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ed twenty, and I bit my thumb an hour over the perplexin ; problem how to get it. I wanted it speedily, and therefore none of the slow processes of trade or industry would answer my purpose. My little cottage was designed and drawn on paper, the furniture for it was bespoken, and Caroline and I were going to live very patterns of economy and prudence as soon as I had turned my ten thousand into twenthousands on it in six weeks, and then going up; it's on the up track, with a full head of steam on-whiz! phiz!-and all that." mel The last sentence at least was, and "Very true, sir; but we must have our" made Jack repeat and expound the rest margin.

to me a sufficient number of times to ob-"Well, how much?" tain quite a glimpse of the ideas whith he "Ten per cent. will be forty-three hun dred dollars-say four thousand, sir."

intended to express. Hope came in at the door at that mo-My money was lying idle in the bank, ly. neut, and whispered to me to try it, and and it was really better to pay the mar-I said I would; but Caution, who had been gin, as I would thereby save interest, on

"Why don't Jack Rattler try it himself that sum; so I gave Baitem my check for four thousand dollars, took his receipt, if it is so very easy?" "Sure enoug! !" and I; "why don't you, and departed full of golden expectations. The stock list now became a subject of my continual study, and twice a day, as I

Jack!" "Why don't 1-what?"

twenty, or fifty!"

"Well, it is-sometimes."

going.'

nust lose.

ong as you win?

"Sure enough!" said I.

like that. You can't fail to make several

The

took up my morning and evening paper, I turned eagerly to the table of sales to "Why, buy some of this Erie stock yourself? There is more than enough for me, look for the expected advance in prices .-I suppose; at any rate, don't let me take For several days Erie remained about stathe chance from you. Jack laughed, and muttered something

tionary; then it began to stagger a little, and then down it went plump three per cent. My hair rose as I saw that fifteen about "margins" and "differences," which was all Greek to me, and into wh ch I did hundred dollars of my margin was swallowed up, and I began to comprehend the sacrificing himself for my good, but I had meaning of the word. not the magnanimity to stop him. "Many a fortune," he continued, "has

I hurried to Mr. Baitem, but before I ould get there I found the stock was ofbeen made there in a fortnight. Many a and still another per cent, lower, and man has just called there, and left an orhat, of course, was five hundred more der to buy or sell so much of this thing u. of my precious ten thousand. or that, and then has called again in a few "What the dickens has got into your

days and pocketed a cool ten thousand, or "hiz phiz" stock, Mr. Baitem?" said I .--What does it all mean?" "Is it possible?" said I; "why, I should think it must be the best business that's heard? It is the French revolution!"

"I have heard of the revolution, course," said I, "if you choose to call it o; "But it appears to me, Jack, somehow but what has Louis Napoleon's seizing the -I dare say I don't exactly understand reins of government to do with the Erie

t, and I may be mistaken, you know, of Railroad course-but it appears to me that what "There is a panic, sir, in all the large one man gains in that way, somebody else stocks-unsettled state of things-fears of a general war in Europe-can't tell where "Yes, somebody; but what of that, as it will end?

"While we talked, a clerk came in and reported Erie eighty-one and a half in the "Sure enough." said I. "Sure enough!" said Hope. "You had better try," concluded Jack, is he went out, "and before things get too treet. "Worse and worse," said Baitem.

"The panic was fast communicating high, for they have been going up now a tself to me. "Is it best to sell?" I inquired. "And are quite in the habit of it, I sup-"Don't know-can't tell-I am always

delicate about giving advice in stock mat-"Can you recommend me to a good I wished he had been a little more deli-

cate about it a few days previous. "How low has it ever been?" I inquired "Yes, a real shrwed pair, at No.reet; Messrs. Baitem and Catchemnervously.

they'll do you to a turn." "Oh, it has been down to seventy with-"I'll try them to-morrow," said I. in the past year." And so we parted. I called the next day on the brokers

"And how much would I lose if it should fall back to seventy again?" and had an interview with Mr. Baitem, cool reply.

