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Once a friend of mine came to grief through the stupidity of his messenger or rather of his substitute. The regular youth had gone on a fishing excursion on that particular Sunday and engaged a comrade to deliver the summons. About the time the parson had reached "thirdly" the new boy walked into church and up to the young doctor's pew. Then, with ragged cap in hand he said:

"Please, Dr. Tonner, Jimmy Barney says you wants to be called out o'church when the minister's preachin' and I've come for you cos Jimmy's gone a fishin'."

Three weeks of the four were gone and no practice. Charley Bliss dropped in to see me occasionally and we talked about old times, new times and coming times, though somehow I couldn't venture to tell him of my approaching marriage. We went one afternoon for a row on the lake; while we were on the water one of the thole pins gave way and a new one was wanted. Some pins were lying under the seat and I speedily fished them out; they were too large but I whittled one of them down and fitted it to its place. The knife was a large one which I bought of a strolling peddler while at college. It frequently lay on the desk in my office and one day I scratched my initials on the handle without forgetting the professional honors. "F. M., M. D." was the result of my labors with the point of a scalpel which served as an engraving tool. Somebody came in while I was at work upon it and wanted my opinion concerning a bottle of cough mixture he had just bought. I was civil, polite even, but as he offered no fee I did not suspend operations during his visit.

While I was adjusting the thole pin the knife slipped from my hand and went down to the bottom of the lake. As the water was about sixty feet deep I did not think it worth my while to follow the specimen of Sheffield's industry in the hope of recovering it. Had I known the future importance of that knife I might have risked a dive or two.

That evening I was at Kate's side. David was instructed not to call me out and so our tete-a-tete was uninterrupted until it was time for me to go home. Just before we separated at the gate she referred to the approaching event and added:

"I'm real glad, Fred, you're getting into so good a practice and we shall have something to start with in housekeeping. What a pity Mr. Brown did not send for you instead of Dr. Bassett."

Mr. Brown was a well-to-do citizen who who wouldn't let me experiment with his fever.

"Never mind Mr. Brown," I answered, "I'll have a good fee out of him yet," and with that I made my adieu and departed.

Kate passed the next day and evening at her aunt's and so I had nothing to do when the shades of night fell. I took a moonlight stroll around the lake and among the hills and it was after midnight when I came home and went to bed.

Next morning when the sun was done tinging the hilltops above the village and was mounting into the sky I was roused by a knocking at the door. I did not rise with alacrity and was not in the best of temper as I stepped into my clothes and prepared to see my visitor. I am sure I presented an unamiable appearance and was not as calm as was my wont. I was dreaming of Kate at the moment I was awakened and it wasn't pleasant to be summoned thus to the sober realities of life.

The man wanted something for a child suffering from an over-dose of plum pudding. I gave him a simple remedy and received my first fee, half a dollar, which included the medicine.

I unlocked my desk in search of some paper in which to wrap the medicine. Something green and soiled lay there, but I did not observe it particularly, as I was not fully awake and the desk was in a dark corner. I had been experimenting with litmus paper and acids and presumed, if I presumed anything, that this was one of the slips I had dipped in some coloring liquid and reserved for future use and examination.

When my patron had gone I returned to bed, to sleep, perchance to dream. And in that sleep what dreams may (and did) come.

Half an hour after I was again aroused, and this time three men entered, one of them being my late customer.

"Success has come at last," I remarked to myself. "An epidemic of plum-pudding has broken out among the children, and I shall be prosperous and happy."

"Dr. Morton," said one of the strangers, "this is a very serious case."

"Quite likely," I answered, "but not at all dangerous. What are the symptoms?"

"You probably know yourself."

"Is it the same case?" I asked as I turned to him who had waked and called me early.

The three exchanged glances and then one of them said it was.

"Has there been any alarming development?" was my next query.

"Rather, especially for you," was the response.

"What is the matter?" I asked. "Explain yourself."

"This is the matter," said one of the trio, and as he spoke he advanced to my desk. I had left the key in the lock when I wrapped up the medicine for my fifty-cent customer and it was still there. The stranger laid his hand upon the key and I sprang forward.

"Stop, sir!" I shouted. "What do you mean by opening my desk without permission?"

"I want to see what is in it."

"Not unless I choose," was my angry response.

"Well, what have you there?"

"It is none of your business what I have."

