

made me gasp. For several days before, Esther Devarney mentioned that while she was on her way to the Lodge she met Mart Farnam walking *away* from the Lodge. His own statement substantiated that. He said that he had been at a place called Nixon's Cross Roads drinking moonshine liquor. He also said that he went straight on home, which statement was given the lie by young Devarney's remark that Farnam had turned around.

"In brief—Farnam had met the girl, waited until she had gone a considerable distance, and had then turned to follow her!

"Both he and the girl admitted that they had quarrelled more or less when they met on the road. They both said that he was drunk. Therefore, there must have been some sinister motive in his trailing of her . . . but most important of all, if he followed her and she went to the Lodge, he too, must have gone to the Lodge!

"And having once convinced myself that Mart Farnam had gone back to the Lodge on the evening of the ninth, I remembered that he had lied about it. And no man lies about a thing like that unless he has something to conceal.