

no use arguing. The minister sought gallantly to pray and impart spiritual instruction to the doomed man, but I will not put down here the profane interruptions and scoffings of Mark. The time went by and soon we marched out to the scaffold. Mark paused before the signal was given and turned to me.

"Gentlemen, there is a man whose life I saved seven years ago. He would have been buried in a hollow tree only I saved him. But there he stands and never offers to take my place up here. Well, Wilson, you always were a thankless brute and I

told you so once before. Mind you send that money or I'll lay for you at the edge of the hot lake."

It was over in four minutes. I sent the money as directed so that I could never blame myself, but after it had remained idly there for a year I recovered it. No such woman could be found trace of; and I think it was an eccentric prank of my friend and preserver.

So it has been shown how the first time I met him he saved my life; the second time I met him he tried to take my life, and the third time I met him I saw him hanged.

(THEEN D.)

