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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 swashbuckler, and much honor if it be successful?"

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