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**MISCELLANY.**  
**THE TABLES TURNED.**  
"He's a scoundrel—a base, heartless, unprincipled scoundrel, and deserves to rot in jail. Don't talk to me about pity and mercy, when he owes me twelve hundred dollars and hasn't been the man to pay a cent of it. Ought to pity him? Humph!""  
"You do wrong, my dear husband, in speaking so harshly of Mr. Milton. He is unfortunate, it is true, but honest. No man stood higher in this community than he did, two years ago. You certainly should look more leniently upon the misfortune of a kind neighbor and a brother in the church."  
"Yes, a great neighbor and church brother he is—break down and cheat me out of my pay, and after waiting on him so long too. Don't talk to me of brother. I'll have him turned out, see if I don't!"  
"Supposing you should have had fortune, and becoming poor, would you like to be denounced as a scoundrel by your neighbors?"  
"I always pay my debts. An honest man always pays his debts. Can't trust nobody in these times. I will never sign for a man again as long as I live!"  
It was in vain that Mrs. Wilson plead with her angry husband for the unfortunate debtor. She sadly bowed over her work, and he passed to the store.

William Milton had failed, and the little village was astir with the news of the event.  
Those who were his friends before, now remembered that they always saw something in the man which was not right—they had expected something of the kind before! He was certainly a dishonest man. And so his old neighbors turned in to give a kick in his downhill course. A more honorable high-souled man than Wm. Milton never lived. He was the soul of honor.—His heart, hand, home and purse were always open, and many were the good deeds on record in his favor. Nor had all his neighborhood forgotten his past goodness; while business men turned to tend him, there were poor people who deserted him not.

Milton was a crushed man. Misfortunes had come thick upon him, and his strong spirit at last gave way. His lovely wife had died, and lay in the grave, with her youngest born on the breast. His son, a promising child of about ten summers, died a few weeks before the mother. His shop had caught fire about the same time, and burned up. Sickness came on to paralyze the strong arm, and when Milton again stood on his feet, everything was a wreck. His cell do neighbors shunned him as though there were contagion in his presence, and debts came upon him to fish what sickness had so sparingly commenced.  
On the morning of the conversation at the head of this story, he had asked employment as a journeyman, and had been tauntingly refused. He now sat in his house, his heart swelling with bitterness, and dark with gloom. He voluntarily cast his eyes about as if looking for a familiar counsellor, his lip quivered a moment, and a tear dropped from his cheek. The wife and two loved ones had passed away, and but one of his little flock was left him.—While he was sitting drowsily by his hearth, the door was opened, and a ragged half-entranced man, and stood hesitatingly looking at him. And then by a sudden impulse, the boy went up to where Milton was, and put a paper into his half-opened palm, and hurried through the door into the street. Milton opened the paper and a half dollar dropped from it on the floor.  
"You have clothed and fed the needy—you have been good to the widow and fatherless. Accept the widow's mite in the hour of your trouble?"  
The paper trembled in Milton's hands, and he bowed his head and wept. Then lifting his form more proudly, he arose and strode more resolutely backward and forward through the room.  
"No, thank God, they are not all against me—not all. The poor remember me."—The bankrupt was happier, and he again had faith in humanity.  
The creditors made short work with Milton's affairs, for poverty finds little mercy,

His household effects did not bear pay on the demands against him. After all he had gone under the hammer, the remorseless debtor law came in and attached the body, and the high-souled Milton was taken to the debtor's cell. His frail daughter followed him, and as her pite and wasting features passed through the straits, the light word was hoarse, and the more feeling yielded a tear for the fate of the family.—It was at the instigation of Wilson that Milton had been arrested and imprisoned. When his wife told him of the pale-faced daughter, and how sad she looked, a shiver went to the cell, a sickening sensation crept into the merchant's heart. But he was too proud to acknowledge his wrong. The law was with him, and he would not relax.

