Only a brakesman! cries the wild throng; Only a brakesman! been called by death's

Why should the eye glisten? Why should the 'Tis only a brakesman who's set his last brake Only a brakesman! is flashed through the air Only a brakesman! for his body prepare; On the morrow 'tis shipped as poor common

As only a brakesman who has gone to his fate. Only a brakesman! the editors write; Only a brakesman! 'twas late in the night, He was doing his duty-the train broke in two

Only a brakesman! but the pride of some Only a brakesman! but in some busy mart Are eyes that are weeping, and homes that are

When down to his death the brakesman fel

Because a poor brakesman was vesterday Only a brakesman! but a true-hearted boy:

Only a brakesman! but some mother's joy, For whom there's no muffle for the coarse iron That grinds ou her heart as on the grooved

## Literature.

## A STRANGE STORY.

should blow over."

Scruby's visit to me, having no urgent business to detain me at home, I determined to make an excursion to Grantham to place the ten pounds in Mr. Pulling-toft's hand's, as well as to learn how the affair stood, and what preliminary steps in law-matters were being taken. But previous to going I would get Cripps the carpenter to look at the supports of the reading-desk in the church, which I suspected, from its creaking and groaning on Sundays, was in a dilapidated condition in the foundations. I sent, therefore, for the carpenter, and went over to the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church, where the sexton and the part of the church is the church over to the church, where the sexton and the part of the church is the church of the part of the church is the church of the part of the church is the church of the part of the part of the church is the church of the part of the par But now comes the strangest part of church, where the sexton and the pewopener were employed in cleaning the vestry. In crossing the churchyard I encountered the schoolmaster who had a long account to give me concerning a refract-ory pupil; and he entered the church with me. We were in the midst of an argument respecting the best mode of dealing with stubborn children, he advocat. ing severity, and I kindness, when Cripps with his basket of tools arrived.

"The first thing to be done, sir," said Cripps, after I had told him of my suspicions as to the infirm state of the beams, "is to get a fair look at it underneath; and to do that, all that fret-work and carving must be taken down. That there bunch of happles and leaves is natural; and them two hoddities is Hadam and Heve; and that there snake a-twisting about like a heel is meant for wot tempted Heve, I suppose!" Such was Mr. Cripp's criticism on a lovely bit of carving worthy of Grinling Gibbons.

Well yes; it certainly was necessary to remove the front of the reading desk, and therefore, of course, part of Mr. Scruby's pew; and it must be done at once, as I should like to see how much repairing was really required; for if extensive it would have to be submitted to the church wardens. This, however, I did not think, from the trifling character of the repairs, would be necessary.

Cripps went forward to the desk for the purpose of removing the front, and stood for a few minutes, as is the habit of this class of workmen, looking at the structure he was about to attack, as if considering which would be its most vulnerable point which would be its most vulnerable point and firmly replied, No!" pry off the front of the desk, when he suddenly stopped, and reaching his hand up to a knot of carved leaves, he drew from behind it a small bit of paper. He

"There be writing on this, I see, sir," he said, handing the scrap to me. I looked at it, and found from the phraseology that it was evidently part of some kind of legal document, though of what nature I could not tell. But I was curious to know if there were any more Mr. Collyer, the well known solicitor of front of the desk in his efforts to remove it a few more pieces of crumpled paper I beg you to examine it."

fell out of the same aperture and lay at "I deny the existence

"Here's a lot of rubbish," said Cripps, touching the scraps with his hob-nailed

"Perhaps some old manuscript," said the schoolmaster. "Do read it, sir, for it witnessess—namely, Thomas Kirby and may throw some light on the hiding-place Mary Greenwood. of the silver vessels that were said to be

I shall never forget the excitement of "Doubtleas they were the only availthat moment—the schoolmaster, the sex- able ones at the time. ton, Mrs. Dumps, and the carpenter who couldn't read writing, all crowding to look furiously, as he moved toward the door. over my shoulder. With hands tremble "I see through it al!. I deny your stateing with excitement I put the torn pieces of paper together and ascertained the document to be perfect, dated five and locument to be perfect.

