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"No; I don't." "Who else could it possibly

"Perhaps we can best find out by discovering who left the drawing here.'

'That looks like something of a job."

"Not very formidable, I think. Suppose we run up to the village and ask the local stationer who has bought any tracing-paper there within a day or two."

As the demand for tracingpaper in Martindale Center was small, the stationer upon being called on, had no difficulty in recalling that Elder Dennett had been in that afternoon and made such a purchase.

"Then he must have discovered something after I left him," said Kent to Sedgwick, "for he never could have kept his secret if he'd had it then."

"But what motive could he have?" cried the artist.

"Just mischief, probably. That's enough motive for his sort.' Turning to the store-keeper Kent asked: "Do you happen to know how Mr. Dennett spent the early part of this afternoon?"

"I surely do. He was up to Dimmock's rummage auction, an' he got something there that tickled him like a feather. But he

wouldn't let on what it was."
"The original!" said Sedgwick. "What does Dimmock deal in?"

"All kinds of odds and ends. He scrapes the country for bankrupt sales, an' has a big auction once a year. Everybody goes. You can find anything from a plough-handle to a second-hand marriage certificate at his place."

"We now call on Elder Dennett," said Kent.

That worthy was about closing up shop when they entered.

"Don't your lamp work right,

yet, Professor Kent?" he inquired.
"Perfectly," responded the
scientist. "We have come to see you on another matter, Mr. Sedgwick and I."

'First, let me thank you," said Sedgwick, "for that curious work of art which you left at my place." "Hay-ee?" inquired the Elder,

with a rising inflection. "Don't take the trouble to lie about it," put in Kent. "Just show us the original of the draw-

ing which you traced so handily." The town gossip shifted uneasily from foot to foot. "How'd you know I got the picture?" he giggled. "I didn't find it, myself, till I got back from the auction."

"Never mind the process. Have you the original here?"

"Yes," said Elder Dennett; and, going to his desk he brought back a square of heavy bluish paper, slightly discolored at the edges.

"That's a very good bit of drawing," said Sedgwick, as he and Kent bent over the paper.

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