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THREE MINUTES TO TWELVE.
 On a cold December night some twenty years ago, when the earth was bound in a black frost, and the bitter wind blew strong and shrewdly, I was returning home from spending the evening at a friend's house, situated some three or four miles out of town. The sky was so black, the country lanes were so dark, that I was truly thankful when the scattered lights of an outlying suburb began to twinkle in the distance, and it was with a sigh of relief that I stepped under the first lamp post I came to, and looked at my watch. It was no easy task, for the lamp glass had a pane broken, and the strong wind blew the gas in all directions and almost extinguished it.

I read the time at last—three minutes to twelve—and, looking up from the watch face, I started to see a man standing close opposite me. I had heard nothing of his approach. We looked at each other but a moment, yet it was sufficient time to imprint his features indelibly on my memory. A tall, shabby man, in a threadbare, black frock coat, and a seedy, tall hat; his face lantern jawed and sallow, his eyes sunken and lusterless, his beard long and ill trimmed. In a tone of elaborate civility he asked me the time, thanked me for my answer, and, giving me good night, passed into the black darkness, which seemed to engulf him like a grave.

I turned the moment to think of his lonely walk in that grim obscurity, and resumed my lonely way, laughing at myself for the start he had given me, and reflected that the strong wind had blown away the sound of his approach. I thought of him as I sat and smoked my pipe over my fire, and felt a comfortable shudder steal upon me as I imagined him facing the bitter blast in his tattered clothing.

In the course of a week or two the incident—trifling enough, heaven knows—faded from my memory, and I thought no more of it. In those days I was actively engaged in the timber trade, and the course of my business took me great deal about the country, and brought me largely in contact with the agents of the different noblemen and country gentlemen of the district. With one of the agents who resided near the country town of L., I had numerous transactions, and I used to often run down to L. to meet him, for the town was only fifteen miles away, and was on a line of railroad. It was a dull little hole enough, that only varied up into life when the militia were out on the sabbath were on.

One night I returned from L., having made a large purchase from my friend the agent, whose master, a sporting nobleman, was reduced to cut down the family timber. When I feel asleep that night I had a very simple but vivid dream. I thought I was standing on a lofty hill. By my side stood a veiled figure, who, with a commanding gesture, motioned me toward the town of L., which lay in the far distance. Then I awoke. Of course I explained the thing to myself easily enough. I had been a good deal engaged in the neighborhood of the piece, and had large ventures more or less remotely connected with it. Still the dream was so vivid that I could not dismiss it from my thoughts during the whole of the day, and when I went to bed at night I wondered if I would again visit him.

It did come again, precisely the same dream, in precisely the same manner. Once more I found a convincing explanation. Doubtless I had been thinking too much about the first dream, and this had given rise to the second. But my explanation did not convince me in the least. Again I was haunted by the thing throughout the day, and when I came home at night my preoccupation was so evident that it attracted the attention of my wife. She questioned me upon the cause, and, only too thankful to unburden myself of what was now almost a trouble, I told her about the dream and its repetition. She had the tact not to laugh at me, but was evidently little impressed by the narrative.

The third night it came again, if anything more vividly than before. This time I was utterly unhinged; the pale face that fronted me in the looking glass was hardly recognizable for my own. I went down to breakfast, filled with a foreboding of some misfortune—bad news in my letters—I knew not what.

The maid entered with the letter bag. "There," said my wife, passing a letter on which was the L. Postmark, "that breaks your dream, John."

I opened it hurriedly. It was from the agent, requesting me to meet him at L. that day at 1 o'clock, on a very difficult task that had arisen in the performance of his contract.

I was intensely relieved. Here was an opportunity to go to L., and perhaps the very fact of going would put me right. There were two fast trains to L. in the morning, but I decided to go by the first, regardless of the fact that I should have some hours to wait. So I found myself speeding away toward my destination.

The train was full. Pipes exhaled their fragrance. Newspapers were turned and flattened, and there was this intensely kind of morning conversation that prevails among men going off by an early train to their day's work. I soon discovered that I had fallen among a party of barristers, and their chief topic was a peculiarly interesting case, which was to be finished to-day at the L. sabbath.

"He must sum up against the prisoners," said a gentleman with a fair, florid face and long sandy whiskers, who wore a light overcoat and shepherd's plaid trousers. "The defense was a complete failure and deserved to be."

"It was certainly rather audacious," returned a clean shaven young man with a double eye-glass, who sat opposite me, "but I don't like circumstantial evidence."