"Then sell, for mercy's sake, sir, as soon possible, and save something." Baitem sold on that afternoon, and pocketed twenty-five hundred dollars of my margin to pay "differences," and I went home a sadder but not a wiser man. After gazing long and mournfully at the drawing of my cottage, I rubbed out one wing, and then came sadly to the conclusion that I could not afford to build

it, even in that erippled condition. Jock Rattler called in the evening, and

go in and make our fortunes, off hand." "But you think--" "Of course, sir; think anything in favor I related to him my dolelu! debut in Wal of Erie-can't think too favorably of itstreet, at which he seemed a little disconcan't indeed." arted. "It will work so sometimes," he said. I thought I could not take too much o This conference of coup d'etal, as they call uch a promising concern, and so I told Mr. Baitem he might buy five hundred , has done as the anschief, and that, of hares for me. "Cash, sir?" said the broker. "Well, I don't know; ow much will it. mount to? first instance." "Forty-three toousand and some odd hundred," he replied, after figuring a moment with a pencil. "Ah, not eash, then, decidedly," said I, narveling whether my credit could possiby be good for so large a sum; "there is such a thing as i-uying on time, I believe?" "Yes, sir-thirty, sixty, or ninety days; how will you have it?"

"But it isn't going down, you know; it's besides. In my excitement, however, I had almost forgotten Jack's explanation of

"I want you to sell five hundred shares

of E ie for me, Mr. Baitem," I said, bold-

"Oh, ho; you have more of it, have you?" said he. "Very well. I shall be happy to sell it for you." "No, I have not a share," I replied, hes-

itatingly; "but I want you to sell it, you know-somebody else's, I suppose; I don't exactly understand it myself, but I want you to sell it short." Baitem laughed.

"Oh yes, I see; you wish to sell, at sel-lers option. At what price, and on what Thirty days, I suppose." time?

"Yes-suppose so; and as to the price what will it probably bring?" "Eighty-one-or thereabout."

"Very well; that will do; good morning,

"But the margin, sir." "Ah! I beg your pardon,-yes, that must

not be forgotten.' I drew my check this time, with the air

of a millionaire, for I considered it now a mere form, and felt confident of success, in which expectation the gratified broker by no means failed to encourage me. He "Why, sir, is it possible you have not evidently considered me a man of fortune, who could bear a little plucking, and very probably, he thought my chance of success tolerably good.

"I think it must go down," I said, as I pocketed my receipt-"all these convulions in Europe must of course keep things in a feverish, unsettled state here.'

"Of course, sir-of course. If the next steamer brings news of a civil war in France, stocks will go down three per cent; if it extends into Germany and Italy, they will go down five per cent; if Hungary rises, and Austria, and Russia, and Enged. land, and Prussia all get into the melce, they'll fall ten sir, at least-perhaps more can't tell where they'll stop."

"Good," said I, quite elated with the prospect; "not that I wish any blood shed, of course; but if it must come to that, I may as well have the benefit of it, as oth-

With this humane sentiment, I bade Mr. Baitem good morning, and once more went home, and resumed my morning and evening scrutiny of the stock tables.

For two days all was quiet. On the third a lagged him soy row arandial dy my window, "Extra Erald!-"Rival of the Baltick! Louis Napoleon

ussassinated!" "That's the talk!" said I, snatching up my hat. "Now come on with your revol itions—I'm ready for them."

I rushed into the street, and astonished the boy by giving h m a shilling for his half sheet, with which I returned triumphantly to my room. I opened it, and glanced rapidly down the line of eye catching capitals, which were paraded over the foreign news, as follows:

"FRANCE QUIET!" Napoleon firmly seated in the Dic

the mode of selling what I did not own - but I had some vague idea of the mat-ter, and thought I should be able to get than the present, in order to fulfill your terms nose. A sort of beauty he had, huge syes opened and gaz too, and among women—Lord help us! wherever those moustaches showed them-selves, every opponent abandoned the the for may not be denied ter, and thought I should be able to get than the present, in order to fulfill your selves, every opponent abandoned the along with Mr. Baitem without betraying contract. Possibly, if you buy to-day, ground. It was at last dangerous to have I demand by what mischance I find her you may save a triffle, a hundred or so." "If I had only held on to my first purchase

Nedger,

"You would have been all whole to-

which little balance, together with my ac count, in a very flourishing hand-writing, Mr. Baitem presented to me with a most polite and graceful air. He did not ask or my future custom, for he saw that would be of no avail. Besides, he was probably satisfied.

