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AM a nervous man; there is no disgrace in that; and there's no denying the fact, which I honestly admit. I am a very nervous man. I don't hink I am a coward; at least this congession might prove there is no moral cowardice about me, and, after all, that is the right sort of courage in the long run. However no moral influence strengthened those nerves of mine, which caused me more suffering than any one suspected. Not even my wife guessed the extent of my nervousness, or I am sure she would have been the last to leave me in charge, under circumstances which, to say the least of them, were trying. For our house wassituated in a lonely part of the country. We had no near neighbors, and reports had recently reached our ears of a series of strange and mysterious robberies committed by evidently accomplished thieves, judging from the way they laughed at locksmiths, penetrated, into carefully barred up mansions; and the deft manner in which the hasps of innumerable plateclisets were removed and the contents abstracted, and, no trace left to guide the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of the baffled police by which to lay hold of t

thought every one liked dogs, I am particularly fond of them.'

Perhaps I ought not to confess my dislike,' responded Mr. Gordon, smiling; but it is the truth; I don't like dogs and togs don't like me.'

I could fancy that the latter part of his senence was perfectly true. Gentlemanly and loes a Arthur's friend seemed, there was a thinness about the lips and a peculiar coldness in his eyes that enabled me to imagine that his dislike might beget dislike in animals so wonderously gifted with instinct as those four footed friends. But the thought was a passing one. We moved to the house; and after dismissing his cib, Mr. Gordon and I entered the library, which, though dignified on account of its book shelves, I suppose, with that a very deadly-looking cutlass, which, if everything else failed, I could fall back upon.

In accordance with my wife's desire, I had the most valuable plate carried up stairs, and deposited, not in our room actually, but in my dressing room, which adjoined, where I considered it would be just as safe. The jewel-case simply remained where it usually was, on a chest of drawers close by the bed, under which she had charged me to be sure to place it.

My precautions were, of course, quite patent to the servants, who no doubt

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My precautions were, of course, quite patent to the servants, who no doubt indulged in considerable merriment at my expense down stairs; and probably pronounced them highly absurd; but one morning I was startled to hear that a house about five miles off, belonging to Gifford Ransford, had been broken into and everything of value carried off; worse still, that the butler, who had been awakened by the noise, had received such injuries from the burglars that he was not expected to live. As usual, they had escaped, leaving not a trace behind them escaped, leaving not a trace behind them by which to guide the mystified and bewildered police. I sat for a long time over my breakfast, ruminating on what my mode of procedure should be in the event of being attacked; and at last a bright idea struck me, which I resolved to put into execution; but what it was I need not say until I relate how it succeeded. I had a presentiment that my turn was coming, and it behooved me to have ed. I had a presentiment that my turn was coming, and it behooved me to have recourse to my stratagem without loss of

Accordingly, I carried it into effect; at And Possession given 1st of May. least I made my preparations that very morning; and in the afternoon I rode into the town, a distance of several miles, Peb. 12, 1877.

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cheering news for me of course. Monestly,

approached me.

It must introduce myself, Mr. Redmond, he said, in a tone so easy and well-bred that nearer inspection at once satisfied that nearer inspection 'Gordon.' For a moment I paused, but only for a moment; the next I remember only for a moment; the next I remember of frequent mentions in my brother's letters of a certain Tom Gor-lon, who, from his account of him, was one of the

"Be sure and have the silver carried up in your own room every night, John," said my wife, when we were all seated at dinner the evening previous to the journey. me naturally to show my affection for him by great cordiality to his friend. In one of the last letters I had received, he mentioned the fact of Mr. Gordon having silver; why, it's worth ever so much!"

'Not so very much,' I answered carelessly, having observed, as I fancied, the black eyes of our maid fixed upon my daughter with a rather sharp expression; and remembering that she was a very recent arrival, I thought it advisable for one to detract from the value of the one possession of which I was extremely proud—my silver.

'Not so very much! John!' headlessly

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'Not so very much! John!' heedlessly exclaimed my wife; 'that old-fashioned solid silver not worth so very much! Just feel the weight of one spoon.'

It was a perfect Godsend to me, this timely arrival; though I did not put my feel the weight of one spoon.' exclaimed my wife; 'that old-fashioned solid silver not worth so very much! Just feel the weight of one spoon.'

'Well, we havent enough to make it worth any ones while to break into this house,' I said with a poor assumption of indifference on the subject.

'O, John' and 'O, papa!' resounded on all sides, which was followed up by n, wife adding, as if to improve matters: 'I should not like my pearls to go. Nor shuld lenjoy hearing that my jewel case was gone. You must keep that hid under the bed, John.' The black eyed maid giggled audibly at this; at least I heard her. However, her duties compelled her to leave the room for a few minutes, and I took the advantage of her absence to rebuke them for their extreme thought lessness in having spoken so incutiously before her.

'It is actually putting temptation in her way. How do you know whe is not in the leave; I would not do it again. But it will be all right this time, John. We need to be affaind because if any one came you would be the first to heave then; and if Mary had took the excited animal. Be quick Rover, good dog; lie down it leaves them; and if Mary had took the excited animal.

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