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“LOUISA, MY DEAR, YOU ARE THE SUBJECT OF A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO ME.”—P. 44.

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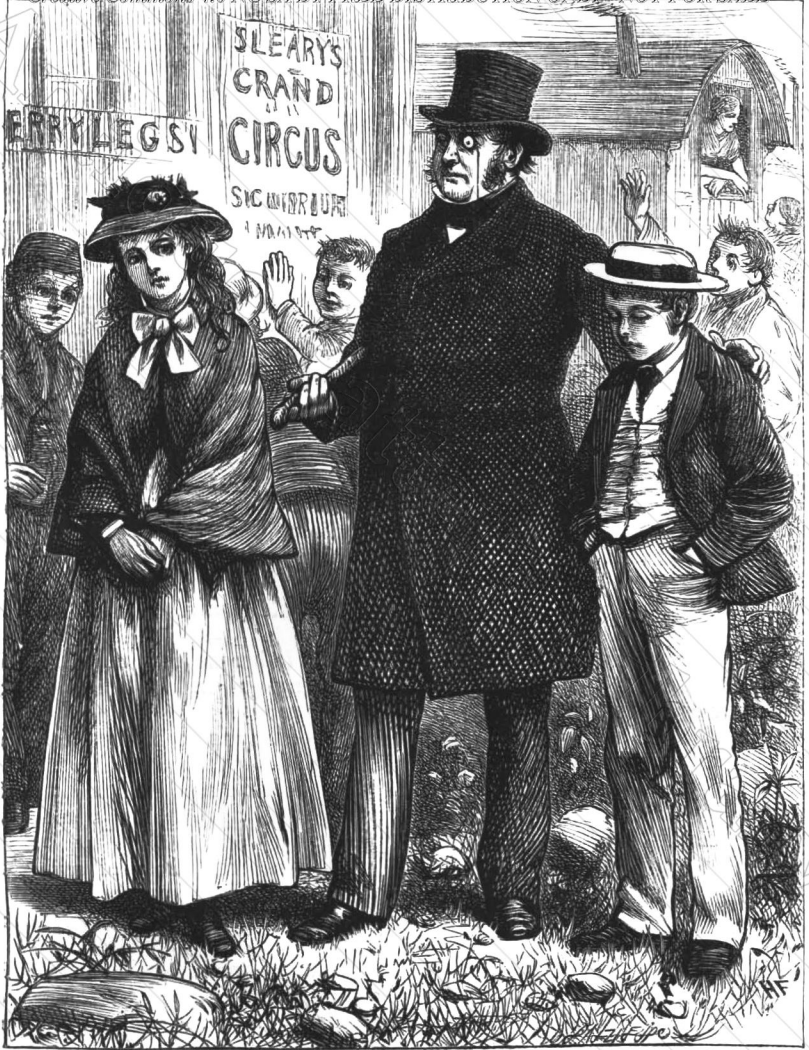
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“THIS IS A VERY OBTRUSIVE LAD,” SAID MR. GRADGRIND.





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"HEAVEN'S MERCY, WOMAN!" [www.gutenberg.org/files/20191/20191-h/20191-h.htm](http://www.gutenberg.org/files/20191/20191-h/20191-h.htm) FIGURE. "HAST THOU COME BACK AGEN?"



"HE FELT A TOUCH UPON HIS ARM."



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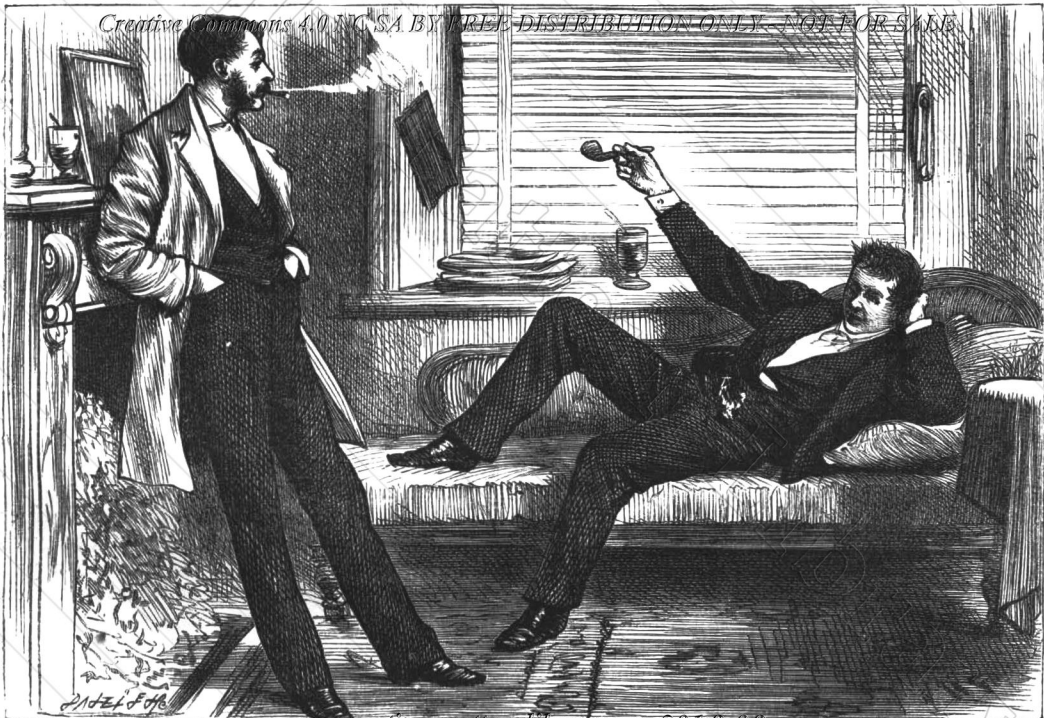


