced some fluid by longs to your brother. May I ask the thing he says, no matter how absurd choked, for a feeling of strong I link then follow the Lendon tond as for as some time. The thence of his reflection, tween the tray lips, and Westworth, man to bok after them?"



"WELL PIERCED," HE MUTTERED.

out that is thus. You are just young present encounter looked like another risk all for the chairs of a word? change for such nonvense as the latter in takee of it, so he resolved to jones "Tur. there's no rick. You'll be right the in such a case to less to time." losing. I am slifer from you and have "my with Wentworth as the courters in Totalog I in three words," "Tis muching to boast? said the invention to bear upon. If the fed paragraph in which I saturable I see you are no

"I that one of the stream your would have me hope to have the good forme to find self a tree herous wretch, accidentally suppose," she said in tremulous voice. "I thank you but there is like to strong, more noncommittal than the hope to have the good formine to find self a trescherous wretch, accidentally

come to the parting of our ways-that "In a measure I am, I have my one his country, an actica tending toward is, if you are not in haste and can wait mies within the waits, but my good the seedy return of peace. until I have a word with my lass, in friends also. If I get a word with "Help me to my horse," he pleaded,

whose direction we are now tending, one of the latter, differences will disc ignoring the proffer just made to him. all the countryside, the only daughter. Here the youth reined in his horse, this hurt is serious or not." and sat for a moment anxiously scan-

"Lord Rully!" school Armstrong, ulng the landscape. A belt of tall trees and it means only a month's idleness, bordered the lane, with thick under Lean you on me. There; make no ex-"Willy should I not? Although she growth that seemed impenetrable to ertion. I will lift you to your sadin the awastest angel that ever visited sight or moremont. Over the tops of die." this glad earth, she makes no descent the bushes and between the trunks of when she folks her hand to mine. I the reas Applatrong gathered glimpses, he were a child and, with a woman's am Thomas. Wentworth, eldest son to of a large manalon in the distance, ex- tenderness, set him gently on his horse, fensive groups of chimneys being the He got into his own sent so promptly They had been traveling knee to knee most notlecable feature. Nearer was that his steadying hand was on his In the narrow way, but Armstrong seen a carpet of green lawn, and be- comrade's shoulder before the swaying pulled up and looked at his companion | yand, the dappled gliffer of the sun- body could do more than threaten a light on a lake.

"Will you hold my horse?" asked the youth, almost in a whisper. "I must reconnoller."

Armstrong sat slight, occasionally Despite their nwkward going, the edileaning over to stroke the neck of the they sought was soon in sight, steed he held in fether. He loved all situated in a park, to which a windthan was wire on so short an acquaint animals, especially horses, and they reciprocated his affection. Suddenly fare, The place seemed deserted, and tack. "You you self gave me a lesson the silence was shattered by a cry as they neared it Wentworth showed

"I have been watching your an room unobserved. yourself as 1 I do not even know proach, perjured scoundrel! You shall not escape me this time."

Scotland is my country. As two entreating tones of Wentworth; "I can- if I can." swords are better than one, I shall be not bear arms against you. Listen but "I will carry you wherever you di-

"The multing to beast," said the box, with an rive of experience, "it has near an amount he might mean that there were hardy means that you have not you multi-bear distinct of the third warm. When you multi-bear distinct distinct of the third warm when you will be in as greated the you will be in as greated the word the crosswalls. I here's get a glit glit have sent this reason hardy the crosswalls. I here's get a glit glit have sent this reason hardy shows the first of the possible of the state of the stat

his prochamation. The structure youth was no less fromher walking in the garden. This would well punished; but he, too, inwardly braced his weakening purpose by the "Are you forbidden the house, then?" thought that he acted for the good of

I must get home and learn whether

"It is far from serious, I tell you,

The powerful Scot raised him as if

"This way, you say?" Wentworth nodded wearily, and the two set out slowly for the highroad. ing lane led from the main thorougha faint anxiety that he might reach his

