

# Disappeared."

a request to help matters forward or

the line they had taken. Not quite

sure whether he interpreted correct

"I think there's one to be found no

ery far from here. Imean Mr. Bar-

ry Tompkins; he passes most of his

venings at a Bohemian resort near

quainted with Murray Davenport

"Not at all, as far as I'm concern-

d," said Turl, taking a bank-bill

"I've heard of Mr. Barry Tomp

"He isn't a friend," corrected Lar

cher, "He knows you're Davenport's

"I hadn't thought of that," said

enport's acquaintances, while you

old the story. If you object to Mr.

Larcher and Bagley waited while

Turl went upstairs for his things

When he returned, ready to go out

were now few, and came down gent-

deep at every step. The labor of

contrast to the snowy night at their

backs. A few steps through a small

door showed the second room filled

the place revealed that the noise was

Tompkins, there will doubtless be

her speaks of."

friend" rejoined Bagley to Larcher.

from his pocket and handing it to

hough. Would that fact militate?"

v. Larcher put in:

Bagley Shines Out. (continued)

I can swear I recognize you as good material to start with. Your

'As the accuser, you'll have to sup- little as I could hear of it; and I'm port your statement with the testimony not exactly a 'come-on' as to fair of witnesses. You'll have to bring tales, at that -' people who know Murray Davenport. What do you suppose they'll swear? because of your peculiar sense of the dicating Turl. "As somebody you'v His landlady, for instance? Do you traits and resources of Murray Davthink, Larcher, that Murry Daven- enport. But can you impart, that port's landlady would swear that I'm sense to any one else? And can you

'I don't think so,' said Larcher, you can't tell it so as to convince a

'Here's Larcher himself as a witness,' said Bagley.

'I can swear I don't see the slight- lighting up in him. est resemblance between Mr. Turl and Murray Davenport,' said Lar- said Turl. 'I'm not a betting man.'

'You can swear you know he is bet I can't convince a lawyer?' Murray Davenport, all the same.'

'And when my lawyer asks him Turl, 'but just for this occasion how he knows,' said Turl, 'he can shouldn't mind putting ten dollars in only say, from the story I told to- Mr. Larcher's hands, if a lawyer were accessible at this hour." night. Can he sw ar that story is true, of his own sparate knowledge? No. Can he swear I wasn't spinning

a varn for amusement? No.' 'I think you'll find me a difficult witness to drag anything out of,' put in Larcher, 'if you can manage to get me on the stand at all. I can take a holiday at a minute's notice; I can even work for awhile, in some other city, if necessary:'

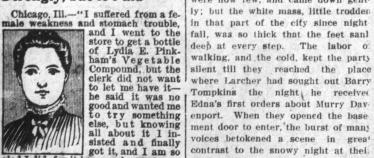
'There are others,-the ladies in there, who heard the story,' said Bagley, lightly.

'One of them didn't know Murray Davenport,' said Turl, 'and the other -I should be very sorry to see her kins," said Bagley. "He'd do al subjected to the ordeal of the witness- right. But if he's a friend of Daystand on my account. I hardly think enport's-" you would subject her to it, Mr. Bagley, -- I do you that credit.'

'I don't know about that, said Bagley. 'I'll take my chances of show- Turl. "I only meant I was willing

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good and wanted me
to try something
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all about it I insisted and finally
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bruptly. "I see there's room there." Larcher was nothing loath, nor was Turl in the least unwilling. The later merely cast a look of curiousity at Bagley. Something had indee eaned suddenly into that gentleman's lead. Tompkins was manifestly not yet in Turl's confidence. If, then, it were made to appear that all was riendly between the returned Davenport and Bagley, why should Tompkins, supposing he recognized Davenport upon Bagley's assertion, con-

Tompkins had managed to find and wd together three unoccupied hairs by the time Larcher had breaded a way to him. Larcher, ooking round, saw that Bagley had followed close. He therefore introduced Bagley first; and then Turl. Tompkins had the same brief, hearty handshake, the same mirthful grinas if all life were a joke, and every easual meeting were an occasion for

huckling at it-for both. "I thought you said Mr. Tomp kins knew Davenport." remarked Bagley to Larcher, as soon as all i ing you up one way or another, in t the party were seated.

the same. You are Murray Dive -"Certainly," replied Larcher, port, and I know it; that's pretts "Then Mr. Tompkins, you don't seem to live up to your reputation as a quick-sighted man," said Bagley story has managed to convince me. "I beg your pardon?" said Tomp kins, interrogatively, touched in one

of his vanities. "Is it possible you don't recogniz this gentleman?" asked Bagley, in 'It convinced you as I told it, and

Compkins , with a sudden curtness is his voice. "I do not recognize this gentleman as anybody I've met be tell the story as I told it? I'll wager fore. But, as I never forget a face shall always recognize him in the future as somebody I've met to 'How much will you wager?' said night." Whereat he grinned benign Bagley, scornfully, the gambling spirit ly at Turl, who acknowledged with courteous "Thank you."

"You never forget a face." said 'I merely used the expression, Bagley, "and yet you don't remember this one. Make allowance for its have 'I am,' said Bagley. 'What'll you ing undergone a lot of alterations the nose, and take the dimples away 'I'm not a betting man,' repeated mouth turn up, and pull the hai down over the forehead, and imagin several other changes, and see if you don't make out your old acquaint He turned to Larcher, with a look ance-and my old friend- Murra which the latter made out vaguely as

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you ought to be able to identify me some other lawyer at the place Lar as that person." "If you gentlemen are working up "All right: I'll cover your money joke," replied Tompkins, "I hope uick enough," said Bagley, doing so shall soon begin to see the fun; but I guess we'll find a lawyer to sui' if you're not, why then, Mr. Bagley, n that crowd. I know the place you should earnestly advise you to take

something for this." "Oh, just wait, Mr. Tompkins. You are a well-informed man, I believe Now let's go slow. You won't deny the possibility of a man's changing his appearance by surgical and other means, in this scientific age, so as

almost to defy recognition?" "I deny the possibility of his doing such a thing so as to defy recognition?"

"I deny the possibility of his doing such a thing so as to defy recognition by me. So much for your general question. As to this gentleman's being the person I once met as Murray Davenport, I can only wonder what sort of a hoax you're trying to work." Bagley looked his feelings in silence. Giving Barry Tompkins up, he said to Larcher: "I don't see any lawyer here that I'm acquainted with was a bit previous, getting let in to decide that bet to-night."

"Perhaps Mr. Tompkins knows some lawyer here to whom he will women who want a cure should insist inpon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound just as this woman did, and not accept something else on which the general hubbub, but a glance over there's Doctor Braddy, the medintroduce you," suggested Turl. ico-legal man; you've heard of him but the composite effect of seperate I suppose—a well-known criminoconversations of groups of three or logist."

> "I should think he'd be the very man for you," said Turl to Bagley. "Besides being a lawyer, he knows Before the three newcomers had surgery, and he's an authority on the finished their survey of the room, habits of criminals." "Is he a friend of yours?" asked

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nd a smooth-shaven face, cold and is introduced and helped them to find chairs, rejoined Turl. Bagley was not ten seconds in getting the

began, "to speak about a remark able case that comes right in you line. I'd like to tell you the story

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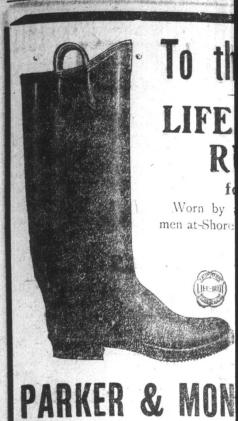


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