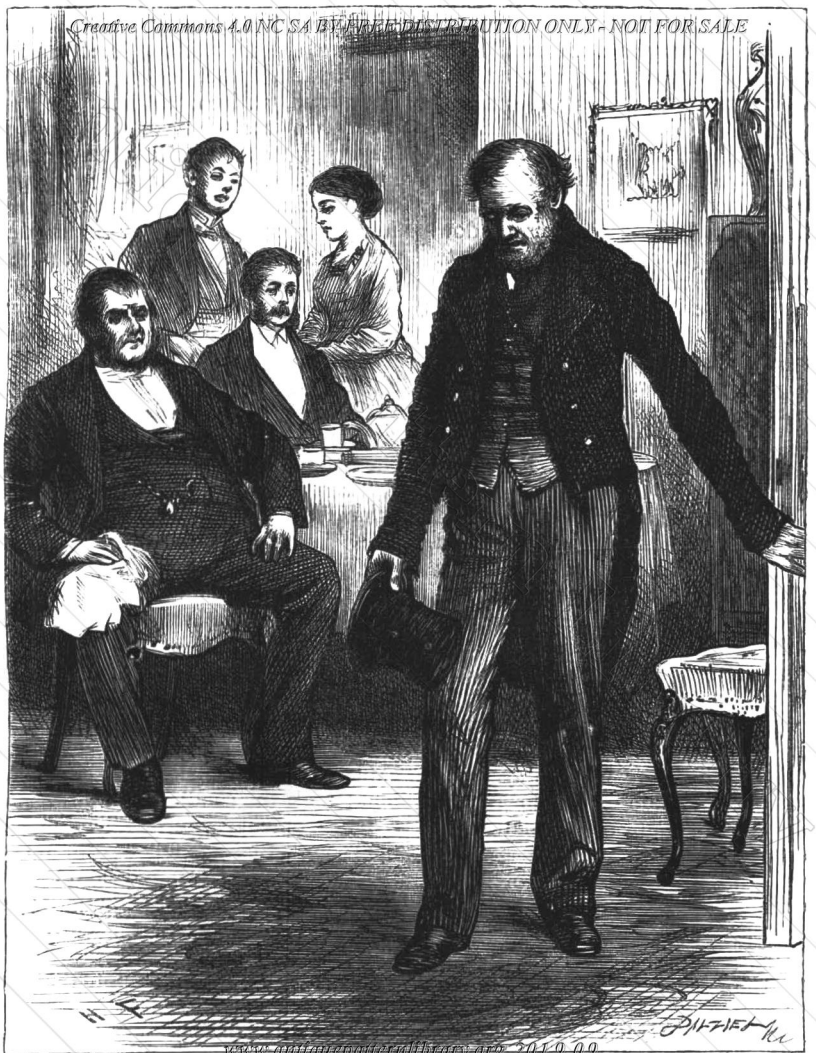
“ HE WENT DOWN ON HIS KNEE BEFORE HER ON THE POOR MEAN STAIRS, AND PUT AN END OF HER

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"THIS, SIR," SAID BOUNDERBY, "IS MY WIFE, MRS. BOUNDERBY."