"My sister must be told, of course, and a doctor brought, but I wish to "Sir, sir, I beseech you," came the gvoid a rabble of gossiping servants

rect, and if we meet any one we must "Iraw, you dog, or die the death of enjoin silence. Can you indicate the position of a private door through "Sir, I implore you; I cannot draw which we may enter."

with you opposed. Sir, let me say a "The most private door is the most public door. The front entrance will There was one clash of steel, then a likely be descrited. I would walk but brief cry of pain, and now silence that we must harry or be seen. Take again, all so quickly accomplished that first word and last were uttered in the me up the stair and to the second room time during which Armstrong leaped on your right. That is always ready

The Scot took the youth again in his hurriedly for the leafy tunnel through arms and speedliy laid him on his own which Wentworth had passed, but be- bed. The Jolling, despite the care fore he found it the lad staggered into taken, had shifted the rule bandage, sight again, his left hand grasping his and the wound bled afresh. Armbreast, his right drugging the sword, strong, anxions for the safety of his burden, had not noticed that his own doublet was smeared with blood. With "I am distraught with anxiety about Her. Me to has increased with blood, With him and gave but little heed to my penalties if I exceed a scant minute, pack horse for the buggage required the factor of the buggage required. on your feet if the wound were mortal, did what was immediately necessary words. I would have you remember | S. I shall fast have to bid you fare, the young lady on her tracelle. Whe and revived the facts obtaing strength only what my brother binself told well and be off, wishing you quick re- the girl appeared Armstrone steep with a second draft from the leathern You bottle. A sound of singing came to Their conversation was interrupted

not dangerously burt. She will know and slight weight with her.

HAPTER XV.

A RMSTRONG stepped out into slightest, if he can but be kept quiet the ball, closing the door soft by behind him. The melody a few weeks. You attended to him, stairway and ceased as the singer smattering of our art."

main road and taking these lanes, the Was good, but the deflection marred the under the trees. See who has come," my consent. You will stay with him Armstrang took the part, which was

indice part of the said and the said the said the said the said the towns we are sometimes and the said the sai by Thon, as he fell into a medication, the body. Taking a lengthern flack (rots) of the Lorses is miles, the other hear length with him or dispute any quick healing. Wentworth's throat eyes, We will reach York tenight,

blade that gave sufficient repose to big incorrect. He turned his horse necessary to which by before him. Here seemed a containing to house of," said Arm. Wide with about the noise of the carried out. He is evidently discussive. He turned his horse necessary to win peace. From carriessly, "I have ride in the harmour, localing down upon her turned in our his duty. Soothe him manner. He turned his horse nervess heaven and perhaps to return twenty only we continued the words south him and one on. There is little the later completely leaven the words are in tolling a lad in his conformation. as far north as Corptste.

Armstrong remembered that back "O'C at to Colt meaned the youth, larve not yet met the right woman. that duty must want till wounds are of her brother; "It simply means you like in telling a lad in his condition had often stood his friend, and the hear to weeping. "Fool that I was to When you neet her, you will be in as healed, but he will recognize that fact great a daze as that in which I found When he is well again. Meanwhile huyou at the crossrands.

ing in wavy cascade over her should for a competent nurse," pailld goddess.

"My brother!" she cried at last, "Oh, I'm a doomed man, a doomed "What of him?" Then, noticing the man!" he grouped. naving a step forward and checking wound is not dangerous." herself. "Is he wounded? Has there "I was not thinking of the wound been a battle? Where is he??

"He is wounded, but not seriously. I "What does, then, dear?" brought him to his own room."

the steir, put her interlocutor, and The girl's hands tightened on his. flew along to ball, disappearing into "Cromwell himself reprieved me last the invalid's chamber. Armstrong night, but on conditions. The sentence thought it best not to intrude at the still hangs over me, and now I'm help inoment of their meeting so passed less to avert it, and all through my on down the stair and out to the own folly. Oh, I have been a beedless horses, where he found an old servitor fool; With every incentive not to take statelling good over them. Armstrong risk I have walked blindly"-

disputched had for the doctor Then he had his own horse to a stall can air you. The stranger says he will the status it in his cluburg as well and reliable as well and pelooks like a nam to be trusted." as water would do it. Going toward and he looks like a man to be trusted." the house to mot the girl.

myself," he replied, with encouraging life is alread; forfeit, as indeed is the He still for a month or more."

losing. Langular transport and have lost my way before new, as you may well hear witness leaf I have kept my head elegantal my heart whole."

