

Martin Chuzzlewit

Old Martin Chuzzlewit was rich. He engaged a nursemaid, Mary, who would have an incentive to keep him alive, while his family, so he believed, wanted him dead. When his grandson, also Martin, wanted to marry Mary, old Chuzzlewit disinherited him. Young Martin became apprenticed to the villainous Mr Pecksmith and there befriends the latter's servant, Tom. Old Chuzzlewit has Martin dismissed, and he and Mary move in and fall under Pecksmith's control. In the dénouement Pecksmith is confronted, young Martin marries Mary and the good Tom keeps his love for Mary secret and is happy that his friends are happy.

© Roderick Ramage 16.iv.2017