

LINCOLNTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 1892.

HOW THE WORM TURNED.

BY H. M. HOKE.

"If the trodden worm doth turn, Hath it strength to justly avenge ?" David Jethro trembled visibly as

and do uot gripe. For sale by Dr. J M Lawing, Druggists. he entered the bank in which he had once been a trusted employee. He knew, of course, that twelve fellow-If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better encitizens, sworn to well and truly try abled to ward off the danger and postpone his case, had acquitted him; but the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent some of his old associates might still suspect him, people not always agreeing with verdicts. They all saw that he had aged in the three months since he had gone away in custody of the police. A charge of Could or sny trouble of the Throat or robbery and twelve weeks' imprisonment would age any man, especially

one whose family needs every cent of his small salary. Some of the clerks came to him with honest congratulations ; others stood aloof, too has been fully demonstrated to the people of this country that it is superior to all other preparations for blood diseases. It is young man, Thomas Wharton, who

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A LIGHTHOUSE. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers down with measles, followed with a dreadful cough and turning into a fever. Doc-tors at home and at Detroit treated her. but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of bones."-Then

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"Jethro," he began at length, afgans to perform their functions. If you are

afflicted with sick headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince "Thank you, sir,"

"Yes, I think so." "What ?" the cashier asked, quickly, turning rapidly around, now that formation against him." he had led the man to the chief point.

Jethro rose, as if for courage, and ferociously, replied, in quivering voice : "Rejustatement !"

"I'm truly surprised at your men- her muff, "He confessed it to me, tioning that after what I have said Ob, what a blow to a young wife! -that some people still believe you Think, Mr. Jethro, think what a disstole that money. We can't, we grace to us. Think where it will dare not, employ a suspected man drag my husband and father and in the bank. Besides, your place me. Ob, God, it would be awful! I has been filled by a younger, spright came, Mr. Jethro, to offer you any jier man, of high social position-I sum for your silence. Make it enmight say, a better man for our pur. ough to enable you to go away poses in every way. No, Jethro, it where you can begin life over again." He drew himself up proudly, but

Lincoln Conrier,

The "worm" was turning. Pallor his eyes were unsteady and his nosdrifted across his face, as he stepped trils dilating, while his bands, clutchto the desk, and said : ing, one above the other, the front

"And my family and 1 are to of his coat, trembled pitiably. In a starve because I am suspected, and tone, which he tried to force into that after having oeen acquitted by sternness and steadiness, he ana jury. I couldn't have believed swered : such injustice could be, sir."

"And still have the disgrace ? No, "Oh, you'll hardly starve," said I cannot do it. I am entitled to my the cashier, with airy thought of his good name. Nothing-nothing can own secure elevation. "You're able- pay me for that. Your tather has bodied, and fit for at least manual taken it away from me; he must labor. I'll frankly confess that it give it back. I have nothing to do will be difficult for you to secure a with the disgrace that will fall upon position of trust in the city. Our your father and your husband and retusal to reinstate you will be hard -no, not upon you. I would spare opon you, but you must accept it as that if I could,"

a barsh ruling of fate. If I hear of "I thought you had not forgotten, any small place I'll see what I can Mr. Jethro, the kindness I showed which often shoots up from inward do for you. I promise you that." you once."

Wavering appeared in his face, He touched the electric button, but an accidental glance around the said : and the answering messenger showeramped home, its bareness, its dised Jethro out. Stunned, helpless he dragged himself several doors away out of observation from they flight, and he said :

ier, a stern man of fifty, who sat bank windows, and stopped in sheer despair. His long anxiety in imprisonment had left him too weak to resist. Misfortunes seem to delight in striking when we are least crime to rest upon me and let my looked at nothing. able to strike back.

Days passed in vain effort to se-

"Yes, I have discovered it."

"Oh, he is torn with remorse." she be too scoraful. Do you love your claimed : cried, wringing her hands behind daughter ?"

