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### Right or Wrong?

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swiped it and wore it home, then they both laughed. I didn't laugh but went into the building and looked for the coat.

"It was hanging over the same chair.

"I went up and sat down beside it, looked through the pockets, there was a paper in one of them that had a name on it, James C. Hooker. I went over to the registrar's office and asked where I could find James C. Hooker. She replied that she did not know. That she thought that he had left school, as his cards had come back to her from all his classes.

"I went over to the library and took the coat.

"I wore the coat for several days and felt exceedingly good. Then I began to have a funny sensation as if some one was following me. I thought it was my conscience, and roared myself good and hard for several days, but it didn't do any good, things only got worse. It was bad enough in the day time to feel as if some one was dogging my steps, but at night, every sound, every shadow, every dog, every noise, was a torture. In my room I felt as if some one were back of my chair and about to choke me. I dared not turn around, but would sit in my chair and feel the goose flesh come out on my skin, and my hair would rise, and I would sit as if paralyzed, knowing that there was nothing behind me, yet not daring to turn my head. I wanted to scream but couldn't.

"Yesterday I lived in hell. I heard footsteps follow me all day. I felt the presence of a person beside me that I could not see, but a presence that followed me everywhere. Last night, I don't know whether I dreamt it or what, but a man came to my bedside and said, 'I am James C. Hooker. I am dead. You have my coat. You may keep it if you do what I ask of you. If you don't I will make you miserable the rest of your life. When I was alive I wrote a letter and put it in a Latin dictionary. I placed the dictionary behind the bound volumes of the Fortnightly Review. Now I want you to get that letter and mail it, for it is a very important letter. If you mail it you may keep the mackintosh. Remember! Now I come to you today to get you to help me find that letter. Won't you please help me?'"

Here Collins stopped abruptly, and knocked the ashes out of his pipe. "Did you look, did you find it?" I almost yelled.

"We are going to look tomorrow," he replied.

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