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work he had in hand. But the lawyer would not listen. He was sincerely sorry for what had happened, but it could not be helped.

'Brandy did it!' cried the friend, 'and you'll be so foolish as to appeal to such fatal arbitrament as that brandy did?'

'No, no,' said Bishop, with a shake of the head; 'we cannot lay the blame upon the brandy. It is the meddling uncles to our souls. They who toys with edged tools must blame them when they cut.'

'Whatever influence liquor may have in this business, I am wholly

The same friend of Fernleigh, whom his counting room spoke as he had said, The merchant, but declared motion of the

