

handsomely, like the gentleman he was, "I tell you. Amos," said the Major breaking the long silence, "this thing of breaking the long silence, 'this thing of havin' to put the screws to old Jake, cuts friends supply them with all the tobacco me to the quick. He has served me long they want. And when they come out off announced the convening of court. and faithfully, and I hope I am not they're just as good, or a little better than wantin' in gratitude to him. Moreover, before in the eyes of the others."

joy of living

But the Major's soul was so sorely perplexed that he was oblivious of all the

beauty about him. In spite of the solu-

tion of the problem which he had reached,

his brow was deeply furrowed. Once when

his horse shied playfully as a bird flitted

across the road close in front of her, he so far forgot himself as to jerk her

sharply back and then spur her forward.

and tenderly stroked her arching neck.

The next instant he apologized to her

the younger ones, that I am goin' to try

to put a stop to it. I'm goin' to practice

what I preach, sah. I don't believe that

fashioned chair, his inexorable eyes gleam-

They had been proused from

their sleep by the sound of an explosion, which had been followed a minute later

ntn' evidence. In answer to Inspector

The study proved to be a small chamlined on three sides with books, and

luge frame lay stretched across the room.

of the unfortunate squire, whose

Constable.

this is the first time he has ever been in "I know it, Amos, I know it. But the a scrape of this sort. But there has been law says the violator must be punished, so much of this cuttin' and slashin' and sand we can inflict only such punishbeatin' among the other hands, especially ment as the law allows."

"Tell you what I think," said Amos. "I think the best thing we can do is to re-vive the whipping post. Puttin' a niggah to kill one, Moses Bagley." he had any cause except pure jealous.

And what if he did? They've got to learn to settle their differences by law, I'll just make an example of one or two of them, and then maybe I can have a minute's peace. They all know what Jake has a late of the don't feel it. You can't hurt his Judge, turning to the prisoner. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"May it please the court," interrupted the Major, "I am prosecuting this old man. But I want him to have every chance the law allows. I see that he is down impatiently. For a time he head—he don't feel it. You can't hurt his Judge, turning to the prisoner. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

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'Yes, but that's brutal, it don't do him any good: It don't reform him."

chance the law allows. I see that he is without counsel, and, if he has no money with which to employ an attorney, I suggest that the court appoint someone to

been to me, and if I come down on him,

other over the head, for you know, sah,

other over the head, for you know, sah,
they can't kill a niggah that way. Put
it, Amos," the Major said.

As the Major replied they reached the
that? They'd rather be there than not.

As the Major replied they reached the
brow of the hill, turned sharply to the

gaunt and drawn, his eyes moist and bloodshot. While the clerk was reading the charge he gazed steadily at the floor. When the Judge addressed him he raised his head, and the look on his face showed that he felt keenly the disgrace of his sition. He looked first at the Major, at the Judge, and began:

'Yo' Houah, I don' want nobody ter

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talk fer me, I ain' nevah been in co't befo' an' I donno zactly what ter do, but if you'll lemme jes' talk er little, den I'll tell you-all if 'twas me dat buss dat scoun'l Mose Bagley ovan de

hade wid er hoe."

The Judge smiled and nodded assent. Jake turned to the Major and con-

"Marse Bent, somehow hit don' seem jes' right, sah, dat you wants ter sen' me ter jail, I'se done worked fer you an' Miss Mary mos' all my life, an' ain' nevan give you-all no trouble befo'; but I'se he'p'd you-all some, I 'spec. Does yer 'member, Marse Bent, when we wus little fellahs, how yes use' ter tek me wid yer huntin' an' fishin', an' how Miss Marths would'n' trus' yer wid nobody but me? Does yer' member tom, sah, when de ax slip off dat big ole sycamore we wuz a-choppin' down ter git de coon an' cut yo' lage, how yer couldn' walk an' I done tote yer all de way home on my back? Does yer 'member dem time, Marse Bent.

