

myself, for instead of a lunch he had purchased a veritable feast.

No second invitation was needed, and with only such delay as was necessary in order to greet Master Schuster in becoming fashion, we fell-to, I following David's advice to eat rapidly lest we be interrupted before my hunger was appeased.

There was no need of such unseemly haste, however; for Master Schuster waited patiently until we were filled so full that another mouthful would have been impossible, and then said in a low tone, after looking stealthily around to make certain no one was within earshot:

"Are you lads minded for an adventure in behalf of the cause—one which has in it danger enough to please the most gluttonous swash-buckler, and much honor if it be successful?"

"Indeed we are, and it cannot come our way too quickly," I replied, without waiting to hear