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picture. Go. Take it with you at
once. I must have drink. I must!
I say."

Bessie threw herself before her fa-
ther in an agony of grief, crying—

"Not that, father; no, no, not that.
I love it so much. It is all I have
that belongs to my mother, and—oh!
I would rather die than part with it."

"Stuff and nonsense, child. It's
worth money, and money will buy
drink. Don't let it go too cheap; it's
worth money. I had it taken and
set in the gold when I didn't know
the good of drink. Go," he said, stern-
ly, "and no more of this foolishness."

"I cannot pawn the locket," she
said, decidedly, as she rose and turn-
ed away.

"Then steal the money, but bring me
the drink. I must have it, I say.
I'd pawn myself if I could. Go—
take the locket and be gone, or I'll
dash my brains out."

Bessie stood still a moment, and
then, turning to him with the tears
in her eyes, said in a most tender
tone—

"Will you kiss me before I go, fa-
ther?"

"No, no; wait till you bring the
drink. Go!" and he motioned her
away with his hand.

A few moments later Bessie was
standing by the counter of the pawn-
broker's shop, her eyes dry, but her
little face showing traces of terrible
suffering.

David Downs was listening un-
moved to a story of wretchedness and
misery, but, though he was pronounced
by all who knew him harsh and
cruel, there was, as there is with all
God's creatures, a soft spot in his
heart, and that soft spot had more
than once been unconsciously touch-
ed by Bessie; and yet it was still the
harsh voice that turned to her when
they were alone in the shop and said—

"Well, what now?"

She handed him the locket and
asked—

"How much would you give on
this?"

He examined it carefully, looked
hard at the likeness, and then said—

"I might—yes, I think I could—
lend you two pounds on that.
Wouldn't that keep him in drink
some time?" and he chuckled and
turned away with the locket.

"Please, Mr. Downs," said Bessie,
"I don't want you to keep it."

"What! do you want more than
that?" he asked, sharply.

"No," said the child, looking up at
him, "but I want to know if you
won't give that on me. I could take
care of things, you know, and I'd try
not to eat much. Oh! please do, Mr.
Downs. I shouldn't cost you much."

It was curious to notice the expres-
sion on the man's face. For a mo-
ment he looked at the child as though
he were turned to stone, and then he
took out his coloured handkerchief
and blew his nose very hard.

"If I understand aright," he said,
when he again looked down on her,
"you wish to put yourself in pawn."

"Yes, please, Mr. Downs."

"H'm! I never did such a thing,
but if you wish it very much—if you
would rather do that than have me
keep this—"

"Yes, yes," she said, holding out
her hand for the locket, "I can't give
that up. It's a likeness of my moth-
er."

"David Downs was a sharp, keen-
sighted man, and, even before he saw
the little mouth quiver, his mind was
made up."

"Well," he said, returning the
locket, "if I agree to put you in
pawn, you must let me take the mon-
ey for you. You know you can't go
back then."

Bessie choked back a sob as she
took the locket, but she said nothing
as she saw the money counted and a
ticket prepared.

"You can sit down and keep an

eye on the place till I come back. If
any one comes they can wait."

Bessie longed to say something as
David Downs went out, but the words
seemed to stick in her throat, and he
dared not say more lest he should be
harsh and cruel, for his impulse was
to do or say something violent. He
made a long circuit and walked rap-
idly to work off his feelings before
he ventured into the presence of Al-
fred Holmes, for, though he was ac-
customed to heartrending tales and
scenes, he had never been so moved
as now.

"Well, Holmes," he said, as he en-
tered the drear and desolate apart-
ment, "I suppose there is nothing left
now for me to have; that everything
is in pawn. I—"

"H'm! What business is that of
yours? Is the child coming with the
drink?"

"No. I have brought you the
money and the pawn ticket. See; this
will last some time," and he counted
out the money as his companion's
dull eyes brightened.

"Ha!" he said. "I told her it was
worth something. Why don't she come
with the drink? How much longer
I am to wait. I'm burning up and
must have it."

"How much do you want? I will
get it for you. Your child can't
come."

"Yes; get the drink. But where is
the child?"

"If you look at that card you'll see
where the child is. She's in pawn."

"H'm," said his companion, looking
at him in a dazed way.

"Do you understand me?" said Da-
vid Downs, growing excited; "the
child is in pawn, and you have put
her there. Yes, wretched being that
you are! She would die sooner than
give up what you wished her to. So
she has done the next thing to it—
she has put herself in pawn. I am
going for the drink," and before his
companion could say anything he had
left him.

When, a few moments later, he re-
turned, Alfred Holmes was crouching
in a corner, his whole body shaking
as though he had a chill. David
Downs handed him the drink with-
out a word, but instead of raising it
to his lips, he put it down on the
floor in such a way that it slowly
spread itself around and about him,
as he held out the pawn ticket and
the money, saying—

"You can send the child back. I
want her."

"What for? To lead the life she
has led lately? No; it is too late for
that. See; the money is not all here,
for I have spent some for that mis-
erable stuff you have sold your child
for."

"You must send her back," said
the wretched man. "I will do any-
thing you ask me if you'll only send
her back. In pawn! in pawn!"

He half rose as he spoke, and
trembled more and more as he tried
to catch hold of the pawnbroker, who
only looked down on him with a
frown, saying—

"It is too late, I tell you. I cannot
send her back now, and you need
never come to claim her till you can
bring proofs that you can support
her comfortably and do something to
make her happy. God-bye, Alfred
Holmes. You need not come to my
place for your child now, as you will
not find her."

Before he could get out of the
room a wild figure sprang towards
him, and taking him by the arm,
said excitedly—

"My child! my child! Send her
back. I have got the shivers!" and
looking about him and speaking as
though he were afraid of being heard,
he added: "I am afraid to stay alone."

"There!" said David Downs, shak-
ing him off; "I will send some one to
stay with you; but you cannot have
your child."

For the first time in the memory
of the oldest inhabitants, the estab-
lishment of the pawnbroker was
closed for a whole afternoon. In-
deed, David Downs could attend to
no business until he had taken Bes-
sie to the home he had in his own
mind chosen for her. He left her
with a kind, motherly woman, who
soon made her open her young, sad
heart and take in the love and sym-
pathy for want of which it was starv-
ing.

For three years Bessie heard noth-
ing of her father, save that he was
alive, for whatever else David Downs
knew of him he kept to himself; but
at the end of that time a stranger
presented himself to her who told her
he could give her some tidings of her
father if she cared to hear them.

An eager though sad look came in-
to her face as she turned to ask the
question she almost feared to put; but
there was something in the face that
looked down at her so longingly that
made her, in spite of the snow-white
hair, throw herself into the stranger's
arms, crying excitedly—

"Father! Oh, dear father!"

"Bessie," said Alfred Holmes, later
in the day, handing her a bag of
coins, "there is the money."

Bessie knew what money he meant
but looked up simply and asked:
"Have you the ticket?"

"No. David Downs has it."

"Then—then I am not—"

"No Bessie, you are not in pawn
now, and you can do what you choose
with that money."

"Then, father," said Bessie, putting
her arms around his neck, "we will
give it to David Downs. He will
know how to do good with it better
than we."

"What is it?—my hair?" he asked,
as he saw her looking at him curiously.

"It turned white like this the
first month I was alone in the world,
Bessie. But you and I must never
talk of that time, little girl."

A year later it was rumored that
David Downs was fast making a
bankrupt of himself and turning his
place of business into a charitable in-
stitution. Wise ones shook their
heads and said he would soon want a
home himself, but there was always
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