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Such was the error, as subsequent events proved. His business, at first very small, though careful attention, began to grow. About a year after he had started again in the world, I heard a newly married couple, who had been married a few days, and I remarked, as a person at my side uttered his name—

"I believe he is getting on comfortably again."

"He is comfortable enough, no doubt," was returned, in a tone that expressed more than the words.

I looked at the individual who had thus spoken to me at a moment when he added, "I believe Smith knows how to take care of himself."

"You are right," I said, "but I am not sure that your story is told of him."

"A great many queer things are said of men who owe more money than they are able to pay."

"But men who owe more than they are able to pay, are hardly justified in keeping a carriage and a man of horses."

"Who does?"

"Why Smith?"

"Indeed! Are you sure?"

"I believe there is no doubt of it."

"The man must be some mistake,"

"He ought to know himself, and my informant had to a third person who had been from his own lips. Pretty direct testimony, I should think."

"A carriage and a man of horses!" said I, in an indignant surprise. "If that is so, I'm afraid something is wrong. Can it be possible that Smith is a rogue?"

"It will be found out soon at last, I apprehend. For my part, he never looked to me like a man who would do such a thing."

After looking around for a moment, he said, "I do not know for what purpose we are invited here. Perhaps some one present can tell."

Those assembled looked from one to another, and then upon Smith, whose steady eye met every glance without winking. No one replying, after the lapse of a short time he said,

"None here need be informed that old claims against me have been suddenly revived, and legal proceedings commenced with the avowed purpose of pushing me to the last extremity. Why this should have been done, is more than I can tell. But having been done, honesty required me to protect those who kindly came forward and aided me with money and credit, and to commence business, and I have done so."

"Foolish! I confess judgment in favor of those, thus giving their claims precedence over all others. All I have in reality belongs to them, for it came from them; and it is but right that their own should be secured."

"I do not wish to break me up, and I cannot conceive how it can be yours. If you proceed, I am again ruined, and you are no better off; but if you stop where you are, there is yet a chance for me. I promise as well as I can to make good."

"The purpose of this meeting is to let you know exactly the state of affairs, that what you do may be done understandingly."

"I saw the brow of Thorne draw closer together as he looked Smith fixedly in the face. When the latter had done speaking, he said,

"There is no man living who would go farther to protect an honest debtor than I would; but when a man fails with his hands full, show him no mercy."

"You don't mean that (smile to apply to me) said Smith, in a sharp, quick voice, while a blaze of indignation flashed from his eyes."

"I do," calmly replied Thorne.

"Then I fling back into your teeth the base insinuation, and dare you to the proof!"

"I was electrified by the defiant tone and manner of the man, and so were nearly all present. Thorne remained cool, and replied in a firm voice,

"The man who fails in business, and retires upon nothing, doesn't generally keep his carriage and horses."

"This was coming home with the matter, and I expected to see a flash of confusion pass over my friend's face. But no. His eye was as sharp and steady as before."

"Nurs, Thorne, does he maintain in the suburbs, out of the way of common observation, as luxurious a style of living as before?"

"Certainly not," replied Smith. "If he have nothing, how is he to support all this?"

"Permanently asked. But perhaps you can answer the question better than any one present, as I understand you have made the experiments."

"Me! There was no experiment, no experiment in the tone of Smith's voice as well as in his manner. 'Me!' he repeated. 'Please to explain yourself.'

"In a word then," said Thorne, with emphasis, "you keep a carriage and horses—yet you failed, and pretended that you gave up everything!"

"When will you settle it? Next week!"

"No. Not next year. Perhaps never." "I will say so." And the clerk of Wheelwright.

Before the end of a week half a dozen were served upon Smith, who in appointment and distress, called together the few individuals who had loaned him money and trusted him for goods in order that he might get once more afloat. After announcing to them the fact that his affairs had assumed a new aspect, and that he was on the verge of ruin, he proposed, in order to secure them, to confess judgment in their favor. This was approved and the measure of safety at once adopted. It was then suggested, in order, if possible, to prevent the ruinous sacrifice which must take place, were every thing seized and sold off by the Sheriff, that a meeting be called of the old creditors who were distressing Smith, and that they be frankly told that there was no chance for them if they went on, while utter ruin to their debtor must follow a perseverance in the policy they had so strangely adopted. This suggestion met the views of all, and the prosecuting creditors were called together.

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