I was not.

I went home in a very suicidal humor. Jack Rattler came no more; but Simon Steady, an old friend of my late father, called in one evening, and to him I related the whole chapter of my misfortunes. "Baitem and Catchem were your brok

ers, hey?" said he. "Yes.

"They are very sharp men. What would you say, if I should tell you that they never bought or sold a share of stock for you. of any kind, and that they are neither of them, members of the Board of Brokers.' "Impossible!" "They certainly do not belong to the

Board." "But they may have bought and sold

you may depend upon it they did not .-They took your money, and made out bills of sale and purchase for you, when they were pretty sure of the market being against you, and if it had proved otherwise, they might or might not have fulfill If the amount, together with other operations, had made it an object, they would have failed. As it is they have saved their credit, and won your money.

"Is probably one of their agents, how

"About three months."

silence, uninterrupted by my friend, and then I brought my doubled fist down upon the table, with a blow which sent a pair

"I could leave my whole fortune anya black liar! and I will write the words where, now, without much risk;" I rewith a red hot brand on his forehead !" plied, sadil ...

That night I again took out from my his brutal soul so grossly in words; but

"If you settle to-day,-nothing; if we grim mouitaches three inches long, twisted | trude, the fairest of the fair!" And his hold on we must have more; the stock is under his nose. A sort of beauty he had, huge ayes opened and gazed like those of

> a sweetheart, for out of pure bravado name this night common at a board of Mentz would push foward, make love to rioters, and polluted by the lips of a drunkthe lady, frighten her swain, and either ard and coward?"

terrify or frighten herself. Should the "By the bones of my father," said doomed lover offer resistance, all he had Mentz, in a tone of deep and dire anger, which had ere then appalled many a to do was to call a surgeon; and happy enough he considered himself if he escaped stout; heart'by the bones of my father, your without the loss of his teeth or an eye, doom is sealed! Be your blood on your He killed four men who never injured him own head. But," said he, observing that -wounded seventeen, and fought twenty the youth, instead of lowering bore himduels. He once challenged a whole club self more 1 ftily, "what folly is this? Drink, who had black-balled him unanimously; lad, drink, and I hurt thee not! I love and was pacified only by being readmit thy gallant bearing, and my game is not ted, though all the members immediately such as thou."

resigned, and the club was broken up. At last there came a youth into the He added this with such a waveridg of manner as had never before been witness-University-slender, quiet, and boyished in him, for never before had he been so calmly and fiercely opposed; and, for a moment, he quailed before the fiery glanlooking, with a handsome need, though somewhat pale. His demcanor, though shy, was noble and self-possessed. He shy, was noble hast time among us, be-mecker than a dove. But ashamed of mecker than a dove. But ashamed of looking, with a handsome face, though fore he was set down as a cowardly crehis transient fear, he said, "Come to me, poor child! Bring with thee thy goblet; ature, and prime game for the "devils broke loos," as the gang of Mentz termed themselves. The coy youth shunned all bend at my foot and quaff it, as I have said, and, out of pity, I spare thy young the riots and revels of the Universityhead.'

