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## CUPID AND THE CANDIDATE

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with a wry smile. "When I spoke the old method of attack had just appealed to me. When Culver-son finds the evidence in our possession arrayed against him he will think his majority dearly bought." And the possibilities yet in sight caused the doctor's eyes to snap.

Johnston's friends crowded around him, eager to show him that as an eventual winner their faith in him remained unshaken. They had been used to former candidates losing heart completely at this stage. Indeed, Perkins had grown tearful, and required stimulating before he could be presented to his sympathizers. It was good to see Johnston cool and courageous, with that in his appearance which indicated that the game was not played out yet by any means, and that he had nothing to fear from friend or foe in the protest which they all knew would speedily be entered against Culverson's election. In the midst of it a telegram was handed in, addressed to Johnston. He read it, and a perplexed frown gathered between his eyes. "I am sorry, boys, to appear as if I were running away, but it must be so. The chief" (meaning his senior partner) "is ill; and he wishes me to come to the city at once because of urgent business which I alone can attend to. This gives me barely time to catch the train."

"You can just do it," said one of the number present.

"All I can say, then, for the present, boys, is good-bye. You will see me soon again, when I