

Captain set him to tar ropes on the rigging, with which occupation, Hart soon became dissatisfied, and quickly took his leave of a sailor's life, having been only four days in the service. Up to this period, he said, he had never been guilty of any crime, save that of striking some of the petty and insulting officers in the last-mentioned regiment. His temper, which was naturally quick and fiery, could not brook insolence from any individual, and consequently, poor Hart was often led into many difficulties. His prospects of returning to New-Brunswick being laid aside, he prepared to push his way to Upper Canada, and with that intention, proceeded as far as New Liverpool, where he wrought for nine days, and then returned to Quebec, where he commenced at large all species of profligacy, vice and wickedness. The first crime of which he was ever guilty was the stealing of a Scotch bonnet, from Mr. Young in the Lower Town of Quebec, under the following circumstances.

One day, meeting with John Robinson, an Englishman, with whom he was but slightly acquainted, Robinson asked him if he had got any money, to which Hart replied, that he had a little, and would freely share it with him; upon this, they went into a tavern, and there spent what trifle he possessed, in eating and drinking. On leaving the tavern, Robinson discovered a Scotch bonnet hanging at Mr. Young's door, and instantly encouraged Hart to steal it; in the mean time handing him a pen-knife to cut the cord by which it was suspended, adding, that it would get them a few shillings to procure something more to eat and drink. Hart readily complied, and succeeded in taking the bonnet, which he shortly after sold for three shillings, to a negro, on board a vessel lying at the King's Wharf. This done, they immediately went to another tavern, where they mutually participated of some more refreshment, which the recent booty had procured them. Here, while Hart was contending with a man about some trifling circumstance, Robinson slept out, and went directly to Mr. Young, and asked him if he had lately lost any thing. Mr. Young said, he could not immediately tell. Robinson bade him look whether he had not lost a Scotch bonnet, which Mr. Young found was really true. Robinson then asked Mr. Y. what he would give

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