Six months were away, and the case of Milton was seldom spoken of. His daughter sickened and died in jail, and, for the first time since his imprisonment, he was taken out—taken out to attend her funeral. As Wilson looked upon his old neighbor at the grave, he half made up his mind to forgive him the debt. But he feared to retract the steps he had taken. Milton had no more, any favors of him, and he had no reason to expect clemency. Had the debt or sued for clemency, the merchant would have taken great credit in opening the prison doors.

When Milton first came into the village, there was an orphan boy, wild, uncared for, and singularly vicious, the dread of all the neighborhood. For some petty act laid to his charge, he was sent to jail. Milton was jailed, and found a keen judge of human nature, he soon found that the boy had more sin d than sinning.—Putting money into the orphan's hands, and a letter to a friend in New Orleans, Milton unlocked the jail door, and bid his prisoner good-bye. Fifteen years had passed since then. Late one summer afternoon, Milton sat in his cell, his face buried in his hands, and his broken spirit wrapped in gloomy thoughts. The door was slowly opened, and a stranger stood looking at the prisoner. The stranger was of noble form and mein, his features swarthy but handsome, and his apparel of the richest material.—Milton stared not, supposing the jailor stood before him.  
"William Milton!"  
The prisoner started at the sound of the strange voice, and looked vacantly upon the visitor.  
"You have forgotten me, Milton."  
"I know you not," mechanically answered Milton.  
With a quick movement the stranger stepped forward and knelt on the floor, and clasped the prisoner's hands, kissing them again and again.  
"Don't you know me? and yet for fifteen years no waking hour has passed in which I have not thought of you as my earthly savior. From this same cell you once led me forth and gave me money and your blessing. I have come a long journey to see and bless my savior, and weep upon his neck. I am rich! William Milton—do you hear that? I AM RICH! As you helped the orphan, and opened his prison doors, so shall the orphan now do unto you.—I am 'Ugly Mark!'—Mark Douglas."

Milton's eyes were streaming with tears, for such gratitude and such words had been strangers to him for many a year. Hope, faith and ambition, again sprung up in the despairing debtor's heart, and he bowed his head upon the broad shoulders of the orphan, and sobbed like a child. A while the two lingered and talked in the begrimed cell, and then passed out arm-in-arm.

There was astonishment in the village when they recognized the forgotten William Milton, leaning upon the arm of the distinguished looking stranger. The prisoner had grown gray in the last year of his imprisonment, and his manly form had lost some of its vigor and fullness.  
Mark Douglas and Milton entered Wilson's store, and the former pulled his purse from his pocket, and threw the sum as agreed upon before he entered the jail, contemptuously on the counter. Then bending his black eye upon the merchant, he slowly said:  
"You once sent an orphan to jail, when he was guiltless of wrong or crime. Again, you sent an old neighbor to jail for no crime but poverty. They both stand before you, and should misfortune ever come upon you, James Wilson, may you find others more humane and for giving than you have been. This is a world of changes, and disease and bad luck may waste you and yours in such an hour as you know not."  
A paleness crept over Wilson's face, and before he could reply, Douglas and Milton passed by his store.

Ten years later and two of the characters of our story are again brought together. A change has been wrought in the affairs of James Wilson, the rich village merchant. Disease has been in his household, and his store and dwellings have been laid in ashes. Financial reverses followed in quick succession until all his property was swept, and he found himself several thousand dollars in debt. Driven to desperation, struggling to save his fallen fortunes, he attempted to secret a portion of his means by the aid of a friend. The scheme was detected, and he was arrested on a charge of swindling, and sent to prison. 'Twas then the ruin'd man learned the bitterness of poverty and desertion. Not a friend would be his bail. The fickle populace turned against him as they had against William Milton years before. He complained of this bitterly—he could not see why all his old friends should desert him because he was unfortunate—sure-