Our astonishment was intense. How had it come there? It could not have been long in this place of concealment. or the church cleaners would have seen it "Perhaps it wor rats," said Cripps,

"as tore it." "But how came it all crumpled up and down their depositions. I hope you have summoned the old woman Kirby as well; stumbled?" asked the sexton.

work," suggested Mrs. Dumps, with the natural sweetness of her sex at jumping at charitable conclusions. "People as The schoolmaster was the shall be unbenamed by me, who lets a the room; and he gave a clear account of poor woman open and clean their pew for meeting me accidentally in the churchnigh twenty years without giving her a single 'alf crown at Christmas time, is and the subsequent finding of the will. capable of anything."

Scruby's pew door. But I kept my thoughts to myself.

"It ain't much consequence whether there's a will or no, now," said the sexton; for Mr. Seth has everything, and his poor sister's dead and gone long long ago. It was thought a queer thing at that time that there wasn't a will; for old servants as had lived with him for many a very often lighted upon the truth at year, and done their duty faithful, were not provided for; and old Jacobs, as had been the shepherd forty odd year, died

been the shepherd forty odd year, died in the Union—he did."

These items were entirely new to me, and confirmed my opinion of Mr. Scruby being a hard man, if not something worse.

Leaving strict orders to Cripps to finish his carpentering as quickly as possible, I hastened to the stable, ordered the dog-cart to be got ready immediately packed a few necessaries in my carpet-bag, and then spreading out the tumbled sheets of my treasure-trove on the table made my.

Mr. Scruby, by placing the paper bearing the super bearing the signatures open before her on the table; and, laying his finger below that of her husband, asked her if she knew that writing. Mrs. Kirby, putting on her spectacles, peered into the writing, and I saw the old withered hand that leant on the table, tremble. She gave a quick look over the top of her glasses at the lawyer and murmured in a low, anxious voice: "Then, it's found at last!"

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poor old shepherd Jacobs, of whom the The icy barrier that had surrounded

John Scruby one of the witnesses' signature of Lures was Thomas Kirby,—the same handwriting I had seen in the register as witness to the marriage of the parents of Phoebe Meadows,—the old woman Kirby's husband. It must, yes, it must be the genuine will—that which never was found.

Tered her some wine, which she rejected.

Wait till I've told my story all through, said she, and then maybe I shall be glad enough of it. You must know, she began, addressing Mr. Shaw, "that I was not always the poverty stricken woman I now am. I was in my younger days as genuine will—that which never was found.

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CHAPTER III. It was dark when I drove up to Mr. Pullingtoft's door; but as I descended

ed to greet his visitor, It was with the exclamation of "Bless my heart!" and a hearty shake of the hand, that he recognized and welcomed me. After most hospitable entertainment Mrs. Pullingtoft discreetly withdrew; my host heaped up the fire, and drawing our many and many a year we lived on good terms—till his death I may say. Well, sir, as you know, the old had only two Mrs. Pullingtoft discreetly withdrew; my host heaped up the fire, and drawing our chairs closer in, I unfolded the tale of my memorable night's adventure to the good man, who listened with open mouth and open eyes; but when I came to the events of a few hours ago, namely, the finding of the will, who can describe his astonishment and delight? I opened and smoothed out the crumpled pages on the table, the farmer reading it attentively word by word; he had been familiar with old Scruby's signature, and, firmly declaring the will to be genuine, bestowed an unlimited number of choice epithets on the son. In vein I tried to constant the same and the daughter poor Jane. He brought her up quite a lady—in silk gowns and a gold chain round her neck. He loved her like the core of his heart; for she was so pretty, so affectionate, but wilful and spoilt-like; and at last he saw he must send her to school; for the poor girl had no mother, sir, and ran rather wild at home; and it was quite time she went, for she was twelve years old. So she was sent to Lincoln; and came some three or four times a year for holidays; and every time she was improved, and was growing pret-stated. ed an unlimited number of choice epi-thets on the son. In vain I tried to con-

vince him that a man may not be called bad until he be proven so. Mr. Pulling-toft emphatically declared Seth Scruby to be a knave "And not solve the set about making his will be a known with the set about making his will be a known will be a known with the set about making his will be a known will be a known will be a known with the set about making his will be a known with the set about making his will be a known w be a knave, "And not only that, sir, but a villain!"—with a slap of his fist on the table that made the glasses dance and jingle.