"Yes; just about to put him "You taunt me," he said, chokingwhere I was once was," he replied, ly. "I know you are strong and

"You are impudent. I'll have you

thrown out of the door." He reached for the electric button out Jetbro's voice stopped him. "You have married her to the man

who stole that money." Merrifield sprang up, his face

end, with clenched fist, said : "I called you worm, and I only brushed you aside before. I shall

now crush you." "Send for Wharton," said Jethro.

quietly. "Do you mean, you cur, to reiter ate that Thomas Wharton, my souinslaw, stole that package of bills ? I shall make you rue the accusation." "Send for hiw," Jethro repeated

quietly, the crimson spots expanding "He shall be summoned, and ne will kill yon. Do you dare ?"

Pallor suddenly invaded the crimson, but he repeated, tremulously : "Send for him."

The messenger answered the ring. withdrew, and Wharton appeared. With that peculiar stern levity seriousness, Merrifield motioned

"Ha, Wharton, our worm here has comfort, caught his sternness in its turned on us! He says that you-' He stopped. One swift look into "Is it right, Mrs. Wharton, is it Wharton's face, and the cashier sank strength to justly avenge ?" right for you to make a point of my into his desk chair; for that face

influence me! Dare I allow this excitement, and the watery eyes children grow up in its shadow ? "You-you-" the cashier mut-

the money."

What would your money be to me, tered. He could not proceed; could ter he had roug an electric bell and cure employment. Why had he not when we would have to go far away only gaze, fascinated, into What- in the tone; the merest sign in the sent out a bundle of papers by the been reinstated ? It was always the among stranger-, and have the sto- on's twitching face. He was trying "yes and face. The mighty man,

upon the black figures on the desk and my child. It would seem that "And you were about to make in- calendar. The "worm" was turning I should shield you, for Jethro canbut with a worm's weakness. not prove your theft."

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He slowly arose, and a little of the old tone he had used toward powerful, but I warn you, sir, not to Jethro rang in his voice, as he ex-

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"But individuals and their relatives and their hearts sink before the interests of a great institution such as this. The directors are in session above. It is my duty to lay this matter before them. Both of on wait until I come back."

He looked at neither as he spoke, swelling, and striding to the table- but vacantly, as if his whole attention was engaged in wringing these words from a reluctant heart; and he looked at neither as he turned, dignified, determined, and went out of a back door.

> Wharton sank into the nearest chair, but Jethro stood. The worm had turned, and was still. Silence, pierced by suspense, crept Into the flice. The brazen clock beat on sedately, with a seeming longer interval of waiting between ticks; the buzz of the bank, clinking, and the rattle of tires on the street cobbles leaked in ; and each moment Wharton sank lower in his chair, waves of suspense dashing their white

> toam on his face. But the "worm" still stood, looking at the door through which had vanished the man against whom he

had turned. His sallow, troublestreaked face was a study-a deserted look there, as if something were retreating to his heart ; an expression of looking backward over his suffering, and the dreadful consequences of guilt, or even suspicion flourishingly toward Jethro, and of it. There are degrees of satise faction. Some demand the highest

pleasure ; others are content with little. The vengeance of some stops not this side of murder-"It the trodden worth doth turn, bath it

Merrifield returned, wounded, but gratitude now ? I dare not let it had blanched, leaving red specks of determined ; the old dignity there bus tempered.

"Jethro, the directors want you. You have suffered most; we will wait here on your decision."

The merest tremble of oppeal was who had crushed him, was now apmessenger who answered it, "I cons adverse altimatum. Finally a note ry follow me there? No. no; I to stand erect, but his chest was pealing to him. Here was the

can't be."

"Sit down, Jethro, until I finish

these signatures," said the cashier,

busily, and the little visitor sank

ter's private office to announce the waiting of the tormer employee, David Jethro; and returning, bade him

go in. He timidly drew aside the of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach. Mick., and are blessed with a caughter four years old. Last April she was taken tapestry Brussels, high-carved wainscot, stained-glass windows, walls and ceiling of elaborate papering-everything speckless to the

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figure as he replied : L. L. JENKINS, Cashier.

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well as I do, that a bank cannot be life, and the papers yielded columns at the bank."

