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An Amateur Detective Story. By William Hamilton Osborne.

THE well-dressed man stood uncertainly for a moment and looked up at the brown stone house. It was the house in which young Schuyler Van Twiller, of the Borough of Manhattan, lived his hitherto solitary life.

"I guess," said the well-dressed stranger, "that now is as good a time as any. I'll try him on."

He ascended the steps and touched the bell. A man in livery responded.

"Mr. Van Twiller in?" inquired the stranger. The retainer shook his head solemnly.

"He is not, sir," he answered respectfully; "he is very seldom in, nowadays, sir, between eight and eleven."

"I might have known that," returned the stranger. "Of course. I forgot. Will it be possible for me to see him to-night?"

The servant was puzzled. This man did not look like a reporter. He might be a man of business.

"Well, sir," said the servant doubtfully "I don't know as he'd care to be disturbed to-night, but I will say that if you come back about a quarter to eleven you're like to find him in."

The stranger nodded. "I'll come back," he said. "My card," and left. The servant read the card.

"Mr. John Smith" was all it said. The servant laid it on the top of a multitude of cards. He sighed with weariness. "Gee," he exclaimed, "I'll be glad when it's all over!"

The servant's weariness was due to the fact that the Van Twiller house had been besieged for two weeks or more by all sorts and conditions of men, bent upon all sorts and conditions of errands. It had come to such a pass that, unless

a man was exceptionally well dressed, or unless he was a friend of Mr. Van Twiller's, he was packed unceremoniously away.

Mr. John Smith, the stranger, had had an air about him that had impressed the servant, and he had made concessions.

All this unwonted attention was due to the fact that Van Twiller was about to marry. The cards had been sent out two weeks ago, and from the instant that they had been dropped in the mail box Van Twiller had lived in a state of siege that was paralyzing. Every man in New York wanted to sell him things, make him things, build him things, plan his tours, plan his wardrobe, plan everything. It made him tired.

He was going to marry Miss Helen Standish, the descendant of a Puritan line. She was quite as much besieged as he. But every evening, from eight until half-past ten, Van Twiller and Miss Standish occupied an old-fashioned cozy corner underneath the Standish stairs, and refused to come out of it upon any considerations whatsoever. It was not only a tete-a-tete; it constituted their only rest and relaxation from the wearisome job of preparing for a large metropolitan wedding.

It was just half-past ten when Van Twiller left the Standish house and sauntered on toward home. He was about to enter his own house when the stranger touched him on the arm.

"Mr. Van Twiller!" asked the stranger.

"The same," answered Van Twiller.

"I thought—I knew," returned the stranger, "that I could not be mistaken."

There was something insinuating in the stranger's manner that Van Twiller did not like, but nevertheless he ushered the man into the house.

"Come in here," he said, entering a



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