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bound and gagged. He did not wish to put his hand to the hammer. There was no help for it; however, the savage instincts of his companion had broken out, and the poison had done its work...

"Ah, well, there is no great mystery in that. But you will know all about it soon enough. How sweet the morning air! See how that little cloud floats like a pink feather from some gigantic flamingo. Now the red rim of the sun pushes itself over the London clank-bell. It shines on a good many folk, but on none, I dare bet, who are so strange as you and I."

"It is just possible that we may need something of the sort if we get into their lair. Jonathan I shall leave to you, but if the other turns nasty I shall shoot him dead. He took out his revolver as he spoke, and, having loaded two of the chambers, he put it back into the right hand pocket of his jacket."

"We had, during this time, been following the guidance of Toby down the half rural, villa-lined roads, which lead to the metropolis. Now, however, we were beginning to come among continuous streets, where laborers and dockswomen were already astir, and slatternly women were taking down shutters and brushing doorsteps."

"We had traversed Streatham, Brixton, Camberwell, and now found ourselves in Kennington lane, having borne away through the side streets to the east of the Oval. The men whom we pursued seemed to have taken a curiously zigzag road, with the idea probably of escaping observation. They had never kept to the main road if a parallel side street would serve their turn."

"He was indeed, off, for, after sniffling round again, he suddenly made up his mind, and darted away with an energy and determination such as he had not yet shown. The scent appeared to be much better than before, for he had not even to put his nose on the ground, but tugged at his leash, and tried to break into a run."

"Our course now ran down Nine Elms until we came to Brodick & Nelson's large timber yard, just past the White Eagle tavern. Here the dog, frantic with excitement, tugged down through the side gate into the inclosure, where the sawyers were already at work."

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"And was this wooden-legged man alone?" "Cradin's say, I am sure, sir. I didn't hear no one else."

"I am sorry, Mrs. Smith, for I wanted a steam launch, and I have heard good reports of the Let me see, what is her name?" "The Aurora, sir."

"No, indeed, she's as trim a little thing as any on the river. She's been fresh painted, black with two red streaks."

"What now?" I asked. "Toby has lost his character for infidelity. He's acted according to his lights, and he's taking him down from the barrel and walking him out of the timber yard."

"We must get on the main stage again, I remark. Yes, and, fortunately, we have no distance to go. Evidently what puzzled the dog at the corner of Knight's place was that there were two different trails running in opposite directions. We took the wrong one. It only remains to follow the other."

"I tended down towards the river-side, running through Belmont place and Prince's street. At the end of Broad street it ran right down to the water's edge, where there was a small wooden wharf. Toby led me to the very edge of this, and there stood whining, looking out on the dark current beyond."

"We are out of luck," said Holmes. "They have taken to a boat here. Several small punts and shiffs were lying about in the water and on the edge of the wharf. We took Toby round to each in turn, but though he sniffed earnestly, he made no sign."

"Close to the rule, landing stage was a small brick house, with a wooden placard swung out through the second window. 'Mordecai Smith' was printed across it in large letters, and underneath, 'Toby to hire by the hour for day.' A second inscription above the door informed us that a steam launch was kept—a statement which was confirmed by a great pile of coke upon the jetty."

"This looks bad," said he. "Those fellows are sharper than I expected. They seem to have covered their tracks. There's a house, I fear, with preconcerted management here."

"He was approaching the door of the house, when it opened, and a little curly-headed lad of six came running along, followed by a stoutish, red-headed woman with a large sponge in her hand."

A great deal is being said about this famous utterance, just now, and some of our readers know exactly what it means when they hear it mentioned. Others have a misty idea of it; and to many it is Greek. It will do the readers of the ADVANCE no harm to review it in a few words.

From 1817 to 1825, James Monroe was President of our United States. He was as true an American as ever lived in this country, and began his long term of public service, at the age of seventeen, when he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army. He was soon made Colonel; and upon entering civil life, he became a congressman, before he was twenty-five years old. He was appointed Minister to France in 1794, and upon his return home, was elected Governor of Va. In 1802 he was sent to France, with instructions to purchase Louisiana from the first Napoleon; and within a fortnight had bought it for \$15,000,000.

After his various responsible offices, he was in 1817, elevated to that of President—a position which he held for eight years—being re-elected almost unanimously.

His administration has been called "The Golden Age of American Politics," but the most important event that occurred within its limit, and the one that will make Monroe immortal, was the inserting of a clause in his message of 1823, in which, by a few simple words, he declared that America ought not to entangle herself in the broils of Europe, and on the other hand should compel the European powers to keep their hands off the political affairs of Western Hemisphere.

At this time, the monarchies of Europe were more or less quietly banding together, to crush out the young western Republic, which seemed to them such a fruitful soil for the growth of liberal principles. But this new "Doctrine" of non-interference went around the world like a bugle call, and roused the friends of liberty wherever it was heard.

This enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine was the turning-point of a great crisis; the world discovered that America meant to live; and the oppressed of all lands began to contrive how to get her.

For forty years the Monroe Doctrine was never violated by one of the foreign nations that looked over at us from the other side of the Atlantic. At the end of that time, however, and during our Civil War, "Napoleon the Small," as Victor Hugo terms him, founded an empire on Mexican soil, and placed the ill-fated Maximilian at its head; but this ill-starred enterprise closed with the execution of the luckless emperor, in 1867. Since that time the Doctrine has been rigidly upheld by the United States; every attempted violation of it meets with the most earnest remonstrance, and persistence in the act by any nation would no doubt be followed by war.

James Monroe died a poor man, indebted for the comfort of his declining days to the filial love of a daughter, wife of the postmaster of New York. He lies buried in one of the smaller cemeteries of New York, and his grave is a humble one; but the time surely came when patriotic Americans will build him one of the grandest monuments on the western continent, with the text of his celebrated Doctrine engraved thereon.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—"I suffered with Dyspepsia and Disordered Liver, and would frequently throw up bile. I procured a bottle of Simmons' Liver Regulator, and, after using half of it, was completely cured. One of my lady customers told me the other day, that Simmons' Liver Regulator completely cured her of Sick Headache."

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"What side is the gentleman on?" asked the stranger who had been listening for two hours to a lawyer arguing a case in the Supreme Court. "I don't know replied the gentlemanly door keeper: 'he has' committed himself yet'"

A good joke is told on one of our "reform" magistrates. Upon hearing of his appointment he asked a friend who would "qualify" him, to which his friend replied, "You can be sworn in by the clerk of the court, but all I can't qualify you."—Ex.

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Mr. Staylate—Yes, Miss Genevieve, I have been hunting for lodgings all the week.

Miss Genevieve—You seem to have found them at last, Mr. Staylate.—Ex.

Credit has led many a man into financial perdition. Advertisements are the legs that business walks on.

The German Government has opened negotiations with other members of the Postal Union for the issue of an international postage stamp. Its convenience to business men would be great. It present it is not possible in writing to a foreign correspondent, to enclose stamp for reply, and this alone is often a source of annoyance. The international stamp would also afford a ready means of settling small bills. At last accounts all countries in the Postal Union except the United States had agreed to the scheme, and a conference will soon be called to arrange details.

The State comptroller writes us from Lincoln, Neb., as follows: "After trying other remedies for what seemed to be a very obstinate cough in our two children we tried Dr. King's New Discovery and at the end of two days the cough entirely left them. We will not be without it hereafter, as our experience proves that it cures where all other remedies fail."—Signed F. W. Stevens, State Com.—Why not give this great medicine a trial, as it is guaranteed and trial bottles are free at Hargrave's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.

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