What was the astonishment of the nsulted no one; and if his mantle brushed against that of another, he apologised so company on beholding Arnold, as if immediately, so gracefully, so gently, that effectually awed by a moment's reflection, the devil himself could not have fixed a and the ferocious enmity of deadly and quarrel upon him. It soon appeared too, celebrated a foe, actually do as he was that Gertrude, the lovely daughter of the commanded. He rose, took the cup, and Baron de Saale-the toast of all the coun slowly approached the seat of the insulter; try-upon whom most of us gazed as en knelt and raised the cup to his lips. Mursomething quite above us—it soon ap-peared that the girl loved this youthful came hot and thick from the group of tranger. Now Mentz had singled out spectators, who had arisen in the excite-Gertrude for himself, and avowed his ment of their curiosity, and stood eagerly preference publicly. Arnold, for this the ben ling foward with every eye fixed upon the object of their contempt. A grim snie distorted the features of Mentz, who shouted with a hoarse and drunken laugh, "Drink deep-lown with it-'o the

Arnold, however, only touched the rim to his lips, and waited a moment's silence, with an expression so scornful and composed that the hisses and exclaimations were again quelled; when every sound had ceased to a dead silence-

"Never," said he, " shall I refuse to drink to the glory of a name that once I loved and honored-Gertrude, fairest of the fair ! But, "he added, suddenly rising, and drawing up his figure, with a dignity that silenced every breath, "for thus be punished thy base, brutal insolence,

and thy stupid presumption." As he spoke, he dashed the contents of the ample goblet full in the face of Mentz and then, with all his strength hurled the massy goblet itself at the same mark. giant reeled and staggered a few paces back; and amid the shining liquor on his drenched clothes and dripping features a stream of blood was seen to trickled down his forchend.

Never before was popular feeling more suddenly and violently reversed. A lond and irrepressable burst of applause broke from every lip, till the broad and heavy

notwithstanding." "They may have done so, it is true, but

"And Jack Rattler?"

ong have you known him? "Ever since I came to my property." "I thought so-and that is

It had not appeared that Arnold knew any thing of Mentz's character, for he sat cheerfully and gaily at the board, with so much the manners of a high-born gentleof small wine-glasses hopping to the floor. man, that every one admitted at once his ers are like all other classes. There are brink of which he stood.

great scoundrels among them, but there are very many most excellent, aimable and honest men also among them. I could take you to dozeus of effices in Wallstreet, where you could safely leave your roon and coward. I quaff this goblet, whole fortune, without receipt or voucher of any kind, and be sure of getting it again, when you called for it.'

port folia, the plan of my anticipated col- the guests, who knew that he was heated tage, and rubbed out the other wing and with wine, passed over the coarse insul with shouts of laughter, and drank with riotous confusion, to the health of Gertrude, the fairest of the fair. As the gleaming goblets were emptied and dashed rattling on the table, Mentz arose, and with the bloated importance of a despot, gazed around to see that all present had fulfilled his orders. Every goblet was emptied but one which stood untasted, untouched. On perceiving this, the rufflan leaned foward, fixed his eyes on the cup, struck his brawny hand down fiercely on the table, which returned a thundering clatter, and said in a voice huskey with rage. "There is a cup full; by St. Authony I will make the owner swallow its measure of molten lead if it remain thus one instant longer.' "Drink it, Arnold; drink it, boy! Keep thy hand out of useless broils," whispered a student near him, rather advanced in Drink, friend," muttered another drily, or he will not be slow in doing his threat, I promise thee." "Empty the cup, man," cried a third; "never frown or turn pale, or thy young head will lie lower than thy feet ere to morrow sunset.' there was a clash of steel, and the stamp-"It is Mentz, the duellist," said a fourth. Dost thou not know his wonderful skill, Ho tempted thee to this fatal extremity ?" will kill thee as if thou wert a deer, if thou wilt oppose him in his wine. He is replied the youth, " and a willingness to more merciless than a wild boar. Drink, die, rather than submit to an insult." man, drink." morrow's sun shall set !" thundered Mentz. These good-natured suggestions were muttered in hasty and vehement whispers; starting up in a phrenzy, and with a hoarse and while the students were endeavoring and broken voice that made the hearts of the hearers shudder as at the howl of a deto palliate the dreadful catastrophe, the furious beast again struck his giant hand mon. on the table violently, without speaking, as if words were too feeble to utter his During this interesting scene the youth had remained motionless, cool and silent. be longer than to-morrow night, or I shall A slight pallor, but evidently more of indignation than fear, came over his handsome features, and his eyes, dilated with emotion, rested full and firm on Mentz. "By the mass, gentlemen," cried he at length; "I am a stranger here, and ignorant of the manners prevalent in the Universities, but if yon person be sane, and this no "Joke," thundered Mentz, foaming at mad ? see the fine fellow fire-one, two, three, the lip. "I must tell you that I come from

