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