henvy, unshaven face. His manner

was suddenly ger-al.

"I've less reason to wish the dook well than most men," said he, "for I was his head coachman once, and crus bad he treated me. It was film that sacked me without a character on the word of a lying corn chamilter. But I'm glad to hear that the young lood was heard of in Liverpool, and I'll help

you take the news to the hall."
"Thank you," said Holmes, "We'll have some food first. Then you can with a heavy famil upon my shoulder bring round the blevelo"

"I haven't got a bleyele."

Holmes held up a sovereign. "I tell you, man, that I haven't got one. I'll let you have two horses as far as the hall."

"Wel, well," said Holmes, "we'll talk about it when we've had something to cut."

When we were left alone in the stone Hagged kitchen it was astonishing how rapidly that sprained ankle recovered. It was nearly nightfull. and we had eaten nothing since early morning, so that we spent some time over our ment. Holmes was lost in thought, and once or twice he walked over to the whalow and stared earnest ly out. It opened on to a squalid courtyard. In the far corner was a smithy, where a grimy lad was at work. On the other side were the stables. Holmes land sat down again after one of those exenssions, when he suddenly sprang out of his chair with a loud exchanation.

"By heaven, Watson, I believe that I've gut it," he cried, "Yes, yes, it nind be so! Watson, do you remember seeing any cow tracks today?"

"Yes coveral,"

"Well, everywhere. They were at the mornis and until near where post Headerper met his death?"
"Headery, Well, now, Watson, how

nonly lows that you see on the moor ?"

"I don't remember sceing my."
"Strange, Warson, that we should see Irnelis all along our line, but never n cote on the winde moor. Very strange. Watson, ear

"Yes, it is strange,"
"Now, Watson, make an effort. Throw your mind back. Can you see these tracks upon the path?" "Yes, I can."

"Can you recall that the tracks were something like that, Watson"-he arranged a number of breadcrumbs in this fushion—: :::-"and sometimes like this"—: :::-"and occasionally like this"—. : ::-"and sometimes like this"—. "And sometimes like this"—"and sometimes like this "—"and occasionally like this "—"and occasionally like this "—"and occasionally like this "—" in this "—"and occasionally like this "—" in this "—

"No, I cannot."

"But I can. I could swear to it. However, we will go back at our leisure and verify it. What a blind beetle I have been not to draw my conclu-

"And what is your conclusion?" "Only that it is a remarkable cow which walks, canters and gallops. By George, Watson, it was no brain of a country publican that thought out such a blind as that. The coast seems to be clear save for that lad in the smithy. Let us slip out and see what we can

There were two rough haired, unkempt horses in the tumbledown stable. Holmes raised the hind leg of one of them and laughed aloud.

shoes, but new nalls. This case deserves to be a classic. Let us go across to the smithy."

The lad continued his work without regarding us. I saw Holmes' eye darting to right and left among the litter of iron and wood which was scattered about the floor. Suddenly, however, we heard a step behind us, and there was the landlord, his heavy eyebrows drawn down over his savage eyes, his swarthy features convulsed with passion. He held a short, metal headed stick in his hand, and he advanced in so menacing a fashion that I was right glad to feel the revolver in my pocket.

"You infernal spies!" the man cried. "What are you doing there?"

"Why, Mr. Reuben Hayes," said Holmes coolly, "one might think that you were afraid of our finding some thing out."

The man mastered himself with a violent effort, and his grim mostli loosened into a false laugh, which was more menacing than his frown,

"You're welcome to all you can find out in my smithy," said he. "But look here, mister, I don't care for folk pok ing about my place without my leave. so the sogner you pay your score and get out of this the better I shall be pleased."

"All right, Mr. Hayes; no harm meant," said Holmes. "We have been having a look at your horses, but I think I'll walk, after all. It's not far, I believe."

"Not more than two miles to the hall gates. "That's the road to the left." He watched us with sullen eyes until we had left his premises.

We did not go very far along the road, for Holmes stopped the instant that the curve hid us from the landlord's view.

"We were warm, as the children say, at that inn." said he "I seem to grow

colder every step that I take away from it. No, no; I can't possibly Lave passident

"I am convinced," said I, "that this Reuben Hayes knows all about it. more self evident villain I never saw."

"Oh, be impressed you in that way. did be? There are the burses, there is the smith. Yes, it is an interesting place, this Pighting Cock, I think we shall have another look at it in an finobcrustve way."

A long, sloping hillside dected with gray limestone bowlders stretched behind us. We had turned off the road and were multipg our way up the hill when, tooking in the direction of Hot dernesse Hall, I saw a cyclist coming swiftly along

"tlet down, Warson," cried Holmes. We had family sunk from view when . the man flew past us on the road-Anist a rolling cloud of dust I caught hepressoratives a glimpse of a pale, agitated face-a face with horror in every lineament. the mouth open, the eyes staring wildly in front. It was like some strange caricature of the dapper James Wilder whom we had seen the night before,

"The duke's secretary!" eried Holmes. "Come. Warson; let us see what he

We scrambled from rock to rock unthe in a few moments we had made our way to a point from which we could see the front door of the inn. Wilder's bleycle was leaning against the wall beside it. No one was moving about the house, nor could we catch a glimpse of any faces at the windows. Slowly the twilight crept down as the sun sank behind the high towers of Holdernesse Hall. Then in the gloom we saw the two side lamps of a trup light up in the stable yard of the Inn and shortly afterward heard the rattle of hoors as it wheeled out into the road and tore off at a furious pace in the direction of

"What do you make of that. Watston ?" II denes, whitepered. "it hade like a might."

I were no ar their half evening our the black again of the secretary. als head advanced, poering out into the high. It was evident that he was expecting some one. Then at last there were steps in the road, a second figure was visible for an instant against the light, the door shut and all was black once more. Five minutes later a lamp was lit to a room upon the first floor.

"It seems to be a curious class of custom that is done by the Fighting Cock," said Holmes.

"The bar is on the other side."

"Quite so. These are what one may call the private guests. Now, what in the world is Mr. James Wilder doing in that den at this hour of night, and who is the comparison who comes to meet him there? Come, Watson, we must really take a risk and try to investigate this a little more closely."

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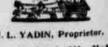
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