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At first the money came promptly, then Peru was forced to borrow to meet the Meigs contract, and finally when Peru's treasury was exhausted, Meigs accepted the obligations of the Peruvian government until he practically owned the republic. Even the assassination of his friend, Colonel Balth, then president of Peru, failed to interfere with the railway plans.

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Moir prepared his breakfast, for to entertain his reverence afterward is the crowning honor of a station. He had not gone far when a heavy shower obliged him to take shelter under a tree and send a little gossamer running back for his umbrella.

"His reverence is after sending me to bring his umbrella," said the boy, bursting into the cabin.

"The saints preserve us!" said Mike, "maybe the thing he left in the corner, and the selling the umbrella, he tried to pass through the door, but the entrance was low and narrow and the umbrella large and wide. Without a moment's hesitation he caught up a spade and began shoveling down the wall at either side of the door.

"Man alive!" said the priest, appearing on the scene, "whatever are ye at?" "Shure, it's makin' way I am for yer reverence's umbrella," said old Mike, "dovell a bit of it'll go through it all at all." "Ah, nonsense, man!" said his reverence, laughing, and, stepping inside, he took the umbrella out of Moira's hand and closed it before them.

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