ly that was no crime. So reasoned the man who sent Milton to the debtor's cell. His integrity had not passed the ordeal as untrampled as did that of his early friend.  
Dark and gloomy were the days between the arrest and trial. Wilson had little hope from the magnanimity of the prosecuting attorney, as that official had been rejected by one of his daughters on account of the attorney's poverty. From the prisoner's box, Wilson looked for friends in the sea of faces. He had lost property and had no friends.  
To the inquiry of the court, who would defend him, Wilson answered that he had none, his face burning as he spoke, for he had no means to employ counsel. One and another of the lawyers in the bar pleaded prior engagements, and begged to be excused from acting as Wilson's counsel at the request of the court. This marked reluctance to defend him stung the prisoner keenly, and he bit his lip until it bled.—Any one of the board a month before, would have most eagerly performed any service for the wealthy merchant.  
At this juncture, a tall and muscular gentleman strode up to the bar and tendered his services as counsel for the prisoner at the bar. The stranger's head was gray, but his presence was singularly noble and commanding, and his eye was full and lustrous. The finely chiseled mouth told its own story of daring firmness and iron will. The prosecuting attorney looked a little blank as the distinguished looking gentleman took his seat within the bar, and answered for his client. The interest in the audience became intense, for—expected something so fine a man.—

And the presence of that personage—his lofty bearing and eagle eye—was already making interest for his astonished client.  
The trial proceeded. The counsel for the defence asked few questions of the witnesses, contenting himself with playing with his pen knife, and now and then looking upon those who swore "swif!" There was a terror in his very eye, and the swift witnesses quailed as they read his scornful glance. The district Attorney indulged in frequent coarse and aggravating remarks as the testimony proceeded.  
The plea of the stranger was a most finished specimen of logic, irony and pathos. The tide of feeling in the people re-acted upon his eloquence, and rushed again to the merchant. A few words, calm, and but most fearfully withering, crushed the prosecuting attorney's attempt to wound the unfortunate. The testimony was picked and panned in a thousand directions, and the witness blushed that they had ever doubted the honesty of the prisoner.  
"You are but men," said he to the jury, "with the same frail nature of him whose honesty you now hold in your hands. You know not your own strength. In prosperity it is so hard matter to present a clean sheet to the world. It is adversity that tests men. The strongest among you might fall, were misfortunes to come upon you. Misfortune or poverty is certainly no crime, as prosperity is no virtue. Summer weather friends are they who bask in a man's favor to day, and when a dark hour comes upon him, turn to heap opprobrium upon his name. As men need mercy at the hands of Him who wept and for gave the sins of men; so let them remember mercy when judging each other.—Should either of you, gentlemen, by any reverse of fortune, become poor, and a subject for the debtor's cell, and see your projected friends desert and turn against you, you will experience one of life's bitterest lessons, and learn how cruel is the hand which crushes and brands with shame the name of the poor and unfortunate. God is the avowed friend of such, and men should be careful how they are less forgiving than our common Father."  
The man of the stranger was peculiarly thrilling, and carried the multitude for his client. The prosecuting attorney withered in his seat, and in his eye blundered continually. He grew feverish and annoyed under the full gaze of his powerful antagonist.

The jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty" without leaving their seats, and the sheriff was ordered to release the prisoner from custody. And what a change in the manner of the people. All were eager to take him by the hand and congratulate him upon his acquittal. They were friends again! And yet Wilson could not shut out the reflection that, had he been convicted, the same man would have as heartily approved the verdict as now.  
With a heart too full for utterance, Wilson attempted to thank his stranger friend. While he held that individual's hand, and poured out his broken thanks, the sheriff again arrested him for debt. The district attorney had been foiled in the criminal suit and now determined to have revenge.  
"Hold a moment," said the stranger counsel. "How much is claimed of my client?"  
"Some three thousand dollars," sneeringly answered the attorney.  
"Make out your papers, sir, and you can have the money."  
The abashed officer proceeded to do so, while a crowd gathered and looked on. The stranger, from a heavy purse, counted out the amount in bills and gold, and then handed the receipts to the bewildered Wilson; afterwards lifting his hat politely to the people was about leaving, but the overpowered Wilson could not be left thus. He followed his deliverer and persisted in knowing who to bless.  
"James Wilson!" replied the stranger, in a sad but thrilling tone; "you have fallen as others have fallen. This is a world of changes. While visiting the graves where my loved ones are, I learned of your reverses and the charges against you. Fifteen years ago there was another poor debtor sent to jail for crime and his child died there. He was poor and you oppressed him. He was sick and in prison and you visited him not. Never again, Mr. Wilson, forget

