The Rattrap

VOCABULARY AND ITS MEANING

Odd Moments: A short period of free time.  
Sunken: lowered  
Gleamed: Shone

Monotonous: boring  
Vagabond: wanderer  
Plods: walks heavily

Bait: Food placed on a hook to trap a rat, here it is referred to the comforts of life, which is offered to trap someone  
Tempted: convinced

Cherished: to love, protect  
Dreary: dull  
Ploddings: walk heavily  
Snare: trap

Trudging: walking slowly  
Carved off: to divide something into parts  
mjolis: a game played with playing cards

Generous: liberal  
Confidences: Secrets  
Prosperity: riches  
Crofter: A person who works on a rented  farm  
Bossy: Latin word ‘bos’ used for a cow  
Creamery: A factory that produces cheese and cream  
Kronor: Currency of Sweden

Incredulous: unbelieving  
Stuffed: to fill up with something

Peddler: seller  
Smashed: badly broken

Gloom: dark  
Despair: hopelessness  
Thumping: the sound of some heavy object beating  
Summoned: gathered  
Stagger: To walk with difficulty

Forge: A shop where metal is heated  
Barge: a long flat-bottomed boat for carrying freight on canals and rivers.  
Scow: a flat-bottomed boat used for transporting cargo to and from ships in harbor.  
sifted: descended lightly or sparsely as if sprinkled from a sieve  
Smelter:A machine in which metal is melted to form into a shape  
Rolling mill: machine to roll metal into sheets

Anvil: a heavy iron block with a flat top and concave sides  
Perspiration: sweat

Bellows: air bag that emits a stream of air used for blowing air into a fire.  
Shoveled: move  
Maw:  jaws  
Clatter: bang  
Whipped: beaten with a whip, here to hit something

Sooty panes: window panes covered in soot ( black powder produced when coal, wood etc is burned.

Haughty: arrogant

Prominent: Important  
Tramp: vagabond, wanderer

Ragamuffin: A person in rags

Deigned: do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity

Slouch hat: hat bend on one side of the head.

Acquaintance: associate  
Undeceive: to tell someone that his belief is mistaken

Downhill: worst  
Regiment: unit in the army or defence forces

Manor house: A large country house  
Comrade: A fellow soldier  
Alarmed: Frighten  
Inconspicuously: invisible or which is not noticeable

Valet: personal attendant  
Modest: humble  
Apprentice: learner

Compassionately: showing sympathy for others

Astonished: greatly surprised  
Forebodings: a foretelling

Queer: strange  
Embarrassed: awkward, shy

Groomed: ready  
Puckered: wrinkle  
Dissimulate: pretend  
Splendor: luxury  
Thundered: make a loud noise

Hesitating: to be reluctant   
Sheriff: chief executive officer of crown (in England)

Wretch: miserable person  
Interceded: intervened

Preach: advice  
Parson: Churchman

Boundless: limitless  
Amazement: wonder

Dejected: sad