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Procuring a badge and assuming an air of dignity and sternness, he was ushered into the presence of the scion of rebellion. Representing himself as a detective in the Secret Service of the Government, he informed the astonished Southerner that he must consider himself under arrest, at the same time giving him to understand that his mission was known, and his papers confiscated:

The dismay and confusion of the poor victim was painful to behold, and finally Papes, in his governmental character, agreed to settle the matter and allow his prisoner to escape, upon the payment of five thousand dollars, because, as he stated, "*he was opposed to locking anybody up.*"

The offer was eagerly accepted and the money paid over, after which Papes turned to the much-relieved gentleman, and said:

"You have bargained for your own safety, sir; not for the return of the papers found upon you. They must be turned over to the Government, and you must leave the city at once."

This the chivalric Confederate promised to do, and Papes redeemed his word by anonymously forwarding the contents of the wallet to the War Department, where they were afterwards found to be of valuable service in some very important operations.

Thus his life passed on until he reached the age of thirty years, when he was smitten with the charms of a daughter of a well-known thief then residing in Cleveland, Ohio, John Connolly, familiarly known as "Old Jack Connolly." For a time their married life was a happy one, three children being born to them, of which the father appeared to be very fond. He seemed to take a great interest in his household, providing liberally for his family, and furnishing his wife with many costly articles of jewellery and wearing apparel.

He did not, however, discontinue his operations in the "crooked" line, and as his ventures frequently compelled him to be absent from home for lengthy periods, and numerous temptations being offered to the pretty and somewhat lonely and susceptible wife, Papes soon discovered evidences of infidelity upon her part, which caused a separation. After this discovery his disposition underwent a change, and, instead of desiring and enjoying the comforts of home, he became a sort of wander-