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## THE MISER'S PRAYER!!

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PLUTUS thou God of wealth and riches, deign to listen to thy humble votary.—O magnificent and grand!—Thou knowest I have nine houses in the city of London, and likewise that I have lately purchased an estate, in fee-simple, in the county of Essex, therefore, I beseech thee to preserve the two counties of Essex and Middlesex, for the sake of the property I have therein, and as I have a mortgage in Hertfordshire, have an eye of compassion on that county also, as to all other counties, deal with them as thou thinkest fit.—O! most mighty PLUTUS grant success to the undertakings of his Grace the D..... of BE.....D, in Ruffel-square, and places adjacent, having myself some little dabbling therein, and do not forget that I have purchased an estate in reversion of THOMAS THOUGHTLESS, Esq. a profligate young man, and as the days of the wicked ought to be cut short, send that it may soon come into my possession.

O enable my Banker to answer all my bills, and make all my debtors pay me—give a prosperous voyage to the *Mermaid* sloop, which I have insured, and grant her a safe return.

I also pray thee to keep the funds from sinking, and preserve from prying eyes the iron chest, buried in my back cellar, and all that is therein—guard me from thieves, and every possible accident, teach me the most prudent method to procure cloathing, preserve me from prodigality, and send me more money, and thy humble and disinterested votary shall ever praise thee.