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CHAPTER IV. Laport marveled at the particularity with which the escape had been planned and at the address of Kent in hoodlarking this governor while conspiring to free his prisoner.

DR. SAMUEL FRANKLIN, OF CINCINNATI. Thus recalled to the urgency of the moment Kent had given him as the first of the disguise he wore. As himself as he relieved himself of his clothing...

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ging to manufacture them on a large scale. He paused a moment and took a few mouthfuls of food.

"This sounds a little abstract, but it is a necessary postulate. I'm not a crank. Like any sane man, I have a wronged me. I propose to rectify some of the evils of society. If that sounds chimerical, let me remind you that the details of your rescue ought to convince you that I am a man of method.

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"Do not misunderstand me," said Laport, looking intently at him. "Under this floor," continued Kent, "is the entrance to the largest cave that has probably ever been explored by man. I discovered it by accident seven years ago. I bought this piece of land and erected this house over the entrance. I purpose to buy the whole tract of two thousand acres of wild land that covers a great portion of it, and erect there a large building ostensibly a sanitarium. It is for the fitting up of this underground domain that I have taken such pains to secure your aid.

"Are you prepared for that?" "Yes, I change your disguise before taking that train," said Laport, with relief. "And you go on alone," added the doctor. "Yes," said Laport, inquiringly. "You reach Cincinnati and go to the Columbia hotel, an obscure place. You will look on the register for Bernard Middle. He is your contact man here, and you go over into Kentucky that night. On Friday morning at ten o'clock you will be at the rendezvous appointed by Middle. He will wait for you there three days later. Once at that point you are absolutely safe from pursuit."

"Laport looked at her. 'I do not quite see it,' he said. 'I understand your plan, but I do not see how you can do it. You will see clearly enough when you arrive there,' replied his companion." "On Friday morning a tired and dusty traveler in a miserable Tennessee wagon was driven up to the rugged acclivity in Henderson county now known as the Blue Peaks. The traveler got out, stamped his feet as if he was cramped by long riding, and began climbing the rocky bank. It was Laport. He sat down on the doorstep of the house some that winded by the climb and looked about him. The prospect to the east and north was open revealing the rugged peaks of the mountains, and the blue peaks of the distant mountains showing between. While he sat there, the door opened, and a man whom he did not recognize appeared and spoke to him familiarly.

"Come inside, professor—you can rest your mind better indoors." He looked at the speaker. It was Kent, but save for something in the tone of his voice, Laport did not know him. He appeared broader and heavier and older. He was quickly dressed in a handsome suit of gray tweed, an immaculate vest and a fine soft black hat with a broad brim. He was shaved and clean shaven and had a clean, fresh face that indicated good living.

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like to have a talk with you about that gun later on. The first thing to do is to give you a sense of security and to do that I shall have to show you my hidden resources. I have a number of things that I can use to keep a security in the woods who can communicate by signal with the house. If by any accident you should be detected, you should get into the other apartment, you have ample time to disappear. Let me show you."

"Here I get up and go to the corner of the room, leaned with his hands upon his feet and pushed vigorously with his feet upon the floor which instantly moved as if it were on rollers, and as it withdrew from the corner in which Kent stood, a smooth rock showed itself about a foot beneath the carpet. Laport stepped on it and it sank away obliquely in a westerly direction and was very dark and repellent.

"Come," said Kent, "I will show you my possessions. You had better let me take your hand. I am familiar with the stairs. I will show you my things. You are not to go to the street in any way—it is by making a confidant of you and depending upon your sense of loyalty, no matter what the arrangement we effect, the pledge is implied. I have to put myself in your hands to a certain extent. You are a free man, but you are not to be directly to betray my confidence, even if you do not stay with me. That, I merely say, is understood. Laport bowed his head in acquiescence. "It is hardly necessary for me to say to you that I would not have this confidence in your sense of loyalty if I had not acquainted myself with your character and I hardly would have taken the extraordinary means to secure your fitting appearance."

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Returned the call. Ethel—M? These western men are unconventional. I hate to know that young Mr. Breedy, of Chicago, half an hour before he was calling me by my first name. My (quizzically)—What did you call him? Ethel (energetically)—I called him 'dud'—Truth. Mrs. Elphinstone—What a room! At 6:30 in the evening and light! Ethel—What a room! At 6:30 in the evening and light! Mrs. Elphinstone—What a room! At 6:30 in the evening and light! Ethel—What a room! At 6:30 in the evening and light!