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red, and asked, earnestly : "Why, sir, you don't still think I took that money, do you ?" The cashier turned around on his

pivoted chair, still tapping his nail, and looked through the glass acreen into the waving flames. He slowly answered : "I am compelled to say, Jethro,

that appearances are still against you. That money has never been recovered." o

"In spite of the verdict, sir ?" "Yes, in spite of the verdict. Frankly, there are still some people obstinate enough to think you took that money; and, unfortunately for you, they are bank officers."

"They are unjust," said the little man, with a low chord of depair in

"Probably. But, as I said, you annot censure the bank. True, we turned you over to the law : for, as I have remarked, you were the individual, the worm to be brushed aside. But you must not forget that we paid your attorney, and he clear-

come from Merrifield offering 'egal would spare you if I could, but my heaving, each breath seeming to prinmph he had praved for-the copying, in the same manner a bone manhood, my wife, my children de leave it more inflated, until, as if it chance to mercilessly avenge. But "Ot course," he continued, tap-

ping his thumb nail with the point takes the bone, and Jethro took the swept away. And your father must thoughts were crowding into un through the door, to meet the sol of an ivory paper-knife, "you cannot copying. He could make very little do it, let consequences be what they bearable pressure, with a deep sigh, emu body above. Is the complaint of thousands suffering censure the bank for its action. Ap and he and his family were slowly may! He called me a worm to be he said : from Asthms, Consumption, Coughs, etc. Did you ever try Dr. Acker's English Re. pearances were against you, you starving. A stronger man might

have become criminally desperate; Jethro straightened himself, and Jethro sank into the sullen, timid a little spirit showed in bis jaded fury that often seeks suicidal relief.

One morning the papers gave young wife. "You might have been less hasty. | glowing accounts of the marriage of

Millicent, the beautiful daughter of "Why, my dear sir, you know as the cashier. It was a union in high could save in years from your salary

too strict regarding the honesty of to it, naming guests and describing its employees. We have millions of cresses-the prices of which would double, treble any amount you dollars of other people's money here, each have been a fortune to the dis- could give, I refuse. I will go to- ey for." It must be watched with the most carded employee. This wedding morrow to your father, and he must exacting vigilance. Before its vast goaded him. The worm had been lift the heel that he has set upon interests an individual must be broshed aside; he now felt trodden. me,"

brushed aside as a worm. In this He saw Merrifield's deliberate sacricase you were an individual, and fice of himself, to advance his sonyou feel as if you have been treated in-law. A silent hatred, terrible in bim again into the private officeas a worm. But you must remema tendency, gnawed him; thirst for vengeance burned in his timid heart. went to your lunch. After you were fell upon the door of the poor tene- that the visitor was irritating him.

nervously pressed his sallow hands, ed it himself, and was amazed to see said, sharply : together until the finger-nails grew Mrs. Wharton, Merrifield's daughs

asked nervonsly for a private inter- are no vacancies." view. Mrs. Jethro withdrew, and A little red spot flashed upon each the law and disgrace your daughter

you are hunting for the man who plying: stole the money from your desk at the baok."

He had made a few feeble moves beg your pardon, I didn't know it. in that direction, and, his gaunt face hardening at recollection of his failure, he replied affirmatively. "And you have discovered that it

was my-" She stopped, scared at him, for a

the thinness of his face, seemed to said : glare cruelly. He remembered now that Thomas Wharton had frequent. ly done his work while he was out at lunch, and wondered that he had

not thought of it before. A cold tremor waved over him, at the thought of the power this discovery would place in his hands. He look. ed down at the weeping young won ed you. Could you expect more " man, and replied, hoarsely ;

ed, Mrs. Wharton !" "Name any amount, and I will Merrifield sprang up, livid, his

"I will not."

"But think, Mr. Jethro, that what

"And lose something that is worth he said : "You know what I stole that mon-

"I know ? "If you don't you should." "I don't, and I shouldn't."

