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Poetry. FOOTSTEPS AT THE DOOR. The day is done, and swift draws nigh The twilight hour, serene and sweet; The busy crowds go hurrying by; With steady thud of throbbing feet, In many a home glad watchers wait, As they have waited oft before, To hear a hand upon the gate, And well-known footsteps at the door!

Miscellaneous. THE WAGER. "NONSENSE!" "Oh very well. It's very easy to say nonsense."

The above conversation took place in the "Red Lion Inn" at Camden, a little village on the coast of Maine. The first speaker was a fine, fresh-faced, broad-shouldered, honest-looking fellow, who under rough clothing bore the unmistakable signs of a gentleman.

"Well," said one of the spectators, after he had departed, "he's gone; the young fellow's gone. He'll get enough of it."

While the men were speaking the one who had made the bet, with his two companions, had quietly departed. Scarcely had they left, when a fierce gust of wind, coming up the village street, set all the signs and shutters creaking, and added to the supernatural terror of the company at the inn.

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a thousand weird and ghastly sounds in the lonely darkness. From the distance there came up a deep, low, sullen sound, at regular intervals dying and rising again, to die away in long, low reverberations. It was the ocean surf, which beat upon the shore not far away; for Camden was a fishing village, and the gibbet stood upon a high cliff which overhung the beach.

"No, no, my fine fellow," muttered the watcher, catching the chains of his feet before it got out of reach, and pulling with all his force. It was a sudden and violent pull, and the skeleton yielded. Down it fell, along with the watcher, who fell with it to the ground.

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