I pondered on all this a few minutes, m

Never before had ever Mentz betraved

ew student was called, was rarely, if ever, empted by our feasts; but he once came mexpectedly on a casual invitation. To the great surprise and interest of the company, Mentz was there, and seated nunself unabashed at the table, though an

unbidden guest. The strongest curiosity at once arose to witness the result; for Mentz had sworn that he would compel Arnold, at their first meeting, to beg pardon on his knees for the audacity of having addressed his mistress.

"What, ho," at length should Mentz,

is the evening had a little advanced and

the wine began to mount; "a teast ! come.

drink it all; and he who refuses is a polt

filled to the brim, to the health and hap-

piness of Gertrude de Saale-the fairest of

the fair ! Who says he knows a fairer is

How was it to be done?

"Try a lottery," suggested Hope. "You have twenty blank tickets in your escritoire already," said Caution. "Try-try again." sung Hope. "You will be indicted," said Caution "The Common Council will--" "Let you alone, as long as you don't disturb Perrine-try a package," said Hope.

"So I will," said I. So I did.

My package drew just what it was ob-liged to, and I paid the difference.

"Mark the difference!" That's what the dealer said; and after

marking it, and toeing the mark, I turned my back on the "Exchange Office," with its green inside blinds, and its dusty dollars in the window, which, singularly enough, were blinds, also, and went home. "What shall I do now?" said I, eyeing the model of my cottage.

Hope had stepped out, and there was no reply until Jack Rattler popped in, and I explained to him my difficulties.

"Why don't you try Wall street?" said Jack, rattaning his boot. "I don't know," I replied, almost igno-

ant of the locality named, but having a dreamy idea of some such place very far down. "Are things likely to go up there?" "Very much, in these days."

"I'll bay a lot there to-morrow," said I. "A lot!" echoed Jack, opening his eyes

ery widely. "What do you mean!" "A lot of land, to be sure. You say

things are going up." Jack laughed long and heartily. "Well, well," he said; "it might not be amins to buy a lot there, provided it was a corner lot; for anything Wall street has "a corner" on is sure to go up. But that is not exactly what I meant. You must buy some kind of stock." Stock?"

"Aye." I knew that the cattle-market was up town, and that I had no land to keep town, and that I had no hand to keep beasts upon any way; and I was very much puzzled with my friend's remark, but be-fore I had time to reply, he added: "Try Erie Railroad, for instance; it is on-ly eighty-six, and is as well worth par as one dollar is worth another. Tell your broker to get you a few hundred shares, you know, "buyer thirty," or something

"Oh, any way-suit yourself-only get it for me quickly, before it goes any high-

"Yes, sir. Name sirf" "Mr. Dunn Brown."

er.'

"Yes, sir; yes." "That's all, I believe, sir; good morning," said I, touching my beaver politely as I stepped toward the door. "H-m! hah! h-m!" said Mr. Baitem,

gliding along at my side, and glancing injuiringly at me; "hem!" "Good morning, sir!" I repeated.

"One moment, sir," said the broker .-You want this stock bought, I believe?" "Certainly."

"You don't seem used to this sort of thing; I want a margin, you know."

"A margin!" "Yes."

"Well," said I, a little puzzled, "I was about making a very wide one between us, sir. vet.

"Good, sir!-capital!" he answered .-You are a bit of a wag, I see; very good indeed; but of course I must have a mar-

"Well, sir, I have no objection-non at all.'

"Ah, I thought not-all right," he said ubbing his hands together.

"Then I wish you good morning, sir,' said I again, politely. "But the margin, Mr. Brown?" "See here, Mr. Baitem," I returned somewhat angrily; "if you want anything of me, please to let me know it. What

in the name of common sense is a margip!"

