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have fallen in "over at first sight" with him, and any other name.

The preacher who circled up on either side of the mountain, at the time of No. 1's

direful edict was promulgated to the world's

meek and lowly man, who approached

edictly in his natural disposition, to will

willing obedience to the mandate relative to

turning the cheek to the smiter. The poor

old man passed many sleepless nights in view

of the fate that awaited him at the mountain

pass. In his dream, he saw Forester

with his huge sledge-hammer in his hand

ready to dash out his brains, and would start

with such violence as to wake himself.

He inquired if there was no other place at which

the mountain could be passed, only to know

that he must do so. Being a timid man,

but withal devotedly impressed with

his duty, he resolved to discharge

his duties faithfully, be the consequences

what they might. He laid upon his

slaughter did he bend his way towards the

gap; as he came in front of the shop, the

blacksmith was striking his last blow on a

anvil, and singing to the tune of "Clear

the hills."

"Old Forester is a noble creature,"

he catches a glimpse of the poor person

who had flattered himself that he was about

to pass with impunity. "Stop here," he

cried, "you can't get by, pay the penalty

for my injured reputation!"

The holy man protested indignantly of

having innocently injured him; by word or

deed.

The man's subsiding and earnest voice

had half dissuaded Ned from his stern pur-

pose, when the gilding of his strikers and the

choicing of two or three blades, served him

to what he felt was mean. Let any one

pass a moment, and reflect on the fact that

he has been injured, and he will find that

his honor is not a mere name, but a reality

for, by the opinion of others, before Mr.

Forester is sentenced as a devil.

The preacher received several boxes on his ears,

and heard many denunciations against his

name. He was permitted to depart, and

when this permission was received, he was

not slow in availing himself of the pri-

vilege.

At the next annual conference, when cir-

cumstances were assigned to the different pre-

achers, this one made his appearance punctu-

ally, but by some process of cariosity, con-

vinced himself that his duty did not call for

a revelation of his sufferings. If he was

so sensitive of the blacksmith's character

as to expose it to the public, he had a

preference that some wretched brother should

occupy that healthy station on the moun-

tains, it is difficult to conjecture. But For-

ester's reputation had extended beyond the

locality, and he had heard of his name.

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beaten of Tom Faine, awaiting the ap-

proach of the preacher.

It was not over an hour before he heard

the words—

"How happy are they who their Savior they,

and have said to their teachers here."

"You say that?" said the preacher, and

the words, turning in the angle of the rock, re-

peatedly, with a contented smile on his

face.

"How are you, old slab sided? Get off

your horse and join in my devotion," said

the blacksmith.

"I have many miles to ride," answered

the preacher, "and haven't time, my friend."

"I'll call as I return."

"You say you are a Methodist, have you

the hymn book?" the blacksmith asked.

"Yes," replied the blacksmith, "I have

it here."

"You say you know my name was Ned For-

ester, the blacksmith, what whips every

Methodist preacher that goes through this

part?" was asked, with an audacious look

and how dare you come here?"

The preacher replied that he had heard

Forester's name, but presumed that he did

not molest well behaved travelers.

"You presume not? Yes, you are the

most pretentious person, you Methodist,

that ever trod these leather shoes. Well,

you can't get by, pay the penalty for

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