Our Queer Lodger.

BY MARY GRACE HALPINE. We kept a little variety shop, sister Margie and I, the profit of which was quite as small as the wares we sold. But, then, we had no rent to pay; owning the small, brown, old-fashioned house in which we lived, and which looked strangely out of place among the stately-looking modern dwellings that crowded up against it on either side, quite putting it out of countenance by their superior height and appearance.

Grandfather built it when the place was new, and he a young man, and when all that brick and mortar were verdant fields and well-kept gardens, dotted here and there by houses as low and modest as his own. He owned a large farm, and was considered a wealthy man for those days; but acre after acre to-morrow morning with all my traps." had been sold, until nothing was left except the house in which my father had been born, and which was the only in- chest, the latter being mainly filled heritance of his children: But we made the most of it, Margie and I, as you ing out that our lodger was very odd,

I hardly think we should have dared to do such a thing while father lived, who would have considered it a sort of sacrilege; but soon after his death we turned the front part of the house into a shop, with show-windows which opened out upon the street, in which to display the articles we kept for sale.

at home; and I could not leave Margie. Poor Margie was a cripple; she had re- father, he asked me to exchange with ceived a fall when only four years old, him, which I was very glad to do. Not and had never walked since. She had long after, a chest of drawers, that was been a great care to me for many a year, but never a burden. She was so thoughtful, patient and cheerful that in the event of our separation, I think I over it. So that, at last, the room as she would me. She was very useful, too; lying all day on the lounge in our fancy-work, for which I found sale in spent much of his time reading. was only moderately in excess of the though he received quantities of papers cost of material, it helped us not a and magazines.

Margie kept all the accounts, too; having a clearer head than I, and a knowledge, or rather intuition, of char- delicacy—early strawberries, I think. acter that was wonderful, considering how secluded her life had of necessity been. I never thought of taking any step without consulting Margie.

We two lived very quietly, having few acquaintances, and no near relative or friend-except John. John was my lover, and no girl ever had one more kind and true. He was poor in worldly goods, but oh! so rich in goodness and manly worth. He might have seemed plain to those who knew him not-I cannot tell how he looked to other eyes-but there was more than beauty, to me, in that frank, honest face, and in the big, brown hands that were so strong and helpful.

We had been engaged ever since I was eighteen-I was twenty-three now -and no nearer to being married, as 1 could see, than we were five years before. But still we loved on and hoped on. John had a widowed and infirm mother, and I Margie; and though she could not think of adding any further weight to the hands that were full enough already.

Trade not being very brisk during the summer, Margie and I decided to eke out our slender income by renting the room over the shop. It was low, and the slant of the roof on one side and big chimney made it full of queer nooks and corners. The furniture was old, being some that grandfather had when he was married; but with the help of John, who could spare me an hour or two evenings, I furbished it up so that it looked very well. By dint of piecing and contriving, I covered the floor with a neat carpet, the bed and windows were draped with white, some pretty prints hung upon the wall; and on the whole I was very well satisfied with the result of our labor.

notice: "Room to let. Inquire within." But though I placed it in the shop window, where it could be plainly seen from the street, nearly three weeks passed and we had only two applications for the room, and from persons who only looked at it, and then went away.

One morning, as I was dusting the counter and putting the shop to rights, I saw a queer-looking, oddly-dressed old man standing in front of the window, his eyes fixed upon the notice in it, and his moving lips slowly syllabifying each word. He wore shoes with big buckles on them, and a snuff-colored coat, with short waist and long skirts, and which looked as if it might have been his grandfather's. But the oddest thing about him was the long white hair which fell upon his shoulders and the heavy beard of the same color which touched his breast. A broad-brimmed hat completed his quaint, Quaker-like appear-

The door being ajar, before I had time to lay aside my duster, he was at

He stared at me for some moments without speaking, and then pointing to the notice with his cane, said: "Will thee let me look at it?"

Inwardly hoping that this application would not share the fate of those that had preceded it, I led the way up stairs. To my great relief, our prospective lodger, far from objecting to the sloping roof and old-fashioned furniture, seemed to regard them with feelings of

positive interest and admiration. "It is like the chamber that I used to sleep in when I was a boy," he said, as he looked around, and speaking more

to himself than me. As I wanted Margie to see him before

decided. I took him down through the sitting-room where she lay. "This gentleman thinks of taking our

room, sister," I said, as she glanced up Joe! before the dawning of another at us. "If within my means," interposed the stranger. "I am a poor man."

Margie's clear, soft, penetrating eyes were quietly reading the face of the speaker. What she saw seemed satis- their faces look so strangely like? factory, for she nodded in reply to my questioning look.

felt compelled to put :

for me if they could. You will have to take me on trust."

I looked at Margie again, who, giving me another nod, said "Perhaps the gentleman will mention what he feels able to pay?" The stranger did so, adding:

The sum named, though not large, was more than we were intending to ask, as I told him.

