

Mr. Law:—"I repaired the wire, Sir, but what made me so long was, while I was testing the line to find out if it was working, I overheard a conversation, and it sounded like a German was asking somebody to corner the corn market. It took me quite a long while before I understood what he said, so after the conversation was over I rung up Gerrome 456 to make certain, and I tried to speak like him, by luck I got the number alright."

Mr. Whats:—"Why that's the very man that gave the operator trouble about an hour ago. She thought that he was a German and I thought the very same. I shall ring up Scotland Yard, Inspector Hole, and give him the information, I shall not lose anything, and it's right that I should do duty for my King and Country."

Mr. Whats rings up Scotland Yard:—"Hullo! Hullo! is that you?"

Inspector Hole:—"Yes, yes, who's speaking?"

Mr. Whats:—"Exchange."

Mr. Hole:—"Oh, that you Mr. Whats?"

Mr. Whats:—"Yes, yes."

Mr. Hole:—"Well Mr. Whats, how are you this morning?"

Mr. Whats:—"Very well, never felt better in all my life, but a little troubled. You might send along one of your most competent men."

Mr. Hole:—"Very good, Mr. Whats, I shall send him at once. To your private address or to the exchange?"

Mr. Whats:—"Tell him to ask for me at the office, I shall be here waiting. It is very important, Mr. Hole."

Mr. Hole:—"Very good, Mr. Whats, I shall send him to you right away."

Mr. Whats:—"Very good, Mr. Hole, I shall see you later, good bye."

Mr. Green arrives at the office in disguise:—"Can I see Mr. Whats, please?"

Porter:—"I think Mr. Whats is very busy, he told me that no one should be admitted."

Mr. Green:—"Give Mr. Whats my card immediately."

Porter:—"Very good Sir, I will deliver the card."

Mr. Whats:—"Alright, show him in Porter."

Porter:—"Sir please come this way."

Mr. Whats:—"Good morning Mr. Green."

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Mr. Whats:—"Sit down, we have no time to lose, and I am very busy. There was a person 'phoned this morning, and the operator could not understand what he wanted, he gave us a lot of trouble. I