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, you *know* it would
with ten times this
placed myself in this
my word like a man
doing the thing done

see you here a half-

of sundry drinks ;
so, that Craig was
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exposing myself,
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had determined

to see me, I soon

the money ?"
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ally said :

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"I haven't the honour of your acquaintance, sir, and there-
fore cannot imagine to what you allude."

If the Sauganash Hotel had fallen upon me, I could not have
been more surprised, or, for the moment, overwhelmed.

But this lasted but for a moment. I saw that my fine plan
had fallen to the ground like a house of straw. Yelverson had
not been located ; probably no counterfeit money could be
found upon Craig ; and there was only my own almost un-
supported evidence as to the entire transaction, as the reader
has been given it ; but I also saw that there was only one thing
to do, and that was to make Mr. Craig my prisoner. I there-
fore said :

"All right, John Craig ; you have played your game well,
but there are always at least two at a really interesting game,
and I shall have to take you into custody on the charge of
counterfeiting."

I gave the signal to the officer, and Craig was at once
arrested ; but he fairly turned the tables upon me then by his
assumed dignity and gentlemanly bearing. Quite a crowd
gathered about, and considerable sympathy was expressed for
the stately, gray-haired man who was being borne into captivity
by the green-looking countryman cooper from Dundee.

Not a dollar in counterfeit money was found upon Craig, as
I had feared. He was taken to Geneva, in Kane County,
lodged in jail, and, after the preliminary examination, admitted
to bail in a large sum. While awaiting the arrival of friends
to furnish the required bonds, he was remanded ; and it was
soon noticed by the frequenters of the place that Craig and the
sheriff, whose apartments were in the jail building, had become
very intimate. He was shown every courtesy and favour possi-
ble under the circumstances, and the result was that the com-
munity was suddenly startled to learn that the now famous
counterfeiter had mysteriously escaped—leaving, it was said,
the sheriff of Kane County considerably richer in this world's
goods from the unfortunate occurrence.

This was the outcome of the matter ; but though this great
criminal, through the perfidy of an official, had escaped punish-
ment, the affair was worth everything to the Wisconsin Fire
and Marine Insurance Company in particular, and the entire