"A deposit, sir, a small per centage to guard against loss—say ten per cent on the purchase—that's all." "Loss? Why, you will have the stock in your own hands; how can you lose?" "Certainly; but this is to provide for the contingency of its going down."

course, notocle could anticipate. Its very bad, certaincy. What a pity it is that you did not sell instead of buying in the "Sell what?" "Erie stock, to be sur. ." "But I had none to sell."

"No matter; you might have sold five hundred shares just as well as to have

bought them, even if you had some. You ould sell short, you know." "Sell short? Well, that is just what I have been doing to-day, according to my reckoning. I'm short about twenty-five

hundred dollars on the operation, any how.' Jack laughed. "You don't understand me. You should have old your Erie stock, deliverable say in sixty days from

the time of sale, or on any intermediate day at your option." "But who would have made such a

fool's purchase of me, when I had not a share in the world?" "Nobody; but they would have bought of your broker, who would have sold

you and taken a margin.,' "Dhast the margins! I don't want to have

anything more to do with them." "But don't you see that you could having furnished your Eric to the buyer today, at fiteen hundred dollars profit?"

I puzzled at this awhile, and finally] did see it, and thought there was just where lay my mistake. I might do it.

"Try it," said Hope. "Beware!" said Caution.

"It is not too late," said Rattler; "the

stock may go down to seventy, particular-ly if there is a general war in Europe, and should not be at all surprised if the whole

continent were in a blaze this very monent."

"Nothing more probable," I replied. "Kossuth says that Napoleon has only

made the cause of Liberty more sure by this last step, and I believe the great Hungarian intends to return at once to lead the down-trodden millions of all Europe in the coming struggle for freedom.

Pll sell Erie," So I did. The next day I called upon my broker,

and doubtless much to his surprise, with a very smiling countenance, for hope was again fresh within me, and I was confidentcalculating that I should not only repair my great loss, but make a large sum

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tatorship. "False-rumor of his Assassination."

"CONFIDENCE RESTORED!" "Rise of Stocks on the Bourse." "RISE OF ENGLISH FUNDS!" "RISE OF COTTON!" "Rise of Bread-stuffs."

my segar, and starting for Wall-street On my way I met an acquaintance, who

was a dealer in stocks, and a sort of streetbroker, and I asked him if he had seen the foreign news,

"Oh, yes; we have had it in Wall-stseet these two hours," he replied. "Capital, isti't it?"

I saw by his speech, and by the twinkle of his eye, that he was a buyer, and not a seller.

"Does it affect stocks any?" I inquired, nervously but with a desperate effort at composure.

"Like magic! Everything is up, and rising like the tide—like the tide, sir!" "Did you hear how Erie was?" I falter-

ed.

-four I think, or five; 1 "Eighty -am not certain-but it is up, and everything else, you may depend on that; and they will go higher still, before night-so take my advice, and don't sell---if have anything, don't sell!"

"I won't," said I, dolefully, as I turned from him and pursued my way.

I think I must have been quite pare proached Mr. Baitem, who was laughing very gaily, as I went in, whose countenance suddenly changed into a sort of forced expression of dolefulness. Scarcely

that I could undo by words, the effect of my former rashness, I said:

"I hope you concluded not to sell that Eric the other day, M. Baitem; I have called to countermand it, if----

"Ah, you are facetious. sir-it is sold of course, sir; we always obey orders, if we break owners;---that is the broker's rule, and the only one under which they could possibly do business. You left me no discretion in the matter, you know." "I had none myself," I said, dismally.

"Ah, ha! very good; but I mean you left me no option.

"You sold my option," I replied. "Good again—I am glad to see you take it so pleasantly, but you understand of course, what I mean; you left me no choice."

"I left you a margin of twenty-five hundred dollars. How much of it is left to me!

the tail, leaving it like an Irish shanty. What makes matters worse, every time I see Caroline, she ask me, with the most bewitching of smiles, whether I have yet turned my ten thousand into twenty; and I tell her, as cheerfully as possible: "No, my lova; not yet."

