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an unusual restraint and control. That be had killed a man, even in self defense, seemed preposterous and inconceivable.

There was a part of the story Roger Oakley sould not tell and which his son had no desire to hear.

"People said afterward that I'd gone there purposely to pick a quarrel with Sharp, and his helper, who, it seems, was in the yard back of the smithy setting a wagon tire, swore he saw me through a window as I entered and that I struck the first blow. He may have seen only the end of it and really believed I did begin it, but that's a sample of how things got twisted. Nobody believed my motive was what I said it was. The jury found me guilty of murder, and the judge gave me a life sentence. A good deal of a fuss was made over what I did at the fire last winter. Hart told me he'd sent you the papers.

Dan nodded, and his father contin-

ned: "Some ladles who were interested in mission work at the prison took the matter up and got me my pardon. It's a fearful and a wicked thing for a man to lose his temper, Dannie. At first I was bitter against every one who had a hand in sending me to prison, but I've put that all from my heart. It was right I should be punished."

He rose from his chair, striking the ashes from his pipe.

"Ain't it very late, Dannie? Ull just put away my things, and then we can go to bed. I didn't mean to keep you up.

Oakley watched his precise and orderly arrangement of his few belongings. He could see that it was a part of the prison discipline under which he had lived for almost a quarter of a century. When the contents of his bundle were disposed of to his satisfaction he put on a pair of stee rimmed spectacles with large, round glasses and took up a well thumbed Bible, which he had placed at one side

"I hope you haven't forgotten this book, Dannie," tapping it softly with a heavy forefinger.

CHAPTER VI.

OGER OAKLEY went to work in the car shops the day following his arrival in Antioch. Dan sought to dissuade him

but he was stubbornness itself, and the latter realized that the only thing to do was to let him alone and not seek to control him. After all, if he would be happier at

work, it was no one's affair but his

It never occurred to the old convict that pride might have to do with the stand Dan took in the matter.

He was wonderfully gentle and af fectionate, with a quaint, unworldly simplicity that was rather pathetic. His one anxiety was to please Dan, but in spite of this anxiety once a conviction took possession of him he clung to it with unshaken tenacity in the face of every argument his son could bring to bear.

Under the inspiration of his newly acquired freedom he developed in un expected ways. As soon as he felt that his place in the shops was secure and that he was not to be interfered with he joined the church. Its services occupied most of his spare time. Every Thursday night found him at prayer meeting. Twice each Sunday he went to church, and by missing his dinner school exercises. A social threw him into a flutter of pleased expectancy.

Not content with what his church of as he greeted him made in a head of the greeted him and the fered, irrespective of creed, he joined every society in the place of a religious. Most people who came to the office or temperance nature and was a zeal | wanted favors - Usually it was either - uation, Mr. Ryder." ous and active worker among such of the heathen as flourished in Antioch. There was a stern Old Testament flat cants. His manner attell him for vor to his faith. He would have dragged the erring from their perit by main strength and have regulated their morals by legal enactments. Those of the lighter pushed a comic over beside men with whom he came in contact in Onkley's and seared bithself. By sild the shops treated him with the utmost respect partly on his own account and partly because of Dan.

Half of all he earned be gave to the church. The remainder of his slender income he divided again into two equal parts. One of these he used for his personal needs, the other disappeared mysteriously. He was putting it by for Dannie.

It was a disappointment to him that his son took unit the most casual by that you were for kelly a terest in religious matters. He comforted himself however, with the re- con, his prime to be come, and Ken membrance that at his use his own materest had been merely traditional. It have come our of these parts. Yest from the low diet of the American was only after his great trouble that the awakening came. He was quite resilected."

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to talk our commitments he without moderation in the error in To was a to be broken and was . We is he's to go told been or a from

"What's be on now? Those blue line cars that came in

last month." "There isn't much in that batch. had to figure close to get the work. Keep the men moving."

"They are about done. I'll put the painters on the job tomorrow."

That's good." McClintock went over to the water cooler in the corner and filled a stem-

less tumbler with ice water. We'll be ready to send them up to Buckhorn the last of next week, there anything else in sight?"

He guiped down the water at a single swallow.

"No, not at present, but there are one or two pretty fair orders coming in next month that I was lucky enough to pick up in Chicago. Isn't there any work of our own we can go at while things are slack?"

"Lots of it," wiping his bands on the legs of his greasy overalls. "All our day coaches need paint and some want new upholstery."

"We'd better go at that, then."

"All right. I'll take a look at the cars in the yards and see what I can put out in place of those we call in. There's no use talking, Mr. Oakley, you've done big things for the shops,"

"Well, I am getting some work for them, and while there isn't much profit in it, perhaps, it's a great deal better than being idle,"

"Just a whole lot," agreed McClintock

"I think I can pick up contracts enough to keep us busy through the summer. I understand you've always had to shut down."

"Yes, or half time," disgustedly. "I guess we can worry through without that; at any rate, I want to," ob-

"Pil go see how I can manage about our own repairs," said McClintock.

He went out, and from the window Onkley saw him with a bunch of keys in his hand going in the direction of a line of battered day coaches on one of the sidings. The door opened again at most immediately to admit Griff It der. This was almost the last person



as he greeted him made him instantly suspect that some favor was wanted W pass or a concession on freight.

