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## The Old Crad Thinks It's Best to Stay in the Middle of theiStreet.

In his time the Old Grad had ex- Iden and congratulated myself on its perienced many things and his adyen- brilliance.
tures have frequently been of a very Presently, however, I heard footthrilling nature. Even now, in the steps on the walk at my left. At the quiet peacefulness of the sophomore's same time the person there seemed to study, he liked to plant the seeds of become aware of my presence. For reflection in the idle brain of his com-
panion by relating samptes of these time we continued without a
greeting, but at last he called out to panion by relating samptes of these ing out their application to the poiser able existence of the undergraduate "No." he said conclusively as placed himself before the warm, glowng stove and clasped his hands behin his back. "No, you must not judge people by first impressions. If you are reasonably certain that this new friend of yours is all right, why, by all mean let him share your room. But be sure of what youre getting. Dont size him You must know him personally

- think I can relate an experfenc my own that will make the idea
learer. It was in the days when like yourself. I was a sophomore With the usual recklessness of youth-which ear you possess in rather abpormal de-gree-I spent my allowance layishly and soon set a pace for the would-be wells of the college which they had much ado to equal. With poker and beer and various other little amusements 1 soon gained a notoriety that
I fear will impair my good name at hat excellent school as long as I am emembered there. I must confess that gambled heavily and would doubtless with the faculty had not the little in cident which 1 am about to relate brought me to a realization of the true character of the life I was leading and the chance acquaintances I had fallen into the habit of forming.
The Old Grad paused and stood for rome time in silent meditation. At last with an evident effort, he r
sumed.
"It was late when I left the club
house. The flickering arc-light glowed but feebly in the darkness of the winler night. and even as I closed the door behind me they reddened suddenly and then died out. A solitary belated street cat, like a frightencd rabbit, seurrled past on its way to the barn. The wind blew occasional flarries of grimy snow
against my face. The streets were de serted.
"Under these circumstances the long walk to my room would usually have been distasteful, but tonight it was the entire evening had been unusual panlons richer than when met them more than I care to say I am not coward, I think but times were hard and sinister tales of mysterious rob beries had long been floating about. was half-inclined to return and spend he night with my companions.
"But I reflected how they would
laugh at me. I would never hear the laugh at me. I would never hear the
last of the thing. So seldom did they last of the thing. So seldom did they
nave the chance to fosh me that they would never allow the opportunity to pass unnoticed. I continued resolutely pass unnotic
"For several blocks occasional office lights kept me company. My confidence enough to jingle lightly the money in my pocket. Sometimes, too a meeting with a policeman on his round did much to relleve my forebodings. But when the business part of town was passed the case was different. Each long, low terrace seemed to hide some lurking villian. Every alley contained, to my distorted fancy, some unsp?ak able ruman whom I momentarily expected to attack me. No comforting No shop lights bright guarded me now fore me. The old terror of wark bewhich I had not experienced since a child returned. My step quickened almost to a run.
"But if I ran the money in my pocket jingled most alarmingly. I slackened my pace again, and tried to think of some new scheme to avert the danger,
which I had convinced myself was threatening. But my fright increased at every step.
"Suddenly I had an insplration. If I walked in the middle of the street I would, at least, be free from surprise. I could not be attacked from behind would be clear. I acted at way ahead


## greeting, but

'Wretched night, isn't it?'
His voice was not the voice of a uffian. It was a pleasant volce. Resaured. I answered at once
Frightful. I think we're going to have a blizzard
" 'Shouldn't

Shouldn't wonder a bil,' he an

Anc apon my affirmative reply, uggested that we walk together. Here was an end to my troubles Together, I knew we should be safe accepted with alacrity.
int is seldom indeed that I have met ó, charming a gentleman as my compation seemed to be. Never have 1 onversed with a man whose views and deas coincided so closely with my own. My avorse authors were pets of mine. on actors were his gods. Our opinions dentical 1 was delighted with my new riend. I explained to him the reason for walking in the street. He laughed quietly.
'Do you know,' he said frankly, 'if e related a story very similar to mine He, too, was carrying more money than he felt comfortable with. He, too, had been in a small gathering of gentlemen that evening. and luck had favored him also. He chuckled again. It was with genuine regret that I turned to bid hini ood-night as I reached my'home. your company very much. may meet you again. much I hope I may meet you again.
hope you may,' he answered, and was puzzled at his laughing heartily. His own was in his coat pocket. 'Thank you.' he continued politely, 'but perhaps I should have told you that 1 never talk without remuneration. In ther words, pray pardon the slangcough up!'
"Now his
"Now his hand was out, but it beld a oaded revolver to my head

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