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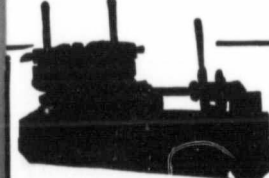
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"Did you leave that there?" he asked.

"I hung it across the back of the chair," answered Sedgwick.

"North window closed?"

"Yes, as you see it now."

"And west one open?"

"Nothing has been changed, I tell you, except this," Sedgwick's hand, outstretched toward the destroyed portrait, condensed itself involuntarily into a knotty fist.

"The lock of the door hasn't been tampered with," said Kent. "As for this open window," he leaned out, looking around, "any man gaining access here must have used a ladder, which is unlikely in broad daylight."

"How about a pass-key for the door?"

"There's a simpler solution near at hand, I fancy. You didn't chance to notice that things have happened to the coat, as well as to the easel."

"Then the invader went through the coat and, not finding what he was looking for, smashed my picture," cried Sedgwick.

"Through the coat, certainly,"

agreed Kent, with his quiet smile.

"Now hang it across the chair

back just as it was, please."

Sedgwick took the Norfolk jacket

from him. "Why, there's a

hole through it!" he exclaimed.

"Exactly: the path of the in-
vader."

"A bullet!"

"Right again. Instead of mur-
dering, as you pine to do, you've
been murdered. That the pic-
was destroyed is merely a bit of
ill fortune. That you weren't in-
side the coat when the bullet went
through it and cut the prop from
your easel, is a bit of the other
kind. Hang up the coat please."

Sedgwick obeyed.

"There," said Kent viewing the
result from the window. "At a
distance of, say, a quarter of a
mile, that arrangement of coat
and cap would look uncommonly
like a man sitting in a chair be-
fore his work. At least, I should
think so. And yonder thicket on
the hillside," he added, looking
out of the window again, "is just
about that distance, and seems to
be the only spot in sight giving a
straight range. Suppose we run
up there."

Sound as was his condition,
Sedgwick was panting when he
brought up at the spot, some
yards behind his long-limbed
leader. As the scientist had sur-
mised, the arrangement of coat
and cap in the studio presented,
at that distance, an excellent
simulacrum of the rear view of a
man lounging in a chair. Bidding
the artist stay outside the copse,
Kent entered on hands and knees
and made extended exploration.
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