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"The Man Who Disappeared."

CHAPTER IX.
Mr. Bud's Dark Hallway.
(Concluded.)
Mr. Bud proposed that they should go down to the saloon and 'tackle the soup.' Larcher could offer no reason for remaining where they were. As they rose to go, the young man looked at his fingers, soiled from the coal-stove on the covers.
"There's a bath-room on this floor; we can wash our hands there," said Mr. Bud, and, after closing up his own apartment, led the way, by the light matches, to a small cubicle at the rear of the passage, wherein were an ancient wood-encased bath-tub, two reluctant water-taps, and other products of a primitive age of plumbing. From this place, discarding the aid of light, Mr. Bud and his visitor felt their way down stairs.
"Yes," spoke Mr. Bud, as they descended in the darkness, "one 'ud almost imagine it was true about his bein' pursued with bad luck. To think of the young lady turnin' out staunch after all, an' his disappearin' just in time to miss the news! That beats me!"
"And how do you suppose the young lady feels about it?" said Larcher. "It breaks my heart to have nothing to report, when I see her. She's really an angel of a girl."
They emerged to the street, and Mr. Bud's mind recurred to the stranger he had run against in the hallway. When they had resumed themselves in the saloon, and the soup had been brought, the old man said to the bartender:
"I see there's a new comer, Mick?"
"Where?" asked Mick.
"In the house here. Somewhere up-stairs."
"If there is, he's a new one to me," said Mick, decidedly.
"What ain't there a new roomer come in since I was here last?"
"No, sir, there ain't there."

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up-town. Doubtless, thought he, the young man had caught the next car, and, by a coincidence, got off at the same street. He passed in, and the matter dropped from his mind.
But the next day, as he was coming out of the restaurant where he usually lunched, his look met that of the same neat, braced-up young man, who was standing in the vestibule of a theatre across the way. "It seems I am haunted by this gentleman," mused Larcher, and scrutinized him rapturously. Even across the street, Larcher was impressed anew with the young man's eagerness of expression, which owed much to a whimsical, amiable look about the mouth.
Two hours later, having turned aside on Broadway to greet an acquaintance, his roving eye fell again on the spruce young man, this time in the act of stepping into a saloon which Larcher had just passed. "By George, this is strange!" he exclaimed. "What?" asked his acquaintance.
"That's the fifth time I've seen the same man in two days. He's just come into that saloon."
"You're being shadowed by the police," said the other, jokingly. "What crime have you committed?"
The next afternoon, as Larcher stood on the stoop of the house in over Fifth Avenue, and glanced idly around while waiting for an answer to his ring, he beheld the young man coming down the other side of the avenue. "Now this is too much," said Larcher to himself, glaring across at the stranger, but instantly feeling rebuked by the innocent good humor that lurked about the stranger's mouth. As the young man came directly opposite, without having apparently noticed Larcher, the latter's attention was called away by the coming of the servant in response to the bell. He entered the house, and, as he awaited the announcement of his name to Miss Kenby, he asked himself whether this haunting of his footsteps might indeed be an intended act. "Do they think I may be in communication with Davenport?" and are they having me shadowed. That would be interesting." But this strange young man looked too intelligent, too refined, too superior in every way, for the trade of a shadowing detective. Besides, a "shadowing" would not, as a rule, appear on three successive days in precisely the same clothes and hat.
And yet, when Larcher left the house half an hour later, whom did he see gazing at the display in a publisher's window near by, on the same side of the street, but the young man? Larcher, as he went, was really being shadowed. Larcher walked straight to the young man's side, and stared questioningly at the young man's reflection in the plate glass. The young man glanced around in a casual manner, as at the sudden approach of a new-comer, and then resumed his contemplation of the books in the window. The amiability of the young man's countenance, the quizzical good nature of his dimpled face, disarmed resentment. Feeling somewhat foolish, Larcher feigned an interest in the show of books for a few seconds, and then went his way, leaving the young man before the window. Larcher presently looked back; the young man was still there, still gazing at the books. Apparently he was not taking further notice of Larcher's movements. This was the end of Larcher's odd experience; he did not again have reason to suppose himself followed.
The third time Larcher called to see Miss Kenby after this, he had not been seated five minutes when there came a gentle knock at the door. Florence rose and opened it.
"I beg your pardon, Miss Kenby," said a very masculine, almost husky voice in the hall; "these are the cigars I was speaking of to your father. May I leave them?"
"Oh, come in, come in, Mr. Turl," called out Miss Kenby's father himself from the fire-side.
"Thank you, no; I won't intrude." "But you must; I want to see you." Mr. Kenby insisted, fustily getting to his feet.
Larcher asked himself where he had heard the name of Turl. Before his memory could answer the person addressed by that name entered the room in a politely hesitating manner, bowed, and stood waiting for father and daughter to be seated. He was none other than the smooth-faced, pleasant-looking young man with the trim appearance and erect attitude, Larcher sat open-eyed and dumb.
Mr. Kenby was for not only throwing his attention entirely around the newcomer, but for snubbing Larcher utterly forthwith; seeing which, Florence took upon herself the office of introducing the two young men. Mr. Turl, in resting his eyes on Larcher, showed no consciousness of having encountered him before. They were blue eyes, clear and soft, and with something kind and well-wishing in their look. Larcher found the whole face, now that it was animated with a sense of his existence, pleasant rather than ever. He found himself attracted by it; and all the more for that did he wonder at the young man's appearance in the house of his acquaintances, after those numerous appearances in his wake in the street.

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- Barter, Mrs. J., card
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- Crawford, Charles L.
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