"It is my business and you had better tell me."

I ordered the men to leave my office instantly and used some sharp words in giving expression to my wishes. They did not go, but listened with a strange sort of patience to what I had to say. After a time I cooled a little and sat down and told them there was nothing in the desk except a few scraps of paper, half a dozen letters and some of the instruments and medicines that formed my stock in trade.

"Is there any money there?" said the man who had spoken.

"Money! Certainly not," I answered, and I laughed at the idea. "What little money I have is here," and I exhibited a pocket-book so thin as to suggest experiments in a rolling mill.

With an air of triumph I returned my pocketbook to its place and told my visitors they had better go. As they declined to do so I became sarcastic and quizzed them about the weather or anything else that occurred to me. In this way perhaps half an hour was passed when there was another knock and the door was opened by one of my visitors.

A fourth man entered and presented a paper. It was a warrant for my arrest!

While I stood fairly dumb with astonishment one of the men opened my desk and called the others and myself to observe that two national bank notes of $100 each were lying among the letters and paper scraps.

I was led away to the office of the magistrate who had issued the warrant and there learned the reason of my arrest. The case was so strong against me that I was committed at once; the grand jury was in session, and they promptly found an indictment against me and I was ordered to trial.

This was the showing against me:

People retire early in Kingsville and you rarely see a light burning there after 11 o'clock. About 11.30 on the night before my arrest one of Mr. Brown's sons heard a slight noise in the kitchen; going to a window which overlooked the kitchen he saw a man leave the door and dart into the shadow of the trees near by. The son alarmed the household and it was soon found that a bureau in the paternal Brown's bedroom had been opened and several articles stolen, the most important being two national bank notes of $100 each.

Early in the morning the news of the robbery was circulated. Suspicion did not fall upon anyone until the man who called upon me to prescribe for the pudding-surfeited child (the case was genuine) happened to mention what he knew. He stood by my desk as I prepared the medicine; and when I opened it in search of a piece of wrapping paper his eye rested on a bank note of a hundred dollars. He thought it very odd that a young doctor should have a bill of that denomination, and when he heard of the robbery he naturally mentioned what he had seen.

The bureau had evidently been forced open with a strong knife or some similar implement. Soon after my patron had told his story a boy found a knife under the trees where the robber was seen to go by young Brown.

It was a large sized knife and bore the initials "F.M., M.D."

The warrant for my arrest was sought at once, and while one man went to the magistrate to obtain it the three came to my office as I have narrated. The officious individual was one of the town supervisors.

I protested my innocence, but to no purpose. Circumstances were too much against me. I engaged a young lawyer to defend me and convinced him that my story was true, though it required some time for me to do so. Besides my lawyer, Kate was the only person in all Kingsville who did not believe me guilty. She, poor girl, was in the deepest grief. Her father refused to allow her to visit me in jail, but Bently, my lawyer, called upon her and brought me some comforting messages. She wrote me daily, encouraging me to hope that all would be explained and I would be triumphantly vindicated.

The day of the trial came. The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity, as the case had acquired much local celebrity, and everybody was anxious to see the young doctor who had suddenly become a burglar. Comments on my appearance were unfavorable, and it was surprising how many people could read "crime" in my face. I should have thought myself a rascal if I had not possessed good reasons for believing I was nothing of the sort.

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Is Everybody Drunk?

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We had not gone far before the wagon began to wobble. Said I, "Judge, I think your coachman has taken a drop too much."

Putting his head out of the window, the judge shouted: "Why, you infernal scoundrel, you are drunk!"

Turning round with great gravity, the coachman said: "Be dad! but that's the firs' rightful s'cision your honor's giv'n 'twel'mont!"

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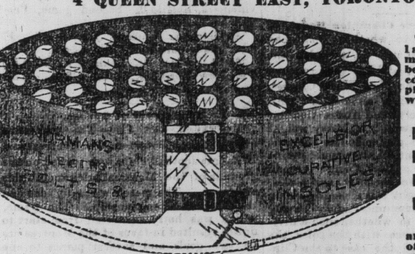

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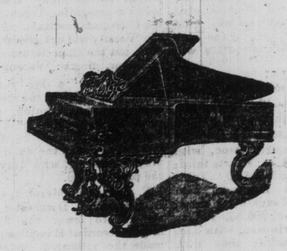

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