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Rubens had just had an audience with Louvre, but did not possess a hel-ler. What should be do? The tavern keeper would not reason, but wanted to see cash, under any circumstances money must be procured.

The artist took a small picture of his own from the wall and asked in a note written to one of his friends 1,200 lire for it. Half an hour later the messenger resurned, saying that the gentleman

would pay only 800 lire for it. Rubens was furious, threw the picture on the ground and stamped upon it, while the host was still more furious, as his hopes, through this "daub," to get money were dispelled. He wanted to put his guest out on the pavement immediately, when Rubens gave his word of honor that he would pay his debt within eight

days.
With these words Rubens hurried up stairs and locked the door. He left the \$00m very seldom and never without taking the key with him. A week later he appeared before his host with a little band trunk with these words:

"I have kept my promise. Upon the table is my room you will find more money then I owe you. Farewell, sir

Then he left the inhospitable house with the mien of a grand seigneur, who had given rich alms.

The tavern keeper burried up the stairs to the artist's room. The door stood open and the mass of money which was spread upon the table met his gaze. Fourfold Louis, double Louis, dollars and half dollars lay there in gay confusion. Naturally the good man thought he must quickly put his money in a safe place, but what astonishment and fury he showed when, upon touching a gold piece, he found that it was only painted! The miser, the tramp, had fooled him!

But his anger lessened somewhat when he saw on the walls the rich clothing that had been left by the painter. From the sale of this he could cover a great part of the debt. He reached for a cherry colored velvet mantle-what disappointment! That, too, like the other garments and the glittering gold, was only

The unhappy bost was pitied by all his friends who heard it.

The story became further known and Distinguished people streamed to the modest tavern to hear of Rubens' gay trick from the host himself and see the painted clothing—the table had been put in the garret as the owner wanted it out of sight-and many a dollar was spent in the tavern for the purpose of seeing

One day a rich Englishman who doted on art was accidentally told of the de-ceptive table by the tavern keeper. He saked to see the table, admired it and offered to give the host as much cash in French gold and silver ooins as was painted on the table. Naturally the host accepted and was rid of this "disagreeable" piece of furniture -- Philadel-

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