

revealed an ordinary high bedstead, with simple coverlets, and furnishings of equal plainness.

Seated on a splint-bottomed chair, high-backed and placed near the window which opened on the street, his elbow resting at ease upon the sill, was a man about forty years of age, of swarthy complexion, and with black eyes and hair, the latter showing a few streaks of silver. He was below the ordinary stature, quite stout, displaying a double chin, with smooth-shaven face, except a small tuft of whiskers in front of each ear. The forehead was so high, and the hair so scant on the crown, as to indicate approaching baldness.

He was in the uniform of a major-general of the American army, with blue coat and yellow facings, double-breasted, and fastened to the broad, open collar. Above this was the high stock, encircling the throat, and the shoulders were ornamented with gold epaulettes, indicating the high rank of the officer. His three-cornered hat lay on the floor beside his chair, and his buff gloves had been flung carelessly into it. The usual sword was upon his left hip, and his boots reached almost to his knees, where the bottom of the buff breeches were buttoned.

While talking, he had a curious habit of drawing with one hand the boot of his crossed leg nearer to his body, since the smooth cloth and his own