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presion of startled wondering purity, I fancy."

"Poetry as well as mystery! Kent, you grow and expand on acquaintance."

"There is poetry in your study of that imaginary fay. Imaginary! Um-hum!" continued Kent dryly, as he stooped to the floor. "I suppose this is an imaginary hairpin, too."

"My Chinaman—" began Sedgwick quickly, when the other caught him up.

"Don't be uneasy. I'm not going to commit the bêtise of asking who she is."

"If you did, I give you my word of honor I couldn't tell you. I only wish I knew!"

There was silence between them for a moment; then the painter broke out with the air of one who takes a resolution:

"See here, Kent! You're a sort of detective, aren't you?"

"I've been called so."

"And you like my picture of 'The Rough Rider'?"

"Five hundred dollars' worth."

"You can have that and any other picture in my studio, except this one," he indicated the canvas with the faces, "if you'll find out for me who she is."

"That might be done. We shall see. But frankly, Sedgwick, there's a matter of more importance—"

"Importance? Good heavens, man! There's nothing so important in this world!"

"Oh, is it as bad as that?"

A heavy knock sounded from below, followed by the Chinaman's voice, intermingled with boyish accents demanding Sedgwick in the name of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

"Send him up," ordered Sedgwick, and the boy arrived; but not before Kent had quietly removed "The Rough Rider" from its place of exhibit.

"Special from the village," announced young Mercury. "Sign here."

After the signature had been duly set down, and the signer had read his message with knit brows, the urchin lingered, big with news.

"Say, heard about the body on the beach?"

Kent turned quickly, to see Sedgwick's face. It was interested, but unmoved as he replied:

"No. Where was it found?"

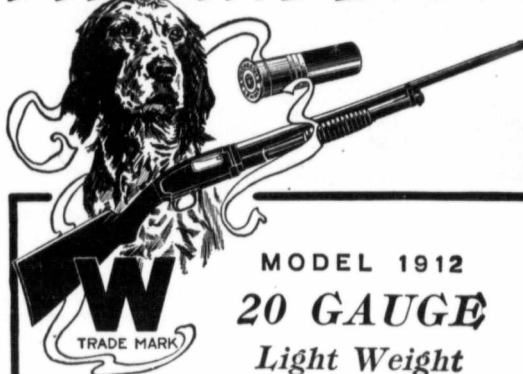
"Lonesome Cove. Woman. Dressed swell. Washed up on a grating last night or this morning."

"It's curious how they all come in here, isn't it?" said the artist to Kent. "This is the third this summer."

"And it's a corkerino!" said the boy. "Sheriff's on the case. Body was all chained up, they say."

"I'm sure they need you at the

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