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This section of country, in the healthiness of its climate, the great variety and value of its productions, abundance of timber and minerals, its water power, advantages of transportation and nearness to market.

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"Turn aside your face," I whispered back. And the case for the prosecution being closed.

"Have you any witness for the defence?" inquired the judge. "No, Your Honor," replied the prisoner.

Was it my place when George Gilbert's little care-worn wife came with tears glistening in her eyes, to beseech me to do what I could for her imprisoned husband, actually to turn my back and leave her tired, troubled heart to break or not as it might.

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I took the hint and came at once to business, repeated Gilbert's offer and put it as strongly as possible that more was to be gained by leniency than harshness—all of which Mr. Mangle listened to with a conscientious scowl.

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"Nor have I asked you," I replied, not a little nettled. "I have merely mentioned a plan of paying your own, leaving it to your generosity to press or not to press this prosecution."

"Oh, its all the same," was the contemptuous rejoinder—"anybody but a lawyer, with his head full of quibs and quiblets, could see that. Besides, there is something rather cool in the proposal to retain your friend in our employ under pretence of working out the money he had stolen, with the opportunity of flitting twice as much in the meantime."

I felt my temper rising, and not caring to inquire my client's interest by an outright quarrel, I took a hasty leave.

Had I been in the prisoner's place on the morning fixed for the trial, I could hardly have ascended the courthouse steps with more reluctance than I did.

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"I will call Hezekiah Mangle," I replied.

A buzz of surprise greeted the announcement, in the midst of which Mr. Mangle stepped forward and was sworn.

"You have been absent for the past year Mr. Mangle?" I began.

"I have."

"Traveling in different parts?"

"Yes, sir."

"The prisoner was employed by your partner in your absence, and was arrested about the time of your return?"

"Such was the case."

"Have you ever seen him?"

"Not to my knowledge."

"O; met him in your travels?"

"If he will turn his head this way I can tell better."

At my bidding Gilbert turned and faced the witness.

The effect was electrical. Mr. Mangle turned red and pale by turns.

"One other question, Mr. Mangle," I resumed. "Do you recognize in the prisoner a young man from whom you won a thousand dollars at poker while on your travels?"

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It was evident the truthful woman's nature gave me all the credit of a result in whose achievement my share had been next to nothing. The lesson was not lost on George Gilbert. His first false step was the last; and the richest fees I ever received was the heartfelt gratitude of his noble, faithful wife.

A jury was immediately impaneled and the case opened by the District Attorney.

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