the golden rule' of the master you serve, or oppress the poor and unfortunate. The poor debtor of fifteen years ago, owed you. You now owe him.—William Milton has returned good for evil. You will not hate him as you once did, will you, Mr. Wilson?" and a sweet smile shone through the tears on the stranger's face.  
"William Milton! God forgive me. And are you him?"  
"Yes, the once poor debtor, and now rich man is before you. Go home to your family, Mr. Wilson, and be kind to all. We all need kindness and forgiveness."  
While the tears were streaming fast from Wilson's face, the stranger passed rapidly away and disappeared. The poor merchant returned to his home a letter, and a wise man. Goals had been heaped upon his head, and from that day to the close of a long life, James Wilson never forgot to do good. At night and in the morning he invoked blessings upon his friend, and in kindly words to the poor and needy, endeared himself to all. The tables were turned to his good.

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**FOREIGN GOLD AND SILVER COIN**  
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**GOLD COINS.**  
Austria—Quadruple ducat.....\$9 12 0  
Ducat..... 2 27 5  
Sovereign (for Lombardy)..... 6 85 0  
Baden—Five Guldens..... 2 4 0  
Bavaria—Ducat..... 4 27 0  
Belgium—Twenty-franc piece..... 3 53 2  
Twenty-five franc piece..... 4 72 0  
Bolivia—Double..... 15 58 0  
Brazil—Piece of 6400 reis..... 8 72 0  
Britain—Sovereign..... 4 84 5  
Brunswick—Thaler..... 7 89 0  
Czechoslovakia..... 14 96 0  
Ecuador—S..... 1 67 0  
Gold Dollar..... 8 75 0  
Chili—Double (before 1835)..... 15 57 0  
Double (1835 and since)..... 15 66 0  
Denmark—Double Fredr. or 10 Thaler 7 88 0  
Ecuador—Half double..... 7 30 0  
Mexico—Quarter Guat..... 2 85 0  
France—Twenty francs..... 3 55 0  
Greece—Twenty drachms..... 3 45 0  
Hanover—Ten Thaler, George IV..... 7 84 0  
Ten Thaler, William IV and Ernest 7 89 0  
Hindustan—Mohur, East India Co. 7 10 0  
Mexico—Quarter Guat..... 2 85 0  
Mexico—Double, average..... 15 53 0  
Netherlands—Ducat..... 2 20 5  
Ten guilders..... 4 00 7  
New Granada—Double, 21 carat standard..... 15 51 0  
Double, 21 carat standard, including the silver..... 15 71 0  
Double, 9-10ths standard..... 15 31 0  
Double, 9-10ths standard, including the silver..... 15 39 0  
Peru—Toman..... 2 23 0  
Portugal—Lima, to 1833..... 15 3 0  
Double, Guat., to 1833..... 15 3 0  
Double, Guat., to 1837..... 15 3 0  
Portugal—Half guat (full weight)..... 8 65 0  
Crown..... 5 81 0  
Prussia—Double Frederick..... 8 00 0  
Rome—Tenscento..... 10 37 0  
Sardinia—Twenty lire..... 3 96 7  
Saxony—Ten thalers..... 7 94 0  
Ducat..... 1 26 0  
Spain—Pistole (for double)..... 3 90 0  
Turkey—Hundred piastres..... 4 37 4  
Dollars—25 cent..... 2 50 0  
United States—Eagle (before Jan. 1834)..... 10 30 0  
Five dollar piece of C. Bechtler, average..... 4 85 0  
Dollar of the same, average..... 96 0  
Five dollar pie of A. Bechtler \$4 92 a 5 00  
Dollar of the same..... 2 84 5  
Oregon Exchange Co.—Five dollar..... 4 82 0  
N. G. & N. San Francisco—Five doll. \$4 83 a 4 95 0  
Miners' Bank, San Francisco—Ten dollars..... 9 06 a 9 22 0  
Moffat & Co..... 9 78 a 9 95 0  
Sixteen dollar ingots, about..... 15 75 0

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