"An' when de wah broke out how yer had ter go an' he'p fight an' leave Miss Mary an' yo' little Miss Milly, wid nobody ter keer fer dem 'cep' me an' Dinah, fer all de odah niggahs done run off? Did Miss Mary evan tell yer, san, 'boul de time re Yanks come ou' stole all de horses an' mules an' cows an' carried dem off an' how dey whup me an' tried ter mek me tell whah all de meat an' flour wuz hid an' how I wouldn' do hit? No, sah, I wouldn' do modern brick without, where a larger ball dat if day killed me dade. Did and tell went crashing through this temple of yer dat, Marse Bent? An' did you evan justice, as if sent by Mars himself to yeah, san, how I got dis scah when I taunt its priestess with her impotence. wux a-comin' back right frough de middle of de whole Yankee aftan I done 'livered de lettah dat Miss Mary writ you a-tellin' you not to try ter come an' see dem, cuz dey wuz all right an' you might git shot?

"An' when yer cum back from de wah, sah, yer foun' everytain gone an' de barn all burned up an' nobody dere 'cepin' Miss Mary an' Miss Milly an' me an' Dinah, Did any of de odah tree niggahs stay wid yer den, sah, when yer didn' have no money an' he'p yer git a nudah staht? I reck'n yo' done

down impatiently. For a time he looked the old man straight in the eye, but they'll know what they'll get."

"Well, Majah, what good will it do?"

"Butal or not brutal," retorted Amon, or can't him for beatin' one another over the poor the p soon directed his attention to the floor gets his fee."

Jake had remained standing since first when they ceased his elbows were rest-

HUGH HERDMAN lence. The Major did not look up, and Jake was just turning to the Judge to answer to the charge against him, when there was a commotion in the crowd standing near the door in the rear of the room. A woman was trying to force her way through. With one hand she shoved the men aside and with the other pressed closely to her bosom a little baby. Her dress was draggled, torn and covered with dust. Her face was cut and swollen. Her eyes gleamed with excitement, and her short, heavy breathing could be heard throughout the room. Mose, who was present to give testimony, if necessary, ugainst Jake, saw her first—perhaps he was expecting her—and cowered down in his corner like a walpped cur. Jake saw her, too, but the effect on him was

> "Yo' Honah, I pleads guitty. I did try ter bres dat houn's hade."
>
> As soon as the woman reached the clear part of the alale, a whisper ran

> "Jake's daughter!" She was now close in front of the Judge. She looked quickly about, saw her father standing there and her husband

up in de cabin, an' say he'd kill me if I tol' anybody. But when he wen' away dis mornin' I buss out an' run all de way hyah, cus I know yeu-all's gwinter hans my po' ole pap if I don' mek han'e. Why does you-all look at me dat away? Oh God: I ain' too late, is I?'

But I car to a letter from Mrs. Cubitt. Don't tell me that she is Don't tell me that she helped to both the look of the loo

my po' ole pap if I don and does you all look at me dat away.

God! I ain' too late, is I?'

"Your honor," said the Major, loudly, in order to conceal the strangely thick and husky condition of his voice, "I move that this indictment be dismissed."

"So ordered," the Judge repiled instantly.

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"You're crasy!" he cried, ficrcely. "It was he that was hurt, not she. Who would have hurt little Eisie? I may have would have hurt little Eisie? I may have the with a she that was hurt, and she. Who would have hurt little Eisie? I may have the with a she that was hurt, and she with a she would not have touched a hair of her pretty head. Take it back-you! Say had is not hurt." whose voice was the principal part of him. Amos overtook them a mile or two out from town and railled the Major on the subject of preaching and practicing.

"How could I help it, Amos?" the Major asked in reply. "You would have done the same thing if you thought as much of this old niggah as I do—though I suppose I oughtn't to let him hear me say so, because the black rascat will be takin advantage of me for it. I intended to begin practicing on Jake here, but I've decided that Mose is a better subject."

"Are you sure you will stick to that if the control of the side of her dead husband."

He sank with a deep groan on to the settee, and buried his face in his manacled hands. For five minutes he was silent. Then he raised his face once more, and spoke with the cold composure of despair.

"I have neithing to hide from you, gentlemen," said he. "If I shot the man he had his shot at me, and there's no murder in that. But if you think I could have the cided that Mose is a better subject."

"Now, Amos, don't you go puttin' any nonsense fike that in Lucy's head. By the way. Amos, what about your Silas? What did they do with him?"
"Fined him." Amos replied.
"And sent him to jail for want of money to may the fine?"

ey to pay the fine?"
"No," Amos answered, rejuctantly.
"What! Slas surely di. "t---"
"No, confound it, Majah," Amos inter-

gether over this day's work.

