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The Secret of Success:

OR, HOW A CARPENTER ROSE IN LIFE.

A TRUE STORY.

you don't mean to deny that they are of what plan. While others were wasting their bours other eventually became King of Israel."

cussion of the matter; and was now pretty sure of my narrative.

his life ?"

In a populous town on the south-west coast of They are worthy people; but the bread of sor- that, when his plan was examined, it was so quaintance gave him, he set out in search of England, which I shall name Fairport, there row, and the water of affliction was appointed much more excellent and practical in detail, work; and though some idle fellows at a beerwas, last February, what the women-folk called to them, I can tell you, in the years that are that not only disinterested persons admitted its shop door called him a Hedge Carpenter, I've "a very pretty wedding." The window of my gone. Old Mr. Richards was a carpenter by superiority, but his fellow competitors univer- reason to think that was the turning-point in little parlour commanded a view of the street in trade, a steady man-and his wife was just the sally acknowledged it. It was a complete suc- Joe's history. For two months afterwards I which stood the place of worship where the cheerful, patient, thrifty body that makes a fire- cess; and so fairly won that none could mur- learned be came decently clad, and paid back wedding was being celebrated. As a stranger, side pleasant to a bushand. But she had great mur at the award of the prize being made to the money that had been lent him to release his only just arrived in the town, I could not at troubles in losing child after child, till her ten- him. first quite understand why the street was so full, der feeling heart was well nigh broken. She and so many of the middle-aged people were lost all but one, this very Mr. Richards who was it was the end of the matter; and a very joy- back again; and they have set up home once talking with such animation about the wedding. married to-day. And, besides these various ful ending too. He had a nice sum of money more; and I saw them, only a fortnight back, Of course there was plenty of gossip amongst sicknesses and deaths, there were all the ups to send home to Lugland to help his father and walking to the house of God in company tothe women folks as to the dress of the bride and and downs that happen in a working man's life. mother; that, after thanking God, was his first gether. her maidens, and the looks of the bridegroom, But they struggled on, and gave their boy decent thought. But bless you, instead of the end, it "It was the drink parted us." said she, with and the ages of each, which I was not particu- schooling; and they didn't spoil him-though, was the beginning of a new career. Those who tears in her eyes. larly interested in ; and I should pretty soon of course, he was to them as the light of their had offered the prize knew the carrying out of "Yes, the drink demolishes the working have turned away and shut down my window, eyes. He went to work with his father, and the plan might fail if not confided to competent man's dwellings, and scatters its comforts to the than a staid old pilgrim, the shady side of fifty, ing man-or, indeed, to any man, for the mat- But a representation of the case was made in as the very Gate of Heaven. A continuous the bride was a very fair young lady, in the or fifteen years ago, there was not the en-on which he was then engaged could be done few; but the piety and goodness that alone whose sweet pale face one could see traces of couragement there is now for working men and by any ordinary hand-as a tribute to Richard's make such a career a real benefit, all may, by beauty, that shone more brightly than gems and youths to employ their evenings in this way. good conduct and skill, he was released from his faith and patience obtain, and reap their heabeer, or puff away their thoughts in smoke in done without time as well as toil and skill. But "The Lord bless them both !" said a woman the public-house. Young Richards had not the in the crowd, with a child in her arms, as the privilege of partaking in these advantages-he, was soon found that he was worth knowing. ing my bees, I will give you the method I have however, made good use of his time-devoting There came applications to him for plans of all adopted, for the benefit of your readers. A "Look at him; he's quite the gentleman; bad companions and drinking habits. But mathow far off he was going, it was a bitter pang "No better off than you," said an old grey- to his parents to think of parting with him. He put yourself on an equality with Mr. Richards ! lish mechanics, to the East. He was engaged head and heart to bear his lot meekly, before trap kept set to catch the mice. at the wages of six shillings a day-which was God and man, when I heard what he had done "Well ! he was just a journeyman carpen- not much, considering that it was a very long tor his parents. He settled a handsome inde- otherwise. A few bees will come out of the am; we were equals eight years ago, though he ject to diseases and dangers of all kinds peculiar then, only think of his coming back to the very small consequence and their loss does not into the climate. But it was the best thing that " Equals," said the old man, drily ; " with offered ; and it came just at the right time-

you call "general application "-eh? Be-cause if you do, all I say is, I don't agree with making diagrams. The day of adjudication my heart for him. What a bitter enemy a man you. Joseph's love to the brethren that sold came; and, as he was put at such a disadvant- may be to himself ! him to slavery, and David's praise and prayer, age with other competitors, by being only able My white-haired friend eyed Joe keenly I suppose are meant to teach us all lessons of to devote his leisure time -he was not ready ! through his spectacles a few moments ; and then life-though the one from being a bondsman "Oh ! after all, did he fail then ?" I said, said : rose to be Pharaoh's Prime Minister, and the in a tone of vexation : for I was now deeply interested. My aged friend enjoyed my sur-I saw that I had roused the old man to a dis- prise; for he repeated slowly :--" ATE ! HE WAS NOT READY !"

