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Wood Peening

Civilization: an instrument with a large, heavy blade sliding down between two wooden posts which was used in France to cut off the heads of criminals

tumbrels: open carts used to carry prisoners to the guillotine during the French Revolution.

gallows: a long, narrow mark made in the earth

by a plough

impassive: expressionless; not feeling or showing any emotion

lingering: remaining; slow to end

forfeit: penalty; something one has to give up as result of a wrong action

faltering: hesitating

seamstress: a woman who sews, often for a living

faint of heart: not brave or confident

sublime: extremely good or beautiful

prophetic: saying correctly what is going to happen; here; Carton's face looked as if he could see the future.

~~scaff~~ scaffold: the raised platform on which criminals were made to stand before being killed.

given any utterance to: spoken aloud

abyes: a very deep hole; here, meaning the dark and low situation

healing office: Lucie Manette's father was a doctor; healing office refers to his work as a doctor

sanctuary: a very sacred place

last earthly bed: graves

that path of life which once was mine: the profession of a lawyer (Sydney Carton was a lawyer)

illustrious: admired and respected; distinguished

the blot I threw upon it: the disrespect that I brought to my name through my faults