

wakken Chrisopher up and ask him this question. I'm going to tell ye; a crown he jumps up as if th' Devil had him. . . Robert's th' lad for a bit o' fun yet. . . 'Chris-tophier' ye'll say. . . "

Wilson had set down his glass and was looking piercingly on the face of the drunken man. Suddenly he arose and thrust Jaques back into the chair.

"Sit down, he said "and answer me "

"Ay. . . I were going to tell ye. . . "

The crown piece slipped from his fingers as Wilson shook him, and rolled across the floor.

"Nav. I ha' lost it," Jaques muttered: "I'd ha' wagered a crown Christopher 'd ah' jumped. . . as if th' Devil had him. . . thickhead! . . . it werena so thick. . . "

Wilson had whispered to one or two of the men and now looked heavily down on Jaques. He spoke low and perfectly sob-

erly, and a great dread had gathered on his brow.

"Robert Jaques we winna hear ye to-night. What's said i' liquor may pass wi' th' liquor we winna hear ye. Gin ve ha' aught say i' t' morning—listen, man we're going home. We're going to find thee i' th' road wi' a cut head—Nay, 'tis no use; bring him out o' this some o' ye. . . "

He took the jug of water from the table. The jaw of the snoring landlord had dropped, and his breathing came heavily and short. His bald head shone in the light of the lamp, and the men glanced fearfully at him as they took Jaques by the shoulders. None spoke. They passed through the larder and sculleries to the back door of the inn. The wind had fallen somewhat, but the clouds sped ceaselessly across the sky, and a dog howled in a kennel.



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