FORTY-TWO

try to escape."
"How do you know?"
"To fly would be a confession of guilt."

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"Then let us go to arrest him."

"I expect him here every instant."

"But why should he come?"

"Because I have written and asked down below, and could get in and out its."

black beard, and a great, aggressive hooked nose, and flourishing a cane as he waiked. He swaggered up the path as if the place belonged to him, and we heard his loud, confident peal at the bell. "I think, gentlemen," said Hoimes, unletty, "that we had best take up our quietly, "that we had best take up our position behind the door. Every precau-tion is necessary when dealing with such

She was now the factor of the standing there and her husband crouching behind the Major. But she had only one fear now.

"Please, sah, don' let dem hang him," she gasped. "He didn' know what he wur doin', sah. He come in de cabin jes' when Mose done knock me down an' wux achekin' de breff out er me, an' I was too weak ter walt on him. He beat him wid his hoe and would a killed him if 't hadn' been fer me. When dat man come an' attacked. He glared from one to the other of us with a pair of blazing black other of us with a pair of blazing blac other of us with a pair of bluzing black eyes. Then he burst into a bitter laugh. "Well, gentlemen, you have the drop on

me this time. I seem to have knocked up

of this old niggah as I do—though I suppose I oughtn't to let him hear me say so, because the black rascat will be takin' advantage of me for it. I intended to begin practicing on Jake here, but I've decided that Moze is a better subject."

"Are you sure you will stick to that if Lucy there comes around and asks you to let him off, Majah?"

"Now Amoz don't you so puttin' any one than I loved her. I had a right to be. She was plefged to me years ago. her. She was pledged to me years ago.
Who was this Englishman that he should
come between us? I tell you that I had
the first right to her, and that I was

enly claiming my own."
"She broke away from your influence when she found the man that you are," said Holmes, sternly. "She field from America to avoid you, and she married an honorable gentleman in England. You degged her and followed her and made "No, cenfound it, Majah." Amos interrupted, "I paid the fine."

When the Major recovered from his
laughter, in which Amos joined him, be
said: "Amos, ride on down home with
me. I have some splendid Bourbon and
some fresh mint. We'll have a julep toselber over this day's work. We overt We ought of a noble man and driving his wife to sulcide. That is your record in this busito congratulate ourselves on it."

"Thank you, Majah; I'm right thirsty."

swer for it to the law."

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"If Elsie dies. I care nothing what be-comes of me," said the American. He opened one of his hands, and looked at note crumpled up in his paint. here, mister," he cried, with a gleam of suspicion in his eyes, "you're not trying to scare me over this, are you? If the Chatting ov

What one man can invent another can discover," said Holmes. "There is

a gang in Chicago, and Eisle's father was

into action. I at once came to Norfolk the boss of the Joint. He was a clever with my colleague, Dr. Watson, but, unhappily, only in time to find that the worst had already occurred."

"It is a privilege to be associated with to have the key to it. Well, Elsie learned rou in the handling of a case," said the some of our ways, but she couldn't stand inspector, warmly. "You will excuse me, however, if I speak frankly to you. I You are only answerable to yourself, but I slip and got away to London. She had have to answer to my superiors. If this Abe Slaney, living at Kirige's, is indeed the married me, I believe, if I had taken over the markets. have to answer to my superiors. If this been engaged to me, and she would have have to answer to my superiors. If this been engaged to me, and she would have married me, I believe, if I had taken over another morthing to do with anything on the cross, and she would have nothing to do with anything on the cross. "You need not be uneasy. He will not be to escape."
"How do you know?"

"How do you know?"

It was only after her marriage to this Englishman that I was able to find out where she was. I wrote to her, but got no answer. After that I came over, and,

"But this is incredible, Mr. Holmes! I tried all I could to coax Elsie by should he come because you have away. I knew that she read the mes-"But this is incredible, Mr. Holmes.
Why should be come because you have away. I knew that she read the messaked him? Would not such a request sages, for once she wrote me an answer rather rouse his suspicions and cause him under one of them. Then my temper got the better of me, and I began to threaten the sent me a letter then, implorletter," said Sherlock Holmes. "In fact, ing me to go away, and saying that it if I am not very much mistaken, here is would break her heart if any scanial the gentleman himself coming up the drive."