Of course I stayed all night; and during the evening I had again to relate my experiences in the church on the night of the course I stayed on the church on the night of the course I stayed all night; and during the course I stayed all night; and during the evening I had again to relate my experiences in the church on the night of the course I stayed all night; and during the course I stayed al

experiences in the church on the night of the farmer's first visit to me, with the slamming to of what I took to be Scruby's pew door—the seeing it short and the slamming to of what I took to be scruby's pew door—the seeing it short and the same half his bank and half his bank property in this parish and half his bank property in this pew door—the seeing it shut and afterward open—and the banging of the church door as after some one who had just gone out; and to this narrative my host listened with renewed attention. nost listened with renewed attention.

It was resolved that we should all three summoned to the vicarage, to meet Mr.

It was about noon next day when, on arriving at Corytorn, we despatched a messenger to the Farm. Fortunately, Mr. Scruby was at home; and he very promptly made his appearance, actuated, no doubt, by curiosity as to what the business could be, and with a lurking suspicion, probably, that it again concerned Phobe Meadows. If so, he was right in his forebodings. What awaited him in reality, he little guessed. He entered my study with his face all puckered and pinched into a set hardness; and his shrewd eye glanced inquiringly at our faces as we politely made our salutations. Mr. Shaw plunged into the heart of the business by suddenly laying the will open before him on the table, simply saying:

"Do you recognize this document, Mr. Never shall I forget the expression of the man's face, as his eyes fell on those faded sheets of paper! To our watchful eyes it was sufficient confirmation of his guilt. We saw that he recognized it. Horror, fear, dismay succeeded each other over a leaden-colored countenance. The struggle was dreadful to witness; and yet the man's habitual self-command was so great that in less time than it takes to re-

"I must beg of you to examine it with attention and care, Mr. Scruby," said our lawyer, never taking his spectacled eyes from his face, "and give us your opinion upon it; for we firmly believe it is the will of your late father. "My father left no will," said Mr. Scru-

by, fiercely; "and I refuse to read this forgery, for such it is." "Take care what you say, Mr. Scruby. I affirm it to be a perfectly legal docu-

of these fragments, and told Cripps to pry off the board carefully. As he shook the be well acquainted, seeing he managed your father's business for so many years. "I deny the existence of a will altogether," said Mr. Scruby; but as he said the words, I remarked that his hand,

boot. In the meantime I had picked up the pieces.

which rested on the table, which rested on the table, spite of his efforts to appear calm.

"See!" continued Mr. Shaw, "here is

hidden from Cromwell, and have never Scruby, scornfully; "a paltry farm-bailiff "Good heavens!" I exclaimed, as hav- and Mary Greenwood, a half-blind, halfing unfolded a larger piece of the paper deaf, old housekeeper, who died crazy. I glanced over its contents. "What's Pretty witnesses you have brought for-

twenty years before, signed John Scruby, and duly attested by two witnesses—old tempt, expressing that he had unmasked a set of rogues, and fathomed their plot. "Let him go to law," exclaimed Mr. Shaw, rubbing his hands with satisfaction, "I desire nothing better. And now, my dear sir, as time flies, may I ask you to introduce the witnesses one by one, if they are not here yet, that I may take

"It's my opinion there's been dirty I must have a talk with her before I go." "I have sent for her," I said: "she The schoolmaster was the first to enter

The sexton, carpenter, and Mrs. Dumps Indeed it was my opinion also. It did followed one by one, and corroborated look like foul play. And I thought on each other's testimony in every respect. the mysterious visitor to the church that During this time old Mrs. Kirby had been evening I was there for the marriage ex-tract, and the opening and shutting of the tive on this occasion than I had previ-Mr. Shaw had his own way of opening his campaigns; and I perceived it was his tactics to come down suddenly on people, to open fire in an unexpected manner,

once. He commenced with the old woman exactly in the same way as with Mr. Scruby, by placing the paper bearing

my treasure-trove on the table, made my. She and Mr. Shaw looked straight at self master of their contents. As far as each other in silence—a silence that was I could judge this was a regular will, significant; for from that moment they drawn up by a solicitor at Boston, unfor- arrived at a very clear understanding tunately long since dead. It enumer. without the aid of words. Then the old

were left to his only son, Seth. Coryton "You recognize your husband's signa-ture then, Mrs. Kirby, and unless I am Farm, stock, implements, with the land much mistaken, seem to be aware to in this parish and half the sum in the what document it is attached?" funds, were left to his dearly beloved and "I do-I do!" replied the old woman,

husband was farm-bailiff to old Mr. Scruby and that nice house at North End was our home. Mr. Scruby had been a schoolfrom the dog-cart and came within the range of light, with which he had hasten-

she was improved, and was growing prethost listened with renewed attention.