The old man frowned and shook his

"Thee shouldn't have told me that. I've half a mind to give thee no more.' Then counting out upon the table the amount he had stated, he pushed it towards me, adding :

"My name is Thomas. I'll be here

The traps mentioned consisted of an old-fashioned hair-trunk and a large with books. We were not long in findthough his oddities were of the most innocent and harmless nature. He asked me to substitute a patchwork quilt for the white counterpane on his bed; and spent a whole day rummaging auction rooms to find some old-fashioned chintz to take the place of the pretty muslin curtains on which I had spent so much time and labor. I had taken a rocker This was a matter of necessity rather | for him from the sitting-room, but spythan choice, it being all that I could do ling, one day, an old, leather-bottomed chair that had belonged to my grand-

should have missed her quite as much looked very much as it did before we rearranged it with so much care and labor. John and I had a quiet laugh over it, ittle sitting-room, her hands were never but so long as it suited its presen idle, crocheting tidies, mats, mittens, occupant, we did not mind, and it and edging, and doing various kinds of seemed to suit him completely. He the shop, and though the price asked one called to see him, or wrote to him.

my grandfather's, found its way back to

its old place, together with the quaint,

brass-mounted mirror that always hung

It was Margie that first suggested that we invite him to take tea with us one day, when we had some unusal

"He must be very lonely, poor man! said my gentle-hearted sister. "Perhaps he dosen't have enough to eat? He spoke about being poor, you know." TIN.

After this, he dropped in, occasionally, evenings, bringing some new magazine or paper, and reading to us as we sat at work. Finally, it became an established custom with him to take tea with us twice, and sometimes three times a week; frequently inviting himself, though we always knew he was coming by the advent of the market boy with a liberal supply of provisions all of the

This troubled Margie's tender conscience, and she remonstrated with him

"It is wrong," he said, with a grave shake of the head. "I'm a poor man; and ought to be more prudent."

But he continued on the same way; and we finally got so used to his oddities was anything but burdensome to me, I of speech and action as to think little of

He and John were, apparently, on the best of terms, and yet he was always finding fault with him to me.

"To think of his taking the entire charge of his mother, when she has other children, and sending money to his brother's widow, besides!" he said to me one day. "He is a poor man, and always will be!"

Now, I could never endure the slightest reflection upon John, and I defended him with a spirit and indignation that seemed to amuse Mr. Thomas not

"With thy pretty face and ways, thee ought to do better. Ruth" he resumed, when I paused for want of breath. " Not but what John is good, but he is poor. I've heard that thee refused Mr. Hart, who is worth a mil-When all was done, John wrote a lion. What made thee do such a fool- Light Driving to the Heaviest ish thing as that, child

"Because I didn't love Mr. Hart and I do love John. The silence that followed made me

glance up at my companion, who had turned towards the door. It was growing dusk, and the face was partly averted, but I was almost sure that the eves were full of tears.

Mr. Thomas generally used the plain language, almost invariably so when speaking to me or Margie, and until I saw that he was a regular attendant at St. Luke's, I supposed him to be a Quaker. When I alluded to this impression, he said

"I was brought up in that faith; and it comes back to me now that I growing old, and the end is near." It was nearer than I thought. He had been feeble all winter, though it seemed more like the gradual loss of strength than actual disease. In the early spring he was knocked down by run-away horse, sustaining some internal injury from which he never recovered. John and I took turns in nursing him it was pleasant, afterwards to remember

that he wanted for nothing. John, Margie, and I were there. He had been lying in a stupor for some hours; now he roused himself and began to talk, startling us not a little by his strange expressions and allusions. "I was born in this room," he said, glancing around: "and I shall di

Thinking his mind was wandering. I laid my hand gently on his.

He smiled as he loooked at me. "Thee hast my mother's name, Ruth. and her kind heart as well, but thy eyes are like thy father's. He has been here. thanking me for providing for his orphan girls. This was our room when we were boys, thee knows, Dear old

day we shall meet. John and I looked at each other in wondering awe. Two years before I stood by my father's dying bed; was it the same mysterious shadow that made

The dying man continued: "Thy father and I were brothers. In spite of his threadbare apparel, he Did he never speak to thee of his brother looked so thoroughly respectable that I Tom, who forsook home and country was half ashamed of the question that I because a girl, as false as fair, broke A Good assortment Choice Groceries, Yankee her plighted troth to wed a richer suitor? Notions, Hardware, Jewellry, Parafine Lamps, Oils, etc. "I suppose you have references, sir?" You have both been very kind to the "No; all are dead who might speak poor old man who came to you a Newcastle, Sept. 11, '80.

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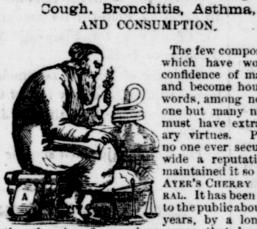
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