THE HIPOCRITE UNMASKED.

A German Student's Story

I HAVE witnessed many duels; but we are not so blood-thirsty, generally, as your moral Americans- We usually settied these matters with a sword; a better method, by the way, and more worthy of the soldier, than your cold, murderous pi-tol-firing. Any poltroon may pull a trigger, but it requires the firm hand and steady eye of the man to manage the steel. However, when I was at Jena, they called each other out as merrily as a beau and belle to a dance. It was but the treading of a toe-the bruising of an elbow; nay, an accidental look that fell on them when they wished not observation, and the next day, or by St. Andrew, the next hour,

ing of feet on the greensward; and the kindling and flashing of fiery eyes-and plunge and parry, and cut and thrust, till one or both lay stretched at length-a pass through the body-a gash upon the

cheek-the skull cleft down, or the hand off-and the blood bubbling and gushing when I entered the broker's office, and ap- forth like a rill of mountain waters. There were more than one of these fellowsdevils I must say-who, when they found among them some strange student, timid or retired, whose character they were unknowing what I did, and foolishly hoping acquainted with, or whose courage they doubted, would pass the hint of more

sport-brush his skirt-charge the offence upon him-demand an apology too humble for a hare, and dismiss him from the adventure only with an opened shoulder, or with daylight through his body. But

to the story. There was one fellow among us named Mentz, who assumed, and wore with impunity, the character of head bully. He was foremost in all the deviltry. His pis-tol was death, and his broadsword cut jokelike the scissors of fate. It was curious to

and good by to his antagonist. His friendship was courted by all, for to be his en- part of the country where we neither give emy was to lie in a bloody grave. At length, grown fearless of being called to

account, he took pride in insulting stranwas formidable; a great bully giant, with shaggy black hair, huge whiskers, and Boy, drink, as I have told thee, to Ger-

nor take such jokes or such insults." "Hast thon taken leave of thy friends?"

said Mentz, partly hushed by astonishgers, and even women. His appearance ment, "and art thou tired of life that thou

afters above their heed and the ver foundation of the floor shook and trembled But the peal of joy and approbation soon coased for though this inspiring drama had so nobly commenced, it was uncertain how it might end. Before the tyrant had recovered from the stunned and bewildered trance into which the blow, combined with grief, shame, astonishment and drunkenness had thrown him, several voices after the obstreperous calls for silence usual on such occasions, addressed the youth who stood cool and crect, with folded arms waiting the course of events.

" Brave Arnold ! Noble Arnold ! A gallant deed ! The blood of a true gentleman in his veins !"

" But caust thou fight ?" cried one. " I am only a simple student, and an ar-tist by profession; I have devoted myself

to the pencil, and not to the sword," answered Arnold.

"But thou canst use it a little, canst thou not ?" asked another.

"But indifferently," answered the youth. " And how art thou with the pistol ? " cmanded a third.

" My hand is unpracticed," replied Ar-nold, I h ve not skill in sheding human blood." "'Fore God, then, rash boy, what has

" Hatred of oppressien in all its forms,"

" Die then thou shalt, and that ere to-

"I chalenge thee to mortal combat."

"It is for thee to name time, place and

"I love thee not, base dog !" replied Ar-

old ; " but thou shalt not die so inglori-

ous a death ; I will fight with thee, there-

"By the mother of Heaven, boy !" eried Mentz; more and more surprised,-

"thou arts in haste to sup in hell !" and

the ruffain lowered his voice, " art thou

" Be that my chance," answered Arnold

"I shall not be likely to meet even in hell

with a companion so brutal as thou, un-less, which I mean shall be the case, thou

"though my hand is unsteady; for win and segars are no friends to the nerves."

ear me company." "To-night then be it," said Mentz,

" Dost thou refuse me, then !" deman-

weapons, but as thou lovest me, let it not

"And I accept the challenge."

burst with impatience and rage.'

fore, to-night,"