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These I'm me too heavy for you.

Master Handson? he consequence to
say politely, for the sight of me was even "Not, at all," was my cheerfull answer. "You'll make yourself as light as you can to oblige me, perhaps."

I had not quite done growing, and man is fragilistering that process. Mr. Rowley was very bear, and Stokes was wrong in his assertion existedly

was wrong in his assertion—sickedly wrong.

"This is all your fault, mind you, Huskisson. This might have been my death," fire mid repreachfully.

"Yes, Mr. Howley, if I hadn't been in the way," was my happy rejoinder.

"Ah! but"—he looked around with difficulty, and found Stokes still there, making every human effort to straighten his been before flying on his mission.

"Curse it, Stokes run for your life!—don't stand there you wretched lunatic, another instant!"

another instant! Stokes ran away, and I was left as the one support of Mr. Rowley. Stokes had not been gone a minute and a half, when I wished that he had remained and shared the weight with me. I tried to keep firm, but the difficulty was im-Bey, you're giving! Don't shake so.

Keep yourself more against the tree,"
Mr. Rowley called down.
"All right. I'll do it for Clara's sake, If it's possible; but if I snap-"
Then I remember that he called me whipper-sumpper; and so did he, too, I

'O, you'll keep up," he said, offering me every encouragement in his power. "You're a big boy for seventeen, and I'm only nine stone ten-not a great weight. I've seen people in a circus do this kind of thing for hours, you know."

It was a gross exaggeration, and I felt it to be one. I was getting faint also. I had undertaken too much; and his language at times we still violent, so he endeavored to extricate his hand.

"If I should dis, sir," I said feebly, "will you please give now love to Clare." "will you please give my love to Clars."
Tell her I did all I could to bear up—and to bear you up. O dear Did you say nine stone ten."

"I did."

"You're giving?" he mared again with a vehemence that revived me. "Keep up a little longer, my dear boy. I can hear them coming in the distance."
Which was another hischood; but no matter Mr. Rowley was not a truthful man. I set myself firmly against the tree, according to his instructions, but it was of no avail. My heals, in a few more minutes, would side gracefuly away from me. I was certain, and the guardian of my Clara would be swinging about by one arm. Ilke an early

guardisu of my Clars would be swinging about by one arm, like an early
Christian martyr. His blood would be
on my head, and so would he, if he
came down with his whole weight—perhaps armiess—on the lop of me.

"Keep up!" he cried in a great fright
now. "You shall see Clars when you
like, my boy. I will not my a word
against the match any more. You're a
fine, strapping, brave fellow, that you
are—a young Hereules!"

"Thank you, Mr. Rowley," I answered; and his words dief sustain me a
little, and helped me to stuttain him.

little, and helped me to sustain me a little, and helped me to sustain him.
But I was aliding, slowly but surely from under his feet when assistance arrived; mon with ladders, and saws, and chisels; and Clara too, wild with fright, and with tears streaming down "O, my poor gardy!" she cried. "O, you wicked Alphonse! It's all your dread-

This was the last feather on the camel's back. I fell forward, and a grand rush of the servants at Mr. Rowley's legsonly

of the servants at Mr. Rowley's legs only saved the guardian from summary dislocation on the spot. He was got down with difficulty; and once down, he was not grateful.

"A pretty fool you have made of me," he said to Clara as he walked away rubhing his wrist; "and a pretty pair of fools you and that boy are, too."

Still, after all, he was not so had as I expected to find him. He was a man who kept his word, and for that I have always respected old Rowley, Clara and I saw each other in a more rational manner. I went to the hall once or twice; she was at my house on my eighteenth hirthday; at a little party which my margina absurdly called "farefile" in the luvitations; and there Jack Edwards was too attentive to Clara, and raised a

was too attentive to Clara, and raised a jealous demon in my breast.

I went to London shortly afterward. Clara and I were to be engaged when I "passed," and if I were of the same mind, her guardian said. But we were not. While I was walking the hospitals a fellow in the tallow-trade walked off with Clara, and I do not think she resisted in the least.

It was an excellent match, though he It was an excellent match, though he was forty-seven, and very stout. I went

down to the wedding, and returned thanks at the breakfast for the brides-maid, one of whom has promised to be mine when I set up in business for my-Direction and

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