"All evidence is more or less circumstantial," answered he of the florid complexion; "the man in the case is as clearly guilty in my mind as if there had been a dozen witnesses to stand by and see him do the deed. That's my opinion, Heywood." And the

oracle disappeared behind his newspaper.

Feeling glad to discover any topic that would divert my thoughts from their gloomy forebodings, I addressed myself to Heywood, the young barrister, with whom I had a slight acquaintance.

"You seem much interested in this trial that is going on," I said. "May I ask if you are engaged upon it?"

"No," he answered. "But it is a curious case. A man, a clerk dismissed from his employment, is accused of murdering the cashier of the firm. The evidence against him is entirely circumstantial; but the defense broke down at the most critical point, and case certainly looks very black for the prisoner."

The train was now slackening speed, and there was a general rising. I rose, too.

"Are you going to get out here?" said Mr. Heywood, opening the door, as we walked into the station. "Have you come down so early on business?"

"Yes," I said, wishing to goodness I knew what the immediate business was. "Nothing very urgent, though."

I added, half to myself, as I got out. "If you have the time to spare you had better turn in and hear the end of the trial," said Heywood. "The court will be crowded with ladies, no doubt, but I can struggle you into a corner."

Not knowing what to do with myself the next few hours I accepted the other with gratitude. I was soon seated in an obscure corner of a dingy, ill-lighted, ill-ventilated court house, which had not been for the seat waited from the numerous ladies who were present. One of these, a brown female of an objectionable appearance, known better, was just in front of me and blocked my view with an enormous bonnet. I could not see the prisoner, his counsel, or even the clock over his head, at which the people kept looking eagerly as the hour fixed for the recommencement of the trial approached.

At last there was a stir and bustle, caused by persons desiring to see the call for silence, and after a few preliminaries the summing commenced.

I listened the more intently because I could see nothing. The clear, cold, telling sentences cut deep into my consciousness. How distinct and convincing it all was! How all those minute facts, the mute testimony of footmarks and the like, arranged and distributed by that powerful intellect, known better, was just in front of me and blocked my view with an enormous bonnet. I could not see the prisoner, his counsel, or even the clock over his head, at which the people kept looking eagerly as the hour fixed for the recommencement of the trial approached.

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There was dead silence. I sprang to my feet as if compelled to do so by some unseen power, and looked toward the prisoner. His face was averted from me for the moment, but the looks of the people showed me that he was about to speak. Slowly he turned around, and, in a voice whose deep, earnest tones could be heard all over the assembly, he said: "There lives but one man who can prove me innocent—and there he stands."

I saw a white face and outstretched arms he pointed—at me. I gazed at him with a sudden look of recognition. It was the man I had seen under the lamp. And, by a strange coincidence, at this moment the court clock struck twelve.

The plea that had been got up by the defense was an alibi. But there was a space of some two hours that would not be accounted for, and the theory of the prosecution was that the crime had been committed during this time. My evidence supplied the missing link, for the place in which I had seen the man was so far distant from the scene of the murder that it was impossible for him to have been anywhere near at the time of its commission.

And the dream! Only a coincidence, you will say, perhaps, or a fit of insinuation, or my timber contract. Nevertheless, as I have told you, so it happened. Explain it away who can.

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Burdette in the Hawkeye.

I talk about home because I am rarely there—and men like to talk most of what they know least about. There is no place like home. Even those who live in boarding houses touching warble that song. Home is more to a woman than to a man. A man who has no home is a social tramp. With a woman it is different; she wants a home, but does not always have a chance to get it. Woman feeds upon affection. She is never happy until she gets her ideal man, and then she is cast down to find another woman's photograph and love letter in his overcoat pocket.

But a man gets his home—lot, house mortgage, mechanic's lien and all. He has all but the mortgage, and the mortgage has him. All of a man's life, except what he spends at the store, club, caucus, lodge or prayer meeting, is spent in his home. He is great in his own house; if he is not a king, he is at least a prince consort. Many are the men who are being nominated for lieutenant governor, and who are being nominated for lieutenant governor, and who are being nominated for lieutenant governor.

ant governor ever since I was married. It is said that every home has a skeleton; but I don't believe it. It is only a thing of the imagination. Some regard a poor relation as a skeleton; but that is wrong. No man is poor for fun; he can't help it, and is entitled to your sympathy. Homes are brighter and better than they used to be. Our wives make them so. When a wife buys her husband a diamond pin for Christmas, it brightens home and the husband is made happy by receiving the bill ten days before Christmas.