Manufacter, there to be guided by the "Three works" Oh, my tight Would house with Lim. He found the patient restless and irrited to. The wan white mess of his now had given pane to rish head elegantal my heart whole."

What I model would would be made to the promotion were mine, and now I he house with Lim. He found the patient restless and irrited to. The wan white mess of his now had given pane to rish head elegantal my heart whole."

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A localised set is the promotion were mine, and now I he house with Lim. He found the patient here helded no outright."

A localised set is now had given pane to rish man to put upon the shoulders of a large transport. restless and irrited to. The again white ness of his food and given party to rising fever. The eyes were minaturally bright, and they followed Armstrons less than the put upon the shoulders of a last.

Toward instinct of the final and would be a local to the stable of the s girl was the first to speak.

little impression on him. My acquaint- turns his face north again." ance with him is but a few hours old

to Oxford?"

it. I heard no bint of his going, and he "Frances, dear, you once took a joursaid nothing of his journey when we new nione to London, to see our father for my horse find a hard day of it yes own conscience.

said he was to see the brother of his You refuse to set out on a shorter exsweetheart, who is with the king in pedition, not for my sake only, al-

country? "There must be more than friend stooping over and kissing him. ship in this journey; otherwise Crom well would not have given him such giad to undertake his commission."

and disquieting eyes full upon him. "I-I had no such intention when I set out," stammered Armstrong, abash

ed that for once his natural caution carrying so broad a permit from Cromhad forsaken him. "It matters little well himself."

alarmed in her turn. "No. You told me so!

gave you no information about my after Frances lad left it.

horause he took the other side."

ed Wentworth, with closed eyes, could not conceal her trepidation, for But the other restrained his arder, "Break it gonly to her and say I am the nontechnical stranger's assurances "Thomas is doing very well; very well indeed," said the old man. "You! have no cause for alarm, not the

> the ball, closing the door soft. for some days and rest where he is for by behind him. The includy a few weeks. You attended to him, conduct for you both, and I think it out of sight as soon as possible was coming from the broad sir, and I take it that you possess a will serve to sever John as well. If After an hour of this Armstrong bes seemed to pause on the hading. He "I have need of that knowledge, doe-

remembered that landing as he came tor," replied Armstrong, "for those "My own will shield me as far as ing the route to be taken, and the gird up with his burden. He stood hesitat. Who have done me the honor to run Manchester, and this will, more are went on as confidently, never tagain ing, undecided whether to advance as me through rarely and the considera- jargarately, convey your sister and her her head, as if she and not be wer inch to the right would have done the the coming of the girl where he was, call of a surgeon."

In the paper close parried, but not the coming of the girl where he was, call of a surgeon."

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> said: "Your brother wishes to speak Scottish gentleman I will care for your stepped out and overtook the borse in "John, there are two saidded borses with you, and I have reluciantly given sister as if she were my own," Armstrong strode forward to the as short a time as may be, and I will now onahously stained red. He grass- reference to the roads we may take of be here to see that you do not overstep ed his supposed friend by the Land, the towns we are to pass through or it may seem. Agree to any proposal | for the man almost every exect him, Stanford. After that we branch south The girl curned onickly, her dark eyes be makes even if you know it cannot mor bing humor him. Away, and Ph. "She is magnificent," he said to him- count the minutes till you are out self. With her mass of black hair fall- again. I will find John and send him

ders, her midnight eyes appealing and - Frances opened the door gently and dashed with a fear that swept the met her brother's hungry eyes. She color from her cheeks, she looked a sat down beside him, taking his fevered hand between her cool paims.

blood on Armstrong's coat, she gave "Nonsense, Tom! The doctor quite interance to a startled exclamation, agrees with the stranger that your

That does not matter."