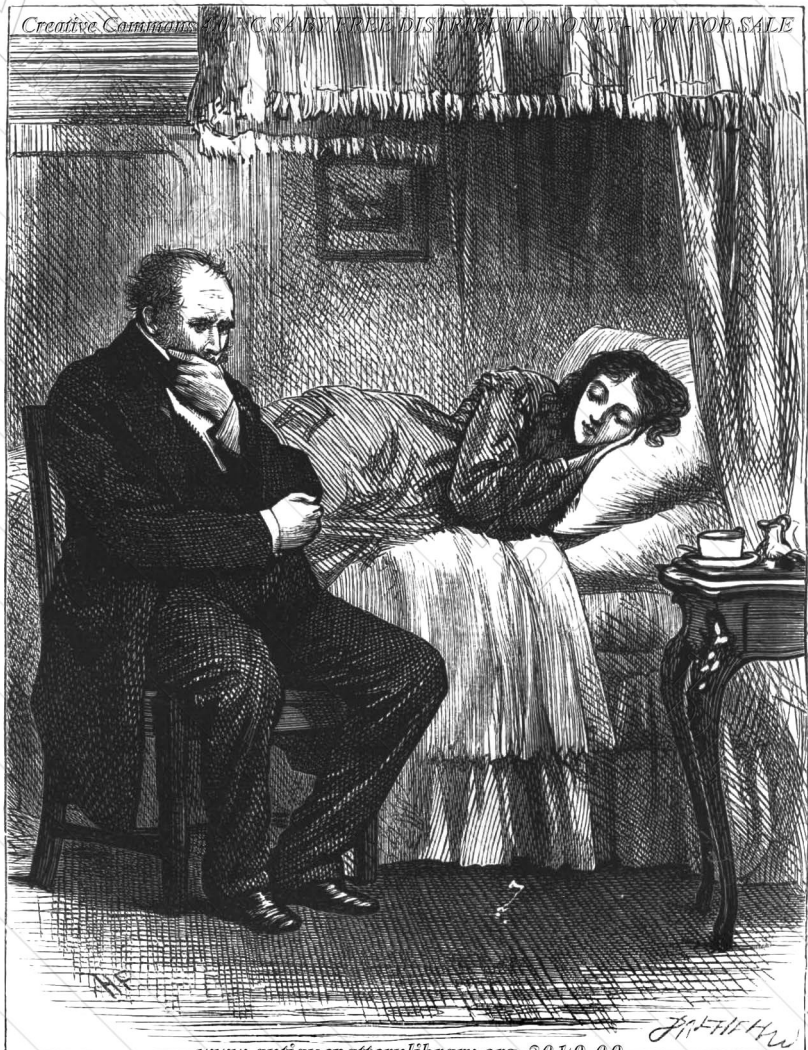


"LEFT ALONE WITH HER MOTHER, LOUISA SAW HER LYING WITH AN AWFUL LULL UPON HER FACE."

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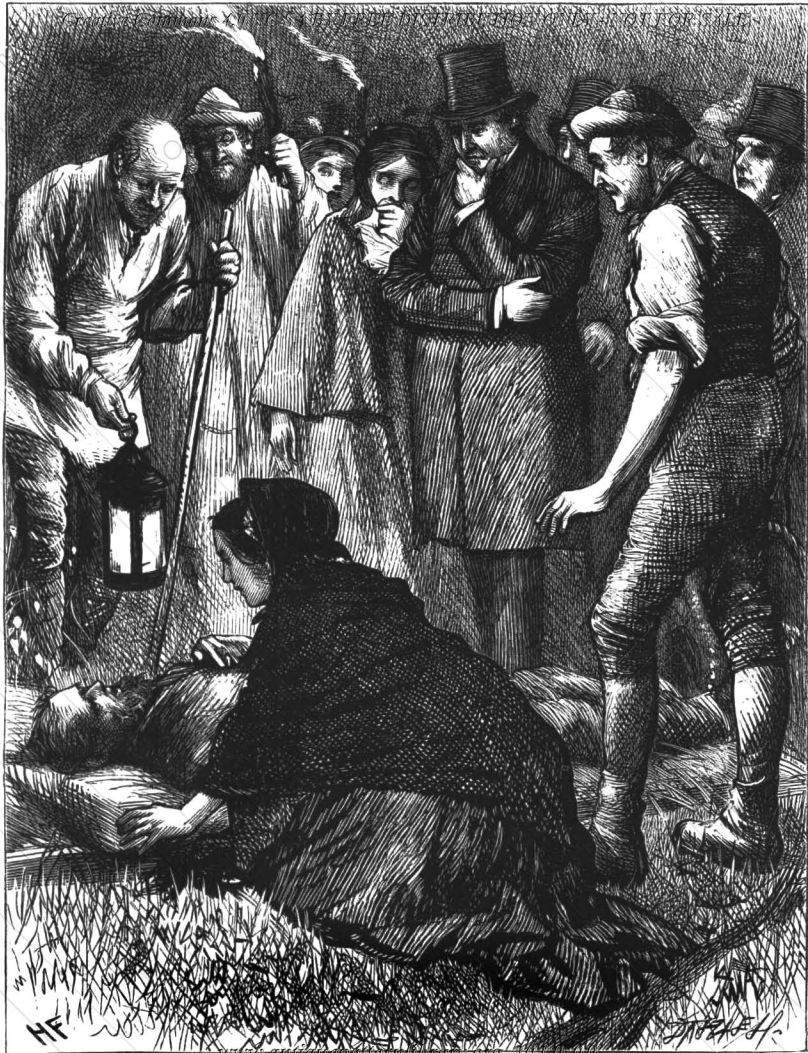




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"YOU HAVE SEEN ME ONCE BEFORE, YOUNG LADY," SAID RACHAEL.



‘SHE STOOPED DOWN ON THE GRASS AT HIS SIDE, AND BENT OVER HIM.’



.. NOW, THETHILIA, I DON'T ASK TO KNOW ANY THINGRETH, BUT I THUPOTHE I MAY CONTHIDER THITH  
TO BE MITH THQUIRE.

