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A Clever Traveling Man Who Was a Good Deal Smarter Than a Western Detective—The Means He Took to Teach the Officer a Lesson in Carefulness.

A famous western detective declares that he never surprised a criminal more completely than he himself was surprised in a journey from Albany to New York.

He was seated comfortably in a parlor car skimming over a newspaper, when a gentleman rose from the seat opposite, and touching him on the shoulder remarked in an offhand way, as if they had been chatting together for hours:

"Well, sir, of course you will do as you think best, but it's my opinion that you are on a false scent."

"How do you mean?" asked the detective, starting at the man with all his eyes in a vain attempt to make out his identity.

"Why, I mean that there is no use in your trying to find out the motive which prompted this young girl to throw herself into the river, because she was dead before she ever left the land."

"What young girl? What river? Where are you talking about and who are you?"

All this rather sharply, for the westerner was not a little piqued by being addressed thus familiarly by an entire stranger, who seemed—and that was the puzzling part of it—to be perfectly familiar with his private affairs.

"I trust, sir, that I am not annoying you," said the newcomer with the utmost courtesy, "I know what professional discretion calls for on your part, but the extreme interest I take in the fate of this unfortunate girl prompted me, perhaps unwisely, to venture the suggestion you seem to resent."

"Somewhat mollified, but as much in the dark as ever as to the man's identity, the detective replied:

"But, my dear sir, how can you possibly take any interest in my business when you do not know me?"

"Ah, but there you are mistaken," said the other smiling. "I do know you very well and sympathize deeply with you in the loss of your poor mother, who died about a month ago, if I am not mistaken."

"This was indeed the case and wondering if the detective listened as the gentleman went on:

"By the way, you must have had an exciting time in your recent trip abroad in pursuit of those St. Louis counterfeiters. What a pity they gave you the slip at Mannheim. But for that you would have accomplished one of the greatest pieces of detective work of modern times. Don't you think that German banker who was so friendly betrayed you to the rascals?"

"I haven't the slightest doubt he did," exclaimed the man of wit, "but who in the name of heaven are you?"

The stranger, still smiling, continued: "I suppose you have given up the idea of hunting that boy of yours follow in your footsteps? On the whole I think the law will be a better career for him. He has not your strength and endurance and"

"Now, look here, my friend," interrupted the bewildered detective, "if I call a half on this funny business, I'll even up you have not the drop on me. Now, come, what is in the scheme? How do you come to know, and above all how, in the name of all that is mysterious, do you know things about me which no one?"

"Oh, I know more than that," was the exasperating reply. "I know all about the mean way you were turned down at the head office last summer, I know the man who did it and why he was jealous of you. I know how you proposed to get square with him in this very case by proving that he has accepted hush money from"

"For God's sake, my dear sir, be careful what you are saying. Some one in the car may be listening. Do you speak French?"

"That is precisely what I do speak," said the other, and suiting the action to the word he continued in that language, which he spoke with the purest Parisian accent.

"Now listen and I will give you an explanation of the present enigma. Possibly you may find in it a lesson for the future."

"Do you remember being down in Pennsylvania about a fortnight ago, riding from Pittsburg to Oil City with a dark complexioned man about my height who wore a full black beard?"

"Yes," answered the detective, "I do. That was an eastern detective who was working with me on a bank robbery. He is one of my best friends."

"And you told him, did you not, all about this recent row you had had at headquarters, and discussed with him what was the best thing to do about it?"

"Yes; but how did you know that? Did he tell you?"

"Never mind how I know it. You also talked over with him the day you are now working upon and declared your intention of exposing the dishonorable conduct of your rival. Is not that true? And if so, don't you think that for a detective of your experience you showed a lack of caution in speaking of such serious matters in a public car?"

"Yes," answered the detective quickly, "but I remember now that my friend and I spoke only French as a precaution. No one understands French out in western Pennsylvania."

"And what if I told you that I was in the seat behind you all the way to Oil City, apparently fast asleep? What would you say to that?"

"The detective's jaw fell. "Do you mean to tell me that all you know about my life and my business you got from a chance conversation overheard on a railway?"

"Precisely. "And that you never knew me, or my friend, or any one who knew us?"

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Tenth—We are in favor of an early survey of the unsurveyed public lands of the state, in order that the same may be claimed and occupied and titles thereto speedily procured by bona fide settlers under the laws of the United States.

Eleventh—We favor the development of our state by the construction of railroads and other systems of transportation, and we hold all corporations to be strictly responsible to their liabilities under law, and we recognize the right of the legislature to exact all reasonable limitation on corporate power.

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