"Sister, this morning at daylight 1 Without modiler word she sprang up was to have been taken out and shot."

"Yes dear yes. But tell me how I in the stables, took off saddly and bri- do anything you want done in Oxford, "Trust him" he craed imputtently. "Frances, Frances, it is against him I "My local resays you tell him the am going to Oxford: The man is a wound is not dangerous. Is that true?" spy carrying a message to the Ring. He is interfering in a quarrel that "Quite true. I've had a dozen worse, should be no concern of his, and his exaggeration. "But he will have to case with my owe. But the price of my "He says that is impossible, but 1 will give him a commission to be taken indictioness held him silvert. Remorse "It is all settled then, he said, smiltold him be shall do us the doctor or ders, duty or no dety. I aim going to to the Scattish noides. It is that does was already billing worse than the ingree many I was to read from him by force was already by the state of the Scattish noides. send for by Marsden, so pray pardon if necessary, by cunning if possible 1 cd for a noment at the door, waved me you were a stranger 1 have "I have already sent for fer. Mars ford, but on the way lend I was to good cheer. A solid-roke from the latter as the mass of the decision of this commission and install, and weakly he current the wider of final two of final two of final two of final two of final two. ride to Cromwell with it; then life and expansies of war, The girl turned and wasked to the promotion were mine, and new I lie-

can this Sect ever see his land much if weeping, and there was a pe-Not from the wound," he answered. Pleases. This simpleton thinks he has admiration of her beauty which "From what, then?" she asked in sur- deluded Cromwell and is blundering on glances might have betrayed, and through a fool's paradise that bristles, resolved to be more careful in for "I do not know. He has something with unseen swords. If I were his although it was difficult to represent and this accident in liself would make ment of doon he wifi carry when he possibly dangerous expedition.

"What do you wish me to do?" asked my visit to Oxford?" she asked, yet I know he is a fearless youth. Are the girl in a low volce, her eyes staring you aware of a mission that takes him into space, her hand trembling with ap-"I have not the least knowledge of by was to be required of her,

Amin you went the same road, to aid "He told me he had expected a com- him if you could, and failed, to our rade who had falled him. Cromwell lasting grief, through the supmeness bluself gave him a pass for two. He of a thrice perjured monarch. Will though the saving of my worthless life "That is very likely. The two were will be one effect of your success, but great friends always, even when they to overturn what is pechaps the fina took opposite sides in this deplorable plot of our father's slayer, who has contest which is rending our distracted already deluged the land with blood?" "TH do it," she said quietly, rising

"Frances," he said limitedly, "rea pass as he holds. If I can render well's own pass, so have no fear. In service to him in Oxford I shall be case of need the army or any part of other on that account. I would do I should not have forgotten the disind to undertake his commission."

it must stand ready to aid you if you anything for him. I wish to stay and tance between that servant and mysee, the nurse installed."

seef. Strafford's daughter does not blad and but he will ride be. will hesitate before he delays one so short a time, I am only too glad to ride with your servant?"

how far south I go, and I am willing "Yes, yes, I shall meet with no diffito do an errand for a friend. I took culty, you may be sure. You have all trace of a frown marred the smoot him for a royalist at first and saw ne ready talked too much, and the doctor ness of the girl's brow, and her lij danger in his purpose, but if he be a will censure me. Goodby, Tom. Get became compressed. If a stranger parliamentarian, then Oxford is a place speedily well, and that will be my re- to be robbed and thwarted it is embn ward, for I swear to you, by our fa- rassing to hear friendly pentestation "Did be not tell you he was a parlia | ther's memory, that my hand shall give | from him, especially when there is a mentarian?" questioned the girl, now into Cromwell's the king's parchment." doubt about their fruth."

parting words to her. "I? You must be mistaken, sir. I Admistrong entered the room shorily

"You sold his friend in the king, cheerity, "The doctor is in desput; his fair charge, who seemed to exceed the exercise that not thought the less of him over the time your sister spent with the privilege of her sex in being lat you, and he is at this moment chiding. Old John was already mounted on a convery.