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THE FUN OF IT.
 How the Vanderbilt Ball Looked to the New York Graphic.

Americans are not given to envy, but they are sympathetic. They do not worship wealth, but they have considerable respect for it. They do not dote on parties, however, and there is no Vanderbilt ball which they would not like to attend.

"I guess we had better go," said Charles to Maria, laying aside her knitting needles. "Well, perhaps on the whole we had. We don't want to spoil the party by remaining away. But I must still insist that Mrs. William is the stupefied thing I ever see."

When these distinguished guests reached the mansion of Mr. and Mrs. Villars, it was about 10:30 o'clock. The night was clear and cold. The sky was ornamented with a delicately ornamented moon and a few stars, the stars extremely expensive and out with the utmost dexterity. An aristocratic air of somberness prevailed the vault of heaven, which was composed more or less of more antique, with slight suggestions of old gold in the lower and more atmospheric portion of the horizon. In the far north the aurora borealis was variably exhibited, and the imagination of the thousand guests was permitted to feast upon the songs of the angels as they will presently be heard. The hum of the slightly distant street cars and of the elevated roads on either side came to the ear in a dulcet music, and mingled pleasantly with the monotone of the carriages that went casually by, the same being enquired by drivers of exceptional dignity and side-whisker, and drawn by horses which must have cost \$1,000 apiece.

"Why don't they stroke up the lights?" suddenly inquired a Venetian princess in a silvery voice, at the same time inadvertently swinging her skirts and thereby exhibiting fair breasts and underdress of the most expensive fabric fancifully uncolored to what appeared to be very old gold. "That's the use of a house with no candles in it!"

"An' that," said Mr. Patrick O'Flaherty, of Canal street, who was attired in knee breeches, the continuations thereof being in Scotch without the stockings, and who wore a high hat in the style of one of the English kings since his majesty had lost his head, "as that's that I was about to say, it's the queer thing, is it, a' house in the night without a candle, and this a' night for a ball. Do you ever hear of a wake that was dimmed like that?"

"Perhaps, sir," said Miss McPherson, who officiates with the utmost elegance in a millinery store in Eighth avenue, and whose bright eyes and brilliant complexion have been the admiration of all beholders who were so attired in bombast, cut black and whose bonnet, slightly tipped over the left ear, was evidently made for Easter, "perhaps, sir, it's the custom of the avenue."

"Py shimineety, dot vos so," spoke up Mr. Israel, of Chatham street, whose gold earrings were the envy of all beholders, and whose hands sparkled with diamonds. "But I suppose dot finale was covered mit cuttings to shut dar light out, and dar gas was blooming peacefully. But you wait and see 'em blaze von dot's turned on schmart. Yet you dink 'ot hey?"

The carriage came and went. The men on the box sat straight and looked ahead as if there was something there. The adjoining and the opposite mansions looked brown and cold. The landlord sky continued to be economical in stars. The noise of the railroads was subdued and respectable.

"Maria," said Charles, "have you on your green plush with the satin trimmings? And are your diamonds and rubies quite safe? Be cautious, my dear. When one gets among millionaires one must be cautious. And how are the silk stockings with their diamond brooches?"

"Quite comfortable, my dear," said Maria, but I do wish you had worn your hat with a plumed top and gold lace for a band. Where is that seven-cluster ring I gave you?"

"All safe," said Charles, "and you will likewise notice that I have my swallow-tail on; or rather the swallow with the tail omitted. You remember, dear, the little argument I had with Thompson of the Ninth precinct, and how he pulled until I got away."

There was presently a crash of music that split the linden sky. The carriages had deposited much of their precious freight, but the pavilion—the rotunda as the stalwart policeman politely called it—could not receive it all. It foamed outside like good beer and spilled itself over the near and further sidewalk and the intervening pavement. Mary Queen of Scots, attired in a sewing girl's dress of a superior fit, hobnobbed with George the Fourth, who wore tight pants, carried a cane and said in elegant English he wanted a glass of beer. Elizabeth, in a diminutive collar that stood up, winked to Sir Walter Raleigh, whose cloak was a dress coat, and who carried his hands in his pockets with a nonchalant delightfulness to behold. The sleeping princess of fairy land, suddenly awakened by Prince What's-his-name of Sixth avenue, said in dull tones that what she wanted was to go home, and launch a party.

The woman who lived in a shoe gaped at her children together, and walking her chin twice as long as that of Mrs. Judy, went slowly down towards Third avenue, dragging her heels in a

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