

RECOLLECTIONS OF CAPTAIN WILKIE

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"It was when I was a youngster," said he. "There was a big city man in those days who was known to have a very valuable gold watch. I followed him about for several days before I could get a chance; but when I did get one, you may be sure I did not throw it away. He found, to his disgust, when he got home that day, that there was nothing in his job. I hurried off with my prize, and got it stowed away in safety, intending to have it melted down next day. Now it happened that this watch possessed a special value in the owner's eyes because it was a sort of ancestral possession—presented by his father on coming of age, or something of that kind. I remember there was long inscription on the back. He was determined not to lose it if he could help it, and accordingly he put an advertisement in an evening paper offering thirty pounds reward for its return, and promising that no questions would be asked. He gave the address of his house, 31 Caroline square, at the end of the advertisement. The thing sounded good enough, so I off for Caroline square, leaving the watch in a parcel at a public house which I passed on the way. When I got there, the gentleman who at dinner, but he came out quick enough when he heard that a young man wanted to see him. I suppose he guessed who the young man



"Managed to Pick His Pocket for the Second Time."

would prove to be. He was a genial-looking old fellow, and he led me away with him into his study. "Well, my lad," said he, "what is it?" "I've come about that watch of yours," said I, "I think I can lay my hands on it."

"Oh, it was you that took it," said he. "No, I answered; 'I know nothing whatever about how you lost it. I have been sent by another party to see you about it. Even if you have no recollection of it, I think I can lay my hands on it.'"

"Well," he said, "I don't want to be hard on you. Hand it over, and here is my cheque for the amount."

"Cheques won't do," said I; "I must have it in gold."

"That will just suit," I answered, "for I have not got the watch with me. I'll go back and fetch it, while you raise the money."

"I started off, and got the watch where I had left it. When I came back the old gentleman was sitting behind his study table, with the little heap of gold in front of him."

"Here is your money," he said, and pushed it over.

"Here is your watch," said I. "He was evidently delighted to get it back, and after examining it carefully, and assuring himself that it was none the worse, he put it into the watch pocket of his coat with a grunt of satisfaction."

"Now, my lad," he said, "I know it was you that took the watch. Tell me how you did it, and I don't mind giving you an extra hundred pounds."

job was over. Just at his moment she rose abruptly to leave the 'bus, and I had hardly time to get my hand with the purse in it out of her pocket without detection. It was not until she had been some some time that I found out that in drawing out my hand in that hurried manner the new and ill-fitting ring had slipped over my finger and remained in the young lady's pocket. I sprang out and ran in the direction in which she had gone with the intention of picking her pocket once again. She had disappeared, however; and from that day till this I have never set eyes on her. To make the matter worse, there was only four pence half-penny in coppers inside the purse. Save me right for trying to rob such a pretty girl; still, if I had that two hundred quid now I should no be reduced to—Good heavens, forgive me! What am I saying?"

He seemed inclined to relapse into silence after this; but I was determined to draw him out a little more, if I could possibly manage it. "There is less personal risk in the branch you have been talking of," I remarked, "than there is in burglary."

"Ah!" he said, warming to his subject, "it is the higher game which is best worth aiming at. Talk about sport, sir, talk about fishing or hunting; why it is tame in comparison! Think of the great country house with its man servants and its dogs and its stables, and you only with your jimmy and your screw bit, and your mother wit, which is best of all. It is the triumph of intellect over brute force, sir, as represented by bolts and bars."

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"Now, this Col. Morley was about the last man in the world that we should have meddled with. He was a shrewd, cool-headed fellow, who had knocked about and seen the world, and it seems that he took a special pride in the detection of criminals. However, you know nothing of all this at that time; so we set forth hopefully to have a try at the house."

"The reason that made us pick him out among the rest was that he had a good-looking groom, who was a ready hand with a hammer. He was drawn up a rough plan of the premises for us. The place was pretty well locked up and guarded, and the only weak point we could see was a certain trapdoor, the padlock of which was broken, and which opened from the roof into one of the lumber rooms. If we could only find a method of reaching the roof, we might force a way securely from above. We both thought the plan rather a good one, and it had a spice of originality about it which pleased us. It is not the mere jewels or plate, you know, that a good cracksmen think about. The necessities of the job and his reputation for smartness are almost as important in his eyes."

"We had been very quiet for a day or two, just to let suspicion die away. Then we set out one dark night. Jim and I, and got over the avenue railings and up to the house without meeting a soul. It was blowing hard, I remember, and the clouds hurrying across the sky. We had a good look at the front of the house, and then Jim went round to the garden side. He came running back in a minute or two in a great state of delight. 'Why, Bill,' he said, 'gripping me by the arm, 'there never was such a bit of luck! They've been repairing the roof or something, and they've left the ladder standing.' We went round together, and here, sure enough, was the ladder towering above our heads, and one or two laborers' hods lying about, which showed that some work had been going on during the day. We had a good look round, to see that everything was quiet, and then we climbed up, Jim first and I after him. We got to the

top, and were sitting on the slates, having a bit of a breather, before beginning business, when you can fancy our feelings to see the ladder that we came up by suddenly stand straight up in the air, and then slowly descend until it rested in the garden below! At first we hoped it might have slipped, though that idea put out of our head."

"Hullo," he shouted again, "How do you feel yourself? Pretty comfortable, eh? Ha! ha! You London rogues thought we were green in the country. What's your opinion now?"

"(To be concluded.)"

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