A man was striding up the path which A man was striding up the path which a man was striding up the path which band was asleep at 3 in the morning, and windows. A man was strong up the part bandsome, led to the door. He was a tall handsome, swarthy fellow, clad in a suit of gray fannel, with a Panama hat, a bristling thannel, with a Panama hat, a bristling there in peace. She came down and brought her in peace. money with her, trying to bribe me to go. This made me mad, and I caught her arm and tried to pull her through the window At that moment in rushed the husband with his revolver in his hand. Elsis had sunk down upon the floor, and we were face to face. I was heeled also, and I held up my gun to scare him off and let me get away. He fired and missed me. I pulled off almost at the same instant, and down he dropped. I made away across the garden, and as I went I hear-! the window shut behind me. That's God's truth, gentlemen, every word of it; and I heard no more about it until that lad came riding up with a note which me walk in here, like a jay, and give myself into your hands."
A cab had driven up whilst the Ameri-

can had been talking. Two uniformed police sat inside. Inspector Martin rose and touched his prisoner on the shoulder. "It is time for us to go." "Can I see her first?"

No, she is not conscious, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, I only hope that, if ever again I have an important case, I shall have the good fortune to have you by my side We stood at the window and watched the cab drive away. As I turned back, my eye caught the pellet of paper which the prisoner had to sed upon the table. It was the pote with which Holmes had

"See if you can read it. Watson," said he, with a smile. It contained no word, but this little line of dancing men:

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'If you use the code which I have explained," said Holmes, "you will find that it simply means 'Come here at once.' I was convinced that it was an invitation which he would not refuse, since he could never imagine that it could come from anyone but the lady. And so, my dear anyone but the lady. And so, my dear Watson, we have ended by turning the dancing men to good when they have so often been the agents of evil, and I think that I have fulfilled my promise of giving you something unusual for your notebook. Three-forty is our train, and I fancy we

Only one word of epilogue. The American, Abe Sianey, was condemned to at the Winter assizes at Norwich, but his penalty was changed to penal servitude in consideration of mitigating circumstances, and the certainty that Hilton Cubitt had fired the first shot. Of Mrs. Hilton Cubitt I only know that I have heard she recovered entirely, and that she till remains a widow, devoting her whole life to the care of the poor and to the administration of her husband's estate-(Copyright, 1903, by A. Conan Doyle and Collier's Weekly.)-(Copyright, 1906, by McClure, Phillips & Co.)

Good Stories Travel Fast.

Persons who wonder at the rapidity with which a popular expression becomes circulated through the country generally ascribe the spreading of the phrase to the actors, but long before the actors begin to use the expression it has been flashed all over the country on the tele-

Chatting over the wire is forbidden, but lady is hurt as bad as you say, who was it there comes a slack moment now and it that wrote this note?" He tossed it then when the operator swaps a story forwards on to the table.

with a man hundreds of miles away, and with a man hundreds of miles away, and with a man hundreds of miles away, and the company way. orwards on to the table.
"I wrote it, to bring you here."
"You wrote it? There was no one on earth outside the Joint who knew the secret of the dancing men. How came and passed around the room, and in turn this is sent out over half a hundred wires

running to all points of the compass. When the Western Union race bureau was still in existence the wires from this room spread all over the country, direct wires running into the San Fran-cisco peokrooms and giving the result of the races across the bay more quickly than the result could be telephoned by a

man at the track. in the early hours the work was light and the poolroom operators always had a lot of new stories to tell the frequenters of the room, who promptly spread them among their friends. In those days the vaudeville jokes on Monday on one coast were laughed at on the other coast

next afternoon. A Child's Dictionary.

Dust-Mud with the juice squeezed out Sporing-Letting off sleep. Apples-The bubbles that apple trees

Fan-A thing to brush the warm of

Ice-Water that went to sleep in the

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vestigation. Holmes sat in a great old- for." "So it would seem," sald Holmes, "Per-

in them a set purpose to devote his life to this quest until the client whom he had the window? failed to save should at last be avenged. failed to save should at last be avenged.

The trim inspector Martin, the old, grayheaded country doctor, myself and a
window-sash, about an inch above the stelid village policeman made up the rest of that strange company.

