GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1865.

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UNCLE GODFREY.

The morrow came, somehow or other. The Latimers were sorry to part with the old Tartar. The children liked his odd stories; and the tricks he showed them with cards, his ventriloquisms, and the droll drawings he did for them.

The train came sliding in, curving like s great jointed black serpent. Uncle Godfrey mounted into a second class carriage, and shook all the Latimers by the

"You won't see me again," he said, "I ha'n't see many more winters. Admiral Death has already hoisted the storm-sigal for me. Good-bye. Don't let the dildren eat too much. When I die, I hall leave you a set of china, just to remember me. Good-bye, Latimer; goodbye, Dora, dear; good-bye, Jane, my love; good-bye, Willy, pet; good-bye, George. liked my visit, though you did not let ne win at whist."

The train slid off.

"Well, somehow or other, I miss him,"

sid Mrs. Latimer.

Her husband did not assent very warmto his wife's remark. An odd thought hdstruck him, as the children ran laughig and bounding on before their father

and mother. "How strange it would be, Jane," said be good, thoughtful man turning to the most-bound hill to watch the train, new a mere swift, black caterpillar in the valley -"how strange it would be if instead of lying with a struggle and a wrench, or in low pain or decay, as we do now, when men were to die, a mysterious summons hould come in a black letter, warning us ma certain day and hour, to be at the nearest railway station. Then, that we should go after a calm, but still ineffably solemn farewell, and at the appointed lour, a mysterious black train, spirit-driven, should arrive; and an irresistible impulse should force us then to mount into the carriage, and be borne off swiftly, quietly, into the inscrutable far distance.' "O, Fred, how can you think of such

Uncle Godfrey." "And so do we," cried the children. "Poor Uncle Godfrey," said "Tot."

borrid things," said Mrs. Latimer. "Well,

to you know, somehow or other, I do miss

"Will he ever come to see us again?" asked George.

"Not if I can help it," thought Mr. latimer, clenching his teeth, and looking as sternly as he could.

III. THE CARRION CROWS.

Exactly twelve months from the date of that visit, Uncle Godfrey was found dead in his arm-chair, in his solitary chambers at the Adelphi. It is probable that he had been dead several days, for though the laundress had neglected to inform the neighbors, no light had been seen in the room for three nights. Singularly enough it was remembered that the deceased had latterly shown some desire to be more social, and had even appeared spectrally one night in full dress at the door of the gentleman on the first floor, who was, however, just starting for a party, and could not see him.

The rooms were found to be an inch deep in a snuff like dust, and crowded with china, pictures, furniture and portfolios. The inner room resembled an immense mouse trap, for it was strewn with pounds of bacon and selections of cheap cheese. A miser and a millionaire—Ne- JNO. CHISLETT. buchadnezzar driven from men, and Sardanapalus grown careful, seemed to have inhabited these chambers together. Oh, what misery, and deadness of heart and deprivation of sweet home pleasures!what scorn for, or insane blindness to, love

JAMES LIMFORTH.

and home, were evidenced in that sordid solitude, in that voluntary prison, in that splendid Bastile!

It was too late. The hoarder had been torn from his hoard by no murderer or thief, but by the great severer of all human ties. After Godfrey Dodson's funeral, his will was read at the office of his lawyers, Messrs Fox and Shekell.

No one was present but the Fitzsimmonses, but they were all there-Mr F., a fribble of a man; Mrs. F., a vulgar, strong minded woman, who was alternatively smiles and tears, and the three Misses F., all apparently of the same age, and only distinguishable apart by the graduated redness of their noses, and the comparative hardness of their spinster faces.

They were all in black, and looked like the Fates, wanting only the wheel, the distaff, and the scissors. They were all shrouded in crape; there was a top-heavy banner of crape on Fitzsimmons's hat; there were wisps of crape on Mrs. F.'s bonnet; they gloried in crape. They looked like the family of a young undertaker who has just secured a small funeral, and was proud of the business.

The room was one of those drab-colored, dingy lawyers' rooms, walled in with deed-boxes—the black sarcophagi of extinct fortunes; the ceiling black with smoke; the cocoa nut matting dirty, and

splashed with ink.

After a good deal of whispering with clerks, and running in and out with law papers, Mr. Fox sat down, chuckled solemnly, opened the will, rubbed his hands, and began to read it.

It was very short. The deceased had left five thousand pounds to the Fitzsimmonses, all his china and pictures also to them; and nothing to the poor Latimers but his wooden leg, to be sent to them as

a remembrance. The Fitzsimmonses thrilled with delight, the black forest of crape rustled with satisfaction. Every one got up and shook hands with the lawyer. Mr. Fox poured them each out a glass of sherry, and then poured himself out one, and drank their health. Then there was a universal eulogy of the "dear deceased" and a unnecessary wiping of eyes, till they looked red and natural.

"Depend upon me, my dear friends," said Mr. Fox rubbing his hands as undertakers do after a successful funeral--"depend upon me, this matter shall be settled as soon as possible. I will set all my clerks upon it. Parker, mind you begin this matter early to-morrow morning. I shall pack up our poor friend Latimer's legacy to-night. Ha, ha! O dear, O dear, what an eccentric being!"

The Fitzsimmonses sniggled malici onsly.

IV. THE LEGACY.

It had been a hard year for the poor Latimers. George had gone to school, and that was expensive. A needy brother returning from Canada had drained off the rest of worthy Mr. L.'s ready money. And now it wanted three days to the time of paying the interest on his life insurance for his wife, and where to turn for a spare ten pounds he did not know.

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