As a rule, Kerr met all such applisuch interviews, and he had no gift for popularity, which suffered in conse-

ing well down as his spine he managed just come uptown from the to reach the low sill of the window office. He was full of awkward ex ing well down as his spine he managed with his feet. He seemed to admire woses and apologies, but Dr. Emory cut the effect, for he studied them in si- them short. lence for a moment.

speak to you about Cable). I've bear intending to rish in for the past week

Onkies and det for him vegotian. The the first plane that the feet

therest dattery intended to takle his had mken ben docuteun, of he It was a bot, brouthfees morning to variety. He answered promptly that he didn't feel the slightest interest in poll the one way or the other

yards. It was rather some and looks a general mind of the fact what ed discordantly to had our of the six Processor for Handay." what they error was you can believe if The same that the start with

the late of the night numbered."

th and no it up with you."

me, Mr. Ryder. Just the same, I'd like to know how this got out,"

"Then there is to be a shakeup?" Onkley bit his lips. "You seem to take it for granted there is to be."

"I may as well tell you why Hoadley's got to go."

and in the second place he's a lazy loafer. The road must earn its keep General Cornish is sick of putting his hand in his pocket every six months to keep it out of bankruptey. You are enough of a business man to know he won't stand that sort of thing forever. Of course I am sorry for Hoadley if he needs the money, but some one's got to suffer, and he happens to be the one. I'll take on his work myself. I can do it, and that's a salary saved. I haven't any personal feeling in the matter.

get out. "I can't see that one man more of less is going to make such a difference Oakley," Ryder urged, with what he intended should be an air of frank

Oakley was slow to anger, but he had always fought stubbornly for what he felt was due him, and he wished the editor to understand that the management of the B. and A. was distinctly not his province.

Ryder's eyes were half closed, and only a narrow slit of color showed be-

"I am very much afraid we won't hit

"I don't allow anybody to talk like that to me. I am running this for Cornish, They are his interests, no mine, and you can start in and manu facture all the public sentiment you Then he cooled down a biand felt ashamed of himself for the outburst,

one if I can help it. But if the road's earnings don't meet the operating ea penses the general will sell it to the M and W. Do you understand what that means? It will knock Antioch higher than a kite, for the shops will be closed. I guess when all hands get that through their heads they will take it ensier.'

is going to enlighten them if it isn't me? I don't suppose you will care : go around telling everybody what fine fellow you are and how thankful they should be that you have stopped their wages. We can work double Oakley. I want Hondley kept because he's promised me his influence for Ken you if Ud exert myself in his behalf He's of importance up at the June tion. Of course we know he's a drun's en beast, but that's got nothing to de

"I am sorry, but he's got to go vailroad can't carry dead timber."

Onkley laughed shortly, "I guess I'll be able to meet the alt

He scouted the idea that Ryder with his little country newspaper could el-

CHAPTER VII. standing on the street corne before the hotel. Onkley has

I suppose I've a right to be angre-There's a little matter I want to at the way year've avoided be, but I'm not. On the contrary, I'm going to

you home to dinner with me! If Dan had consulted his preferences the matter, he would have begged I but he felt he conditut without give in officuse, so he allowed the doctor t a nway, has be didn't appear as or as grateful as he should you's a pretty decent som of a chap to have been at this temporary release

Stor sizerced surprised to see Oakley Well-but one good fellow might be be was decidently superfor to the loss cours with whom she had at first be To beautiful designier Mr. He the goutherness druggest a completed so at leader, who we th sought after by the most excuas Buckharn and Harrison, had been the fier on the street, he had attempted to revive an acquairance which dated that he was one of back to their childhood that he was a the officers of the road," with deceptive had bently dured trust himself to fill

"I don't think you can fix it up with

'I guess there's something back of the rumor."

'Oh, he's to go then? I thought my

information was correct." "In the first place he's not needed, The fact that I don't like him, as it happens, has nothing to do with it. If he were my own brother he'd have to

good fellowship.
"Can't you?" with chilly dignity

tween the lids.

it off. I begin to see we aren't going to get on. I want you to keep Hoadley as a personal favor to me. Just wait until I mish. If you are going in for reform I may have it in my power to be of some service to you. You will need some backing here, and even a country newspaper can manufacture public sentiment. Now if we aren't to be friends you will find me on the other side and working just as hard against you as I am willing to work for you if you let Hoadley stay." Oakley jumped up.

"I am not going to be unfair to any

"That's just the point I made. Who

'If you can't and won't see it as I do

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He was slient because he feared the antagonism of speech. "I was with friends of yours this afternoon, Mr. Onkley," she said by way of starting the conversation.

Erlands of mine here?"

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side. In t

"Yes; the Joyces." "I must go around and see them They have been very kind to my fa-ther," said Dau, with hearty good will. "flow long is your father to remain in Auttoch, Mr. Oakley " inquired Con-

"As long as I remain, I suppose, There are only the two of use you

What does he find to do here?" "Oh," laughed Dan, "he finds plenty to do. His energy is something dreadful. Then, too, he's employed at the

shops That keeps him pretty busy,

But Miss Emery hadn't known this before. She elevated her eyebrows in milkt surprise. She was not sure she

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