

# World's Greatest Short Stories

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## A LODGING FOR THE NIGHT

By Robert Louis Stevenson



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BOOTH TARKINGTON

Twenty-four famous authors were asked recently to name the best short story in the English language. The choice of Booth Tarkington, Jack London, Alfred Henry Lewis and Richard Harding Davis was "A Lodging for the Night," by Robert Louis Stevenson.

PART I.

IT was late in November, 1458. The snow fell over Paris with rigorous, relentless persistence. Sometimes the wind made a sally and scattered it in flying volleys; sometimes there was a lull, and flakes of white descended out of the black night air, silent, circuitous, interminable.

The cemetery of St. John had taken its own share of the snow. The clock was hard on 10 when the patrol went by with barbed and a lantern, beating their hands, and they saw nothing suspicious about the cemetery of St. John.

Yet there was a small house, backed up against the cemetery wall, which was still awake, and awake to evil purpose. In that snoring district. There was not much to betray it from without, only a stream of warm vapor from the chimney top, a patch where the snow melted on the roof and a few half obliterated footprints at the door.

On the right Villon and Guy Tabary were huddled together over a scrap of parchment, Villon making a ballad which he was to call the "Ballad of Roses, Fish, and Tabary" spluttering admiration at his shoulder. The poet was a man, dark, little and thin.

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and for another, the look of the dead man with his bald head and garland of red curls. Both struck cold upon his heart, and he kept quickening his pace as if he could escape from unpleasant thoughts by mere feet.

While these thoughts were passing through his mind he was feeling half mechanically for his purse. Suddenly his heart stopped beating. A feeling of cold scales passed up the back of his legs and a cold blow seemed to fall upon his scalp.

He returned to the hotel with the porch and groped about upon the snow for the money he had thrown away in his childish passion. But he could only find one white, and he had probably lost the other, and he sank deeply in.

He ran there all the way and knocked timidly. There was no answer. He knocked again and again, and then with every stroke, and at last steps were heard approaching from within.

Montigny recovered his composure first. "Let's see what he has about him," he remarked, and he poked the dead man's pockets with a practiced hand and divided the money into four equal portions on the table.

Montigny and Dom Nicolas hunched about, even Tabary feebly chiming in. "Cry baby!" said the monk.

The wind had triumphed and swept all the clouds from heaven. Only a few vapors as if from the stars. It was fed rapidly across the street. His effect, things seemed almost more difficult than in the broadest daylight.

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HERE'S WHAT GOOD EDUCATION MEANS. — LOS ANGELES, July 4.—What are the evidences of a good education? This was the question asked by Dr. W. A. Plummer, president of the Principals' Club, of the school principals. Here are some of the answers:

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## Entries to W.O.B.A. Tourney Close With Secretary Tillman On Thursday of This Week

Nineteenth Annual Competition Promises to be the Biggest in History—Tournament Starts at 2 o'Clock on Monday July 20.

LONDON, July 14.—The beautiful Western Ontario Bowling Association's pamphlet announcing the nineteenth annual tournament of the W. O. B. A. has been mailed broadcast by Honorary Secretary-Treasurer "Tony" Tillman, who has expressed himself perfectly satisfied that this year will see all records of attendance broken.

One of the most important things the tournament committee wishes to impress the bowlers with is the fact that entries must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Thursday July 16, at 6 p.m.; the draw will be made that evening and published in the Free Press on Saturday morning.

W. B. Smith of the Toronto Victorias, who was runner up when Dr. Del Marr, of Ridgeway, won the Labatt trophy, is coming. Sir John Willison, W. B. Wigmore, Charles O. Knowles, one of the most prominent bowlers in Canada; J. Meek, W. Moon, W. B. Graham, John Miller also of Toronto, have entered rinks.

Aylmer is sending five rinks, including Aylmer's 1913 winners of the tournament, Billy Jackson and his old time Clinton rink, which will include Dan Forrester, is also looking forward to next Monday.

Programme. First match, Labatt trophy game, 15 ends, final game 21 ends. Open to any four adult members of the club club. Trophy to be held by the club whose rink shall win it three times.

Second match, Tecumseh trophy, game 15 ends. For all rinks defeated in first match, excepting the winner of second prize. Trophy to become the property of the club whose rink shall win it three times.

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President Barrow of the International League, issued a statement in which it is shown that every club in his circuit is standing on its own bottom. The question of depriving the majors from Class AA leagues will be upheld this fall. He also states that he knows positively that several clubs in the Federal League are being carried along with money which was gained by other means than attendance.

Coroner's juries return at Toronto, open verdicts at inquests on two bodies floating in the bay. It is reported that Mr. Harry More may resign his Nipissing seat in favor of Hon. Dr. Reaume.

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