The two women told their story clearly

"Wonderful!" said the country doctor.
"You are certainly right, sir. Then a third shot has been fired, and therefore a by a second one. They slept in adjoining rooms, and Mrs. King rushed in to Saunders. Together they had descended the

stairs. The door of the study was open, and a candle was burning upon the table. The master lay upon his face in the cen-"That is the problem which we are now about to solve," said Sherlock Holmes. "You remember, Inspector Martin, when ter of the room. He was quite dead. Near the window his wife was crouching, her head leaning against the wall. She the servants said that on leaving their was horribly wounded, and the side of her was red with blood. She breathed it, but was hecapable of saying any-

Then, with the aid of the om and the stable-boy, they had conboth she and her husband had occupied

the bed. She was clad in her dress-he in "Capital!" cried the inspector. "Capi-

the bod. She was clad in her dress—he in his dressing-gown, over his night-clothes. Nothing had been moved in the study, so far as they knew, there had never been any quarrel between husband and wife. Feeling sure that the window had been "Feeling sure that the syndow had been open at the time of the tragedy, I conceived that there might have been a third person in the affair, who stood outside this opening and fired through it. Any shot directed at this person might hit the sanh. I looked, and there, sure enough, was the builter mark?" They had always looked upon them as a

with a writing-table facing an ordinary window, which looked out upon the gar-den. Our first attention was given to the third bullet, which has clearly, from the splintering of the wood, been fired from its was addressed, and especially to inside the room. I should like to see Mrs. King, the cook, again. You said, Mrs. King, that you were awakened by a loud explosion. When you said 'that, did you explosion. When you said 'that, did you regular characters, very unlike room that it seemed to you louder than Rolmes' usual precise hand. It was

ing out of his haggard face. I could read haps you can account also for the bullet which has so obviously struck the edge of He had turned auddenly, and his long.

> "By George!" cried the inspector. How | plete." ever did you see that?"
> "Because I looked for it."

third person must have been present. But who could that have been, and how could he have got away?"

room they were at once conscious of a smell of powder, I remarked that the point was an extremely important one?"
"Yes, sir; but I confess I did not quite

thing. The passage, as well as the room, thing. The passage, as well as the room, was full of smoke and the smell of powder. The window was certainty shut and fastened upon the inside. Both women the room had been open. Otherwise the fastened upon the point. They had the point the room had been open. Otherwise the fastened upon the point. They had the point the room had been open. Otherwise the fastened upon the point. blown so rapidly through the house. A draught in the room was necessary for that. Both door and window were only

open for a very short time, however."
"How do you prove that?"
"Because the candle was not guttered."

Martin, they were clear that every door sach. I looked, and the was fastened upon the inside, and that no one could have escaped from the house.

"But how came the

one could have escaped from the house.
In answer to Holmes, they both remembered that they were conscious of the smell of powder from the moment that they have conscious of the smell of powder from the moment that to shut and fasten the window. But, hallies; what is this?"

It was a lady's handbag which stood it was a lady's handbag which stood.

fully to your attention, said Holmes to his professional colleague. "And now I think that we are in a position to undertake a thorough examination of the room."

The study proved to be a small charm.

dowed, had been turned into a court of in- | so that each builet can be accounted | with footmarks, Large, masculine feet | visitor were to call asking for Mrs. , second and fourth in a word of five let

battle fought for this point of vantage. The Courthouse itself is a long, low, one-story brick building, erected, so the tab-

let above the door reads, in 1724. Within its walls, tradition says, the voice of Patrick Henry was often heard. It stands

as firmly now as it did the day it was built. But the old bricks carry the scars of many wounds made by builets, grape

and canister, and at one end, a little to the right of the Judge's bench, is a spot,

marked by white plaster within and

taunt its priestess with her impotence.

The first case on the docket was that

in which the Major was interested, and

everybody moved toward the courtroom. The Judge was already in his chair, the jury filed into the box, and old Jake was

y filed into the post, and placed in sught in by the Sheriff and placed in

or prisoner's pen. The clerk arose and numbled the words of the indictment, the

only intelligible part of which was the

t none of them had heard of such a ace. The stable-boy threw a light upon the matter by remembering that a farmer of that name lived some miles off, in the direction of East Ruston. Is it a lonely farm?

