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# "The Mystery of Agatha Webb"

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Loton, who was the keeper of a small confectionery and bakery store one one of the side streets leading up the hill, shifted uneasily between his two interrogators and finally addressed himself to the coroner:

felt so at night, but I was sure of it in "A watch repairer. A man of estimathe morning. A brand new bill, sir; ble character. a—but that isn't the queerest part. I
was asleep, sir, and dreaming of my
courting days, for I asked Sally at the
circus, sirs, and the band playing on
the hill made me think of it when I
was suddenly shook awake by Sally
ble character."

"And Sylvester Chubb?"

"A farmer who, to support his mother, wife and seven children, works
from morning until sundown on his
farm and from sundown until 11
o'clock at night on little fancy artiherself, who says she hadn't slept a wink for listening to the music and wishing she was a girl agin. 'There's a man at the shop door!' cries she. 'He's a-calling of you. Go and see what he wants.' I was mad at being wakened. Dreaming is pleasant, especially when clowns and kissing get mixed up in it, but duty is duty, and so into the shop I stumbled, swearing a bit perhaps, for I hadn't stopped for a light, and it was as dark as double shutters could make it. The hammering had



ceased.
"'What is it?' I cried. 'Who's there, and what do you want?'

"A trembling voice answered me. 'Let me in,' it said. 'I want to buy something to eat. For God's sake open

was late and I did not know the voice, but something in the impatient rattling

"Very likely, but tell me something first about these persons," urged Knapp. "Who is Edward Hope?"

cles he cuts out from wood and sells in Boston."
"John Barker, Thomas Elder, Timo-

"All good men. I can vouch for every

"And John Zabel, James Zabel? "And John Zabel, James Zabel?"

"Ah! You might as well ask about ourselves. Irreproachable, both of them. Quite famous shipbuilders once, but the change to iron shipbuilding has quite thrown them out of that. Pity, too, for they were remarkable builders. By the by, Fenton, we don't see them at church or in the docks

They keep very much to them-Getting old, like ourselves,

Talbot."

"Lively boys once. We must hunt them up, Fenton. Can't bear to see old friends drop out of good company. But this isn't business. You need not pause over their names, Knapp."

But Knapp had slipped out. We will follow him.

Walking briskly down the street he went up the steps of a certain house and rang the bell. A gentleman with a face not entirely unknown to us

face not entirely unknown to us

The detective did not pause for pre-

"Are you Mr. Crane," he asked, "the oming out of Mrs. Webb's house last

"I am Mr. Crane," was the slightly surprised rejoinder, "and I was run against by a man there, yes."

"Very well," remarked the detective quietly. "My name is Knapp. I have been sent from Boston to look into this matter, and I have an idea that you can help me more than any other man "I don't know why I obeyed, for it here in Sutherlandtown. Who was this person who came in contact with you so violently? You know, even if you

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