I really was afraid he meant to tantalize" me "I say there's a capital lesson in the life of by stopping here; but, after a minute, he re- would like to have been a little child once more, for, if he had not been in heart and spirit good asking for a delay of two days to complete for tools. and true, he could have attained his present them. Now, he must have been much respected "I'll get you these, and a job also, this time ; for his intelligence, and gained a character that but mind—no more public house doings." "Do you, then, know the circumstances of had inspired confidence in his skill, for his re- I thought the better of Joe that he did not "Do I know it? Why I've known young time stated, his plans went in; and there would run glibly. I knew of a tidy jacket that was Richards ever since he was so high "-indicating no doubt have been great dissatisfaction amongst to be bought cheap ; and the long and the short a space a little above his knee as he spoke. His the rival competitors at the extension of the of it was, we set up Joe once more; and with tather and mother, poor souls, had their trials. time on his behalf; had it not been for the fact the money he earned at the job my aged ac-

There was so much real hearty self-condem-

"I wish I could trust you."

"I don't expect you to do that.

"Well I will this once. Show me those pawntickets."

With a trembling hand, and looking as if he the young man-the gentleman-for he is a sumed : "He sent in a letter to the adjudica- and give way to a good hearty cry ; he tumbled true gentleman that was married this morning ; tors, stating the forwardness of his plans, and in his pocket and brought out three pawn-tickets

quest to be granted-which it was. At the answer, his heart was too full to let his tongue tools; and, better still, his wife, who had been Now, when he had won his prize-he thought obliged to leave him and go into service, came

but that my eye was attracted by two lovely learned the trade of a carpenter-was, as we hands. Who so fit to see to its completion, as winds. Industry and piety build up the home, little girls among the bridesmaids, about six say, a worthy chip of the old block ! One the man who had devised it? So they came and peace and prosperity abide there. Even if years of age, who were carrying bunches of thing I used to notice in young Richards, he with offers that he would take the management sickness and sorrow come, -- when they are manichoice flowers, and smiling so sweetly in their never wasted his evenings. He was fond of his of the works. He had signed an agreement for festly the Lord's appointment, love and hope childish innocence, that I was induced to take pencil; and his favourite recreation was draw- a term at six shillings a-day, and no thought remain to soothe and cheer; and the virtuous more interest in the details of the wedding ing. There's few things more useful to a work- of breaking his agreement was in his mind. home, in the time of adversity, is often consecrated

gold. The bridegroom was a man in the early One of the chief benefits derivable from these engagement, and he commenced his new career venly Father's blessing as they strive.-British prime of life, something more than thirty years Industrial Exhibitions, is that they lead men to with a salary of a thousand a-year !" of age, and with a very marked expression of exercise their skill and ingenuity, and produce countenance, as if hard working and hard some useful or ingenious invention, in their thinking had both come to his lot in an unusual leisure time ; and not muddle their brains with degree-a firm energetic, far-seeing man.

if ever there was one."

and, eight years ago, I saw him with a tool- ters did't prosper very well with his fatherbasket over his shoulder, not a bit better of than trade was dull; and young Richards thought I am," said a lazy-looking man, with a tattered he must go farther a field to try and better He made an ample fortune in less than eight say from the first to the middle of December. coat. Heaving a sigh, he added the old adage himself. No doubt, when it was first known years." that idle folks often quote, " Luck's All."

haired man. " Well, that's cool ! you think to had an offer to go out, with several other Eng-

ter; neither more nor less; and that's what I voyage, and to a land where they would be sub-

this difference-He had brains that he used, and and in his case it came to the right man." never abused ; he knew the value of time, and " The poor mother, no doubt, thought she never wasted it. He thought about eternity; had reared her boy to little purpose, if nearly "I do not know a finer, where a man could wish sometimes necessary to open the cellar windows and, while he worked hard, prayed hard. In balf the world was to be between them. The to settle." telligence, industry, and piety-that was all ocean which divided her from her only son was that made the difference."

"A pretty considerable all," but a woman's put this feeling in her heart, grace helped her voice interrupted me.

"And nobody begrudges his prosperity, I'm sure ; for he's worthy of it."

"To be sure he is. Think what he's done about :--for his parents."

"Ah ! hasn't he been a blessing to them !" said the woman with the child in her arms, as thoughts right up beyond the world, right up to she kissed her little one.

"And he the only one to live of all their

The white-haired old man said : " I've known them forty years; and, like the rest of us, they had one while a pretty hard life of it."