'Very lonely, sir." "Perhaps they have not heard yet of it that happened here during the night "

"Maybe not, sir." Holmes thought for a little, and then a curious smile played over his face.

they were, with peculiarly long, sharp tors. Holmes hunted about among the green as to her condition, but he was green and leaves like a retriever after a wounded bird. Then, with a cry of sa wounded bird. Then, with a cry of sa isfaction, he bent forward and them with the utmost earnestness. picked up a little brazen cylinder. Finally he led the way into ien by the lady. Accepting it as correct "I thought so," said he: "the re- the drawing-room, with the remark that we are now able to say that the symbol volver had an ejector, and here is the business was now out of our hands, faird cartridge. I really think, Inspectant we must while away the time

In the second of the shortly recapitulated the facts of t affair all in my hand, Even if this lady I am fairly familiar with all forms of should never recover consciousness, we secret writings, and am myself the auanould never recover consciousness, we can still reconstruct the events of last night, and insure that justice be done. First of all, I wish to know whether ciphers, but I confess that it is entirely new to me. The object of those who in this neighborhood new to me. The object of those who in the second word. Now it there is any inn in this neighborhood new to me. The object of those who inknown as 'Elrige's'?"

The servants were cross-questioned, to conceal that these characters convey

a message, and to give the idea that Or, filling they are the mere random sketches of the name children. "Having once recognized, however, that I had so many letters now that I could the symbols stood for letters, and having applied the rules which guide us in all forms of secret writings, the solution was in this fashion:

casy enough. The first message submitted

A. ELRI . ES. to me was so short that it was impossible for me to do more than to say, with some confidence, that the symbol posing that the name was that of some

stood for E. As you are aware E is the most common letter in the English alphabet, and it predomito so marked an extent of the symbol posing that the name was that of some house or inn at which the writer was staying."

Inspector Martin and I listened at the symbol posing that the name was that of some house or inn at which the writer was staying." a curious smile played over his tace.

"Saddle a horse, my lad," said he. "I nates to so marked an extent that shall wish you to take a note to Eirige's even in a short sentence one would expect to find it most often. Out of England, held together by an india-rub, ber band—nothing clse.

"This must be preserved, for it will figure in the trial," said Holmes, as he handed the bag with its contents to the inspector. "It is now necessary that we should try to throw some light upon this third bullet, which has clearly, from the splintering of the wood, been fired from the way in splintering of the wood, been fired from the way and the present to find it most often. Out of 15 symbols in the first message, four were the same, so it was reasonable to set this down as E. It is true that in some cases the figure was the study-table. Finally he handed a true that in some cases not, this Abo Slaney was an American, slightly the same of the boy, with directions to put it into the hands of the person to whom splintering of the wood, been fired from splintering of the wood, been fired from the way in splintering of the wood, been fired from a present to find it most often. Out of 15 symbols in the first message, four were the same, so it was reasonable to set this down as E. It is true that in some cases the figure was the study-table. Finally he handed a true that in some cases not, but it was probable, from the way in which the first message, four were the same, so it was reasonable to set this down as E. It is true that in some cases not, but it was probable, from the way in which the first message, four were the same, so it was reasonable to set this down as E. It is true that in some cases not, but it was probable, from the way in which has clearly from the starting point of all the trouble. I have a leave of the down as E. It is true that in some cases not, but it was probable, from the way in which has clearly from the starting point of the body was an American command over our difficulties.

"What did you do then, sir!" asked in the first message, for the same, so it was re

stand respectively for N, V as best we might until we could see what was in store for us. The country inspector's face had shown his intense amazement at the inspector and myself remained. "I think that I can help you to pass and only in inspection. But now he was overecome with admiration, and ready to follow without question wherever Holmes led. "Whom do you suspect?" he asked. "This other had been able to explain to you maverage been recorded in the pollow without a constitution of the messential points in this problem which is every attention of the messential points in this problem which is every out of the inspector of him the various papers upon the wift is every pollow without question wherever Holmes led.

"Whom do you suspect?" he asked. "The go into that later. There are several points in this problem which is proceed on my own lines, and then clear the whole incident may appeal best proceed on my own lines, and then clear the whole incident may appeal to the investigations which were times repeated. It was certainly some appeal to Elsie, in spector, the whole incident may appeal to yet. Now that I have got so far, I have for all."

"Just as you wish, Mr. Holmes, so "Just as you wish, Mr. Holme

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