"My sister must take to the Oxford Ignoting him, she was in her such ronkand remedy my default. Will you and away before he could after a wo be her comrade there and back?" "As falthfully as ever belted knight

bix eyes suddenly ablaze with Joy. "John will attend her, and I am sure Was with his own. She rade down the your good sword will protect her if lane to the main road, then turne

tional line "You may take onth on that."

us Manchester" fab. The poor chap parried, but not Then he heard her voice evidently. Then, turning to the girl, the doctor ghout that, I give you the word of a rein, Bruce, requiring no other hint,

be of the slightest assistance to him This gracious avowal did not apper to have the effect it merited. Son

"Send Armstrong to me," were his "I thank you," she murmured again and loft him abrantly

It was very early next morning whe Armstrong stood by his black horse. "This will never do," cried the Scot the lane under the trees, waiting f forward to offer his mises more "Armstrong," said the boy haskily, was a fraction of a second too late, f He admired the light case with wh she accomplished this not and saw attended fair lady," replied Armstrong, once she was a practical horsewoman on as good terms with her steed as h south, never looking again toward th home she was leaving highlying, b "I give you the pass which is safe deed, as if it were her purpose to get

your own might shield him as far gan to wonder where he was going

front.



"PUT THIS PASS IN SAFE KEEPING

life is the thwarling of him. The king him a stinging sense of his own per- west throug! Northmorton to Oxford. ment I was to read from him, by force, wound in his side. The stranger turn - of him with way well, and you told was to give him every and to reach Ox | his band and called to film to be of ed bowers work and Lordon large

"I fear my brother's case is mare be helds that fatal instrument, for the change in the confinity of her monon his mind. I saw that from the mo dearest friend I could do him no great expitation he felt at the prospect of ment be was burn. He is very brave, or service than to purioin the docu- being her companion on a long and

"Has my brother spoken to you of

terday, traveling I don't know how "Sir, who are you?" was her amazmany miles. Perhaps you can tell me ing inquiry. where I am. I could get no information from my surly latters."

"You are in the southern part of Durham, near the Vorkshire border." "We have come even farther than I "You mean. Oh, Pm a drover a thought. A day's rest was do no harm dealer in cat le." to the horse.

"I thank you," the girl said somewhat primly as she turned away. Earl of Strafford." Then, pausing and hesitating a mo-

the girl innocently, turning her disquiet hind and look after you. Although the tion, and I wish I were able to tell I ask you to take the position I set pass mentions two only, it is so sweeping that they will doubtless take it to have completely I sympathize with for you wind the position 1 so you how completely I sympathize with for you wind the journey." include a servant. Any subordinate you. Although I know your brother "Do you mean, madam, that I am to

the had exer bearded as the more rather a lent progress continued.

"This is not untike some parts of Scotland," he said at last, in an ill fated. attempt to revive a conversation which be did not recognize as dead and beyoud his power to resuscitate. The girl reined in her horse, and Bruce stopped through sympathy, old John halting, that the respectful distance ha kept might not be decreased. Frances held her head hugh, and there was a sparkle of determination in her eye, It was best to begin right, and she "Would it be an convenient to you to would put this persistent man in his prehension at what she knew intuitive set our tomorrow morning as this after- place, a task already too long delayed. And perhaps the putting of him in his "Quite. It would be better, in fact, place would lessen the clamor of her

"Med" gasped Armstrong "I'm a Scotsumn. "Perhaps I should have said, what TIPO NAMES

"Did my brother tell you who I am?" "He told me his father was the late

"Yesterday I was grateful to you for ment, she continued, with face half the aid you afforded my brother, as I member you are protected by Crom- averted. "My brother and I are twins, should have been grateful to my serv-"I thoroughly understand the situa- recognize a drover as her social equal.