Just then, the last carriage of the wedding-

to her as great a source of grief as the graves to overcome it. The parents gave their boy their blessing, and sustained him by their pray-

' Waft a thought from Indus to the Pole ?'"

the Throne of God."

"I know it ;" said I, softly ; as the old man, paused a moment before he continued.

weary time for the parents; they had need of especially which the old man pointed out, but I sugar, and let it boil, taking off the skum if faith, for vain was the help of man in their fervently joined him, when he said reverently : any rises. anxiety. And the first year was also a time of " May the Lord bless them ; and cause His The feed box may be made of wood or tin, guests departed, and there was a perfect torrent great trial to young Richards ; all was so strange, face to shine upon them ;" 1 added a tervent and should be provided with a float made of of good wishes poured after the cavalcade, as it left the sacred edifice. My readers will un-pined for his native land, and thought of the Turning round to leave the spot, there was two cleats. The float should fit loosely, so that derstand that I had heard enough in the various old folks at home with a sore heart. But he the man in the ragged coat lounging against a it will settle as the syrup is removed. comments, (a few only of which I have set was a man of action,-and the best cure for post, to whom my old friend had spoken in the down), to rouse my curiosity; so I set out to melancholy that I know of is work. So, with a morning. I was sorry for the dejection on his warm room, the warm feed turned into the feedlowing the white-haired veteran, whose words Heathen land what a right noble fellow a Chris- fellow was his own enemy.

"Wonderful ! Did it require a long time to complete the work ?" I inquired.

"It was no easy job, I've heard say; and not you see, when once Mr. Richards was known, it

"It was enough to spoil him " I exclaimed. spoiled by success ; not he ! I knew he had both people who have known him from his in- them in the hive. I have tried both ways. fancy !"

I was about to say from my open window, that held her other children. But, if nature sense about him. He's respected both by high at pleasure, but it is not always sufficient, and and low; and is an honour to his native place." I raise the windows. " And his wife ?" I asked.

a good man, with a wise head on his shoulders, swarm during their confinement. "Why, bless you, friend! Prayer wafts don't give his love to a mere bit of swansdown." When carried into their winter quarters, the

the distance; where, on a rising ground among may be fed at any time in the winter with family. The old tolks had a deal of trouble in his ardour, lifted his hat reverently, and trees and gardens, there were several handsome sugar syrup in the following manner : mansions.

seen the old man before, sitting on a bench that the rich natives of a certain great town, where the remarks of the morning. "I don't envy no an aperture six or eight inches square, covered

Workman.

Wintering Bees.

kinds. He was obliged to take an office ; and, part of the cellar, twelve by sixteen feet, is at the same time, pupils; and young men whose partitioned off, and in this room I keep about education had cost hundreds, and, probably forty swarms each winter. They are carried in thousands of pounds were glad to work for him. soon as cold, freezing weather has commenced, The entrances to the bives are left open, and I like also to have one or two holes open near the "There's the best of it-he's not one bit top of each hive to give sufficient ventilation. The room is made perfectly dark, and a small

pendence on them, the very first thing. And hive and get lost on the ground, but they are of place where he lived as a poor man,-among jure the swarm so much as it does to confine

As the weather becomes warmer towards "Well it's a very fine region," I exclaimed. spring, the bees become more restless, and it is nights, and give them a thorough airing. I "Yes, yes; that's true-but he's a very good have a ventilator with an aperture some five or

They are removed from the cellar some warm " Oh it was a love-match. I'm an old fel- day, when there is no chilly breeze, about the ers. What's that a poet says somewhere low; but I don't think much of any but a true first of April. I think they do not often use love-match. I don't know the young lady; but more than six to ten pounds of honey per

"There's his house yonder; if you come a bive ought to weigh from twenty to thirty little this way, you can see it. "I looked in pounds more than it would weigh empty. Bees

Add from six and a half to seven pounds of "The first year was a weary time-a trying I do not know that I distinguished that one water to ten pounds of loat or coffee crushed

learn something more, and determined on fol- brave and cheerful spirit, and showing in a face; and not the less so that I feared the poor box, which must be placed in the apartment to the ragged-coated man had, to my mind, the tian British workman is-he got noticed and "Ah 1 it's fine talking; but things have gone the bees must be fastened in; the hive, but they ring of pure gold in them. I thought I had liked by every one. Well, it so happened that against me ;" he said, as if wanting to renew should be provided with a bottom board, having overlooked the harbour; and I bent my steps a good deal of our tea comes from,-I can't man, least of all Mr. Richards; he's one as all with wire cloth, or they may smother. I should rightly get my old tongue round the names of respects-but when I thinks that less than ten have mentioned that the strips composing the

