

...ed ever since he entered the room. "What is this?" he asked, pointing to the bushes beneath, that were wet, or appeared to be so. "I can't say; do you suppose it is my wine which has been poured here?" "I should like to take a sniff and see. But my rheumatism is too much for me. I could not bend my back so low if I should try." "But I can," and the artist went down on his knees, buried his nose in the bushes, and rose up with a perplexed face. "What wine is there; what do you suppose it means?" he cried. "Mr. Gress shook his head; he was already looking here and there about the room as only a detective can. "You leave your window open," he remarked. "Generally." "Some one has jumped out of it." "How do you know that?" "Here is the mark of a foot in this down pillow. Evidently a flying leap has been taken from this couch to the grass beneath." "Well, I did not see that." "And if that is not a proof, look at the broken branch of the vine lying below. If it were not so dark, we could see it more clearly, but I do not know as we need to." And the detective withdrew his head from the window out of which he had been peering, and again cast his eyes about the room. To be continued.

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A few mornings ago a boat was out in the harbor, less than a stone's throw off Goodridge's wharf, one of a number of men in it fired at a bull bird. So had was his aim, however, that the shot, instead of going towards the bird, went through the side of a schooner, while some of the charges in the gun imbedded itself in the watch house on Goodridge's wharf, just below the roof, several men were there waiting for 1 o'clock to turn to and the shot whistled over their heads. The leaden pellets can now be seen so deeply imbedded in the boards that they cannot be picked out with a knife.

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In that time four eminent medical men tried to cure him, and each gave up the case as hopeless. Naturally, Mr. Marsh tried remedies of all kinds, but he, also, at last gave it up. For two years he had to wear gloves day and night so terrible was the pain and itching when the air got to the sores. Then came Zam-Buk! He tried it just as he had tried hundreds of remedies before. But he soon found out that Zam-Buk was different. Within a few weeks there was distinct signs of benefit, and a little perseverance with this great herbal balm resulted in what he had given up all hope of—a complete cure. And the cure was no temporary cure. It was permanent. He was cured nearly four years ago. Interestingly the other day, Mr. Marsh said: "The cure which Zam-Buk worked has been absolutely permanent. From the day that I was cured to the present moment I have had no trace of eczema, and I feel sure it will never return."

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