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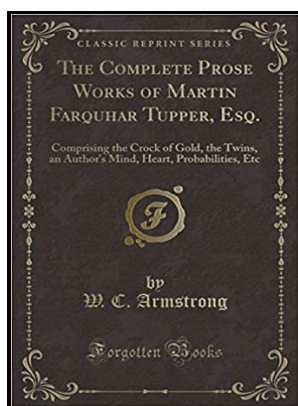
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Poor people often do so; just as Ugolino dreamt of imperial feasts, and Bruce, in his delirious thirst on the Sahara, could not

banish from his mind the cool fountains of Shiraz, and the luxurious waters of old Nite.

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I must now speak of things, of which there is no human witness; recording words, and deeds, whereof Heaven alone is cognizant, Heaven alone — and Hell! Thirdly, Sarah Stack, the still-room maid, deposed, that Mrs.

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The sturdy husbandman was transformed into a tremulous drunkard; the contented cottager, into a querulous hypochondriac; the calm, religious, patient Christian, into a tumultuous blasphemer. A SUDDEN knock at the door here startled the whole party, and Mary Acton, bustling up, drew the bolt to let in — first, a lurcher, one Rover to wit, our gaunt ember-loving friend of Chapter II.

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All in vain — nobody ever knew when Black Burke might be returning from his sporting expeditions — and that beast of a lurcher would be sure to be creeping in this morning, and would scratch it up, and his brute of a master would get it all! He didn't know how many boats there were on the lake-side: they had a boat-house at the Hall, by the water's edge, and therefore he concluded something in it; really didn't know; might be a boat, might be a punt, might be both—or neither. Thus, full of carking care, while he pushed aside the proffered consolation, Roger Acton

walked abroad.

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Rundle as to pickle and preserve your very guineas, the same as you do strawberries or apricots in syrup? O blessed vision, and gold was to be his at last! And where 's the harm or sin in brintjinf down a bird? There is, moreover, in the room, by way of household furniture, a rickety, triangular, and tri-legged table, a bench, two old chairs with rush-bottoms, and a yard or two of matting that the sexton gave when the chancel was new laid. No, neighbour; Ben kills game, not keepers: he sets his wire for a hare, but wouldn't go to pick a dead man's pocket. Let us preliminarize a thought or two, if thereby we can hang some shadowy veil of excuse over a too naked mystery.

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No, Grace, I can't stomach that; God makes right, and man makes might—riches go one way, and poor men's wrong's another. Who made fowl, I should like to know, and us to eat 'em? He deposed, indeed, and his testimony was no ways to be doubted, that he went through the front door, and so round ; which, under the circumstances, was at once a very brave and a very foolish thing to do ; for it is, first, little wisdom to go round two sides of a square to quiet a dog, when one might have easily called to him from the men-servants' window ; and secondly, albeit Mr. Roger had unfortunately dreamt of having found a crock of gold — I dare say he will tell us his THE CONTRAST.

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Who can condemn the poor man's care, though Faith should make his load the lighter? Quarles had contrived the elevation of her nephew, and connived at his monopolies, mainly to fit in cleverly with her own worldly weal ; for it would never have done to have risked the loss of innumerable perquisites, and other peculations, by the possible advent of an honest butler. Quarles had come to her end unfairly, and no hoards found — and — and the honey-pots missing. I never know'd till this minute that Ben had any blunt at all — did I, Ben? Thus, unaccountably enough, the murderer, if there was any, was as likely to have come from the outside, as from the in.

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What if poverty pinched him? Scarcely had he done this, than it became dark, and he began to fancy some one might have seen him hide it; those low mean tramps never before had he refused the wretched wayfarers his sympathy were always sneaking about, and would come and dig it up in the night : so he went out in the dark and the rain, got at it with infinite trouble and a broken pickaxe, and exultingly brought the crock in-doors ; where he buried it a third time, more securely, underneath the grouted floor, close beside the fire in the chimney-corner : it was now nearly midnight, and he went to bed. Quarles's chamber always had a night-lamp burning: but the darkness of his own room, of his own thoughts, pressed him all around, as with a thick, murky, suffocating vapour.

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