"It may have been Scruby himself," he cried, excitedly. "It was Tuesday se'enight as I visited you on, and it was on that very day Scruby and his family arrived at Coryton Farm. He must have heard that I was thinking of doing something to get back for Phœbe what was her mother's, and taken this means of putting the will out of sight till the storm should blow over."

Mrs. Greenwood, who'd been his house keeper many a year—aye, ever since the death of poor Jane's mother. Bad luck it was that those two were the only two handy at that time; for you see they are both dead! Well, sir, I didn't only hear this from my husband, but from Mr. Scruby himself: for one Sunday afternoon, when the old gentleman was mending, I went to sit with him, while Mrs. Greenwood went to church. He was always chatty and friendly to me; and after ways chatty and friendly to me; and after read that he had set down for his son Seth to keep my husband for his farm

Shaw, of Grantham, on particular business (It was true—words to that effect were there.) (To be continued.)

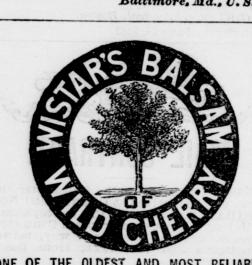


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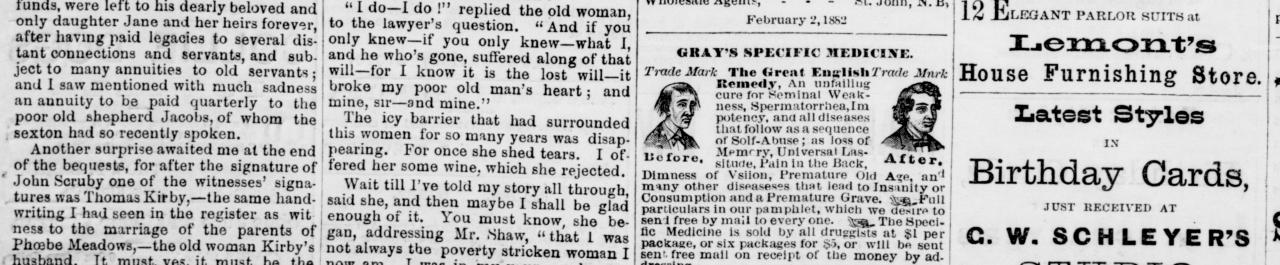
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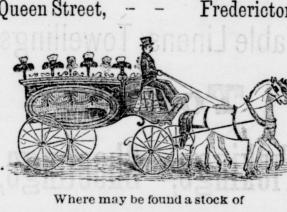
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start for Coryton early next morning; and as I had a decided objection to entering Mr. Scruby's house a second time, it was arranged that Mr. Scruby should be was arranged that Mr. Scruby should be will!"

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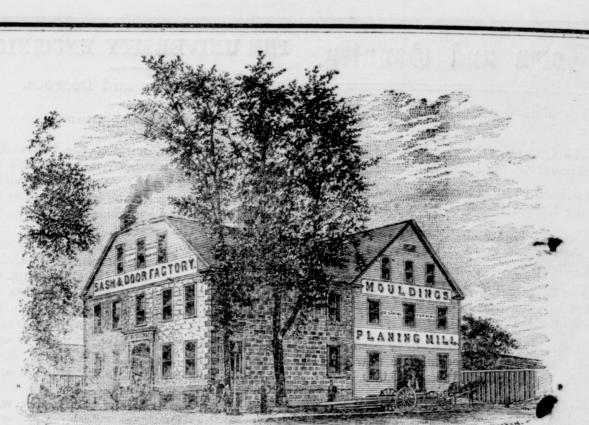
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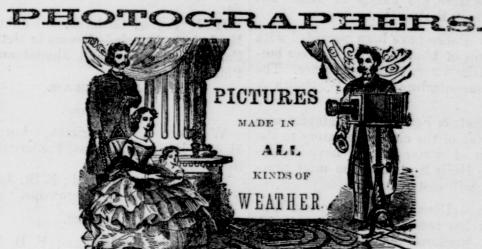
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