He was very haggard next morn-"Then listen, for you must know ing, when the messenger showed By your will you toreed your daugh ter to marry me against her choice Mr. Merrifield again sat writing at I was of high family ; you hoped for some advantage. Don' deug it, you bis table, and again kept bim wait-One evening a hesitating knock ing, but o e could easily have seen did. I loved Millicent; I love he yet. I took th t mou-y to bear the ment, whither mistortuce had driv- At length finishing a signature with expenses of our elegant wedding disbursed in the future. The visitor's face flushed, and be en Jethro and his family. He opens unnecessary scratch of the pen, he that you insisted upon. Your wish

ter. She was much distressed, and time, I'll tell you at once that there

the young bride tremblingly began: of Jethro's cheeks, and his eyes and yourself ? "Mr. Jethro, I have learned that flashed the pent fire, as he arose, re-

"There will be one soon."

"Ob, there will !" sneeringly. "I

Perbaps you m an mine?" "My old place will be vacant today."

The cashler swang angrily around on his prooted chair, but, catching himself, as if suddeply struck at the light had flashed upon him, driving man's seriousness, leaned forward. the flush caused by the visit into placed one hand over the other nppallor, while his eves, larger now in on the table and with calm scorn, Den.

> "Your name should be Daniel, Jethro. You give your prophecy very little time for fulfilment " Jethro walked forward and stopped at the table-side opposite Mr. Merrifield, placing his slouch bat thereon, with his left hand nervous. ly crumpling it. Stern purpose showed in his face, but he evaded stera voice, said : the cashier's eyes, fixing his own

is thrown to a dog. But the dog mand that this cloud should be could hold no more, and guilty the "worm" quivered, crumpled the hat still more, and walked weakly

lar, but stopped and upbraided him:

Wharton, and in a softer, but still

And next day he stood making cashier, changed, less assertive. older, wrote wavering signatures in his luxorious room; and Thomas double it!" cried the distressed fingers crooking and uncrooking. Wharton, wun his wife, was speed-He reached for the young man's col- ing away on a journey for his health.

A CHILD KILLED "You scoundrel ! You have de- Another child killed by the use of opiates I offer will be far more than you ceived us! You will have to suffer!" given in the form of Southing Syrup. Why others give their children such deadly The fierce words seemed to fan poison is surprising when they can relieve Wharton's smoldering courage, and the child of its peculiar troubles by using Dr. Acker's Baby Soother. It contains no opiam or morphiae. Sold by Dr. J. M. Lawing, Druggist.

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He stated that \$144,956 000 would has been tuifilled, your daughter be need for pensions during the "Jethro, I am very busy. To save married high; she is a Wharton, and next fiscal year. This is \$10,000,-I-I am a thief. Yes, a thief. Now, 000 more than was appropriated what will you do? Turn me over to for the current year. Says the Chicago Herald :

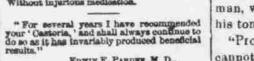
> "It does not appear that the Com-The cashier fell back into his missioner explained to the commitchair and caught the arm ends in a tee why the amount paid on account gra-p that paled his knuckles. Wharof pensions during the first half of ton remained as he had uttered the the current year was only \$61,300,* last word, not defiant, but as it 000, against \$60,000,000 for the first awaiting a blow; while Jethro stil, half of the last fiscal year, when the stood by the table, his hat crumpamount appropriated for the whole led tightly in his left hand, his right year was \$37,060,000 less than the clutching the desk edge. He had amount appropriated for the present not moved since Wharton came in. year. It does not appear that the A silence dropped into the room; commissioner told the committee so deep, that the hum of the bank whether the entire appropriation for reached them, with coin clinkingthis year would be exhausted. It even the scratching of the nearest it will be about \$13,000,000 most be taken off from Mr. Spaulding's es-Metrifield's face showed a contimated surplus of \$23,000,000-au flict. The two watchers saw justice estimate which makes no allowance desperately fight its way to victory for rivers and barbors, or for the It almost seemed that the anger \$10,000,000 still due the sinking wrinkles uncurled into those of age. fund for the current year.' - News He looked a bowed, broken man, & Obssrver. years older, as he turned toward

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