ng the fact, which I honestly admit. an a very nervous man. I don t think I am a coward; at least this confession might prove there is no moral cowardice about me, and, after all, that is the right sort of courage in the long run. However no moral influence strengthen. ed those nerves of mine, which caused me

more suffering than any one suspected. Not even my wife guessed the extent of my nervousness, or I am sure she would have been the last to leave me in charge, under circumstances which, to say the least of them, were trying. For our house was situated in a lonely part of the country. We had no near neighbors, and reports had recently reached our ears of a series of strange and mysterious robberies committed by evidently accomplished thieves, judging from the way they laughed at locksmiths, penetrated into carefully barred up mansions; and the deft manner in which the hasps of innumerable plate. clisets were removed and the contents abstracted, and, no trace left to guide the baffled police by which to lay hold of the perpetrators.

It may therefore be imagined how pleasant it was for me when my wife and daughter announced their intention of accepting an invitation up to the city, " in which I was not included, fortunately," as they exclaimed in a breath, "because somebody must be left in charge."

Our domestics were comparatively new comers-hence the necessity for some one remaining at home; and as I dared not adduce my nerves as a reason for my restiveness under the arrangement, the matters were settled very speedily, and preparations were forthwith commenced for their departure.

"Be sure and have the silver carried up in your own room every night. John," said my wife, when we were all seated at dinner the evening previous to the

"O, yes," exclaimed my eldest daughter. "Don't forget, papa, or it may all be swept off as the Merediths' was last week. Just fancy if we lost all our nice solid silver; why, it's worth ever so much!"

'Not so very much,' I answered care' lessly, having observed, as I fancied, the black eyes of our maid fixed upon my daughter with a rather sharp expression; and remembering that she was a very recent arrival, I thought it advisable for one to detract from the value of the one possession of which I was extremely proud-my silver.

'Not so very much! John!' heedlessly exclaimed my wife; 'that old-fashioned solid silver not worth so very much! Just feel the weight of one spoon.'

'Well, we haven't enough to make it worth any one's while to break into this house,' I said with a poor assumption of indifference on the subject.

'O, John!' and 'O, papa!' resounded on all sides, which was followed up by n, wife adding, as if to improve matters: 'I should not like my pearls to go. Nor should I enjoy hearing that my jewel case was gone. You must keep that hid under the bed, John.' The black eyed maid giggled audibly at this; at least I heard her. However, her duties compelled her to leave the room for a few minutes, and I took the advantage of her absence to rebuke them for their extreme thoughtlessness in having spoken so incautiously before her.

· It is actually putting temptation in her way. How do you know she is not in league with the every gang themselves? I wound up, reproachfully.

It was silly, my wife admitted. 'Girls don't do it again. But it will be all right this time, John. We needn't be afraid because if any one came you would be the first to hear them; and if Mary had told them anything, yours would be the room they would first come to.'

That was evidently a comfort to my wife, though I could not see much cause for congratulation. However, I had one staunch ally to assist me in guarding the house, and that was my dog Rover, a noble retriever, which I kept comfortably located in a kennel placed in the stable yard. Gentle as a lamb with all of us, he had shown rather a lion-like disposition to strangers on more occasions than one: so I felt pretty certain if any attempt were made upon our abode, a very warm reception would be accorded to the invaders if Rover got within reach of them. To make certain of his co-operation in the event of an attack, I departed from my usual custom of chaining him up at night; and desiring a mat to be laid for him on the lobby, outside of my ledroom door. I retired to rest for a few nights after the departure of my family, feeling pretty confident that on the faintest indication of midnight marauders, Rover would be on the alert, and, hearing his ominous bark, it would be a very brave man who would set his foot within the hall. Besides which I kept a six-barreled, breech loading revolver loaded; and also possessed a everything else failed, I could fall back grander but far less comfortable drawing-

In accordance with my wife's desire, I had the most valuable plate carried up utmost, as he was obliged to be in the stairs, and deposited, not in our room city on some very important business by actually, but in my dressing room, which the end of the week. He was home on a adjoined, where I considered it would be short leave, consequently was obliged to just as safe. The jewel-case simply remained where it usually was, on a chest glad to know that he had seen me, and if of drawers close by the bed, under which I had anything I wanted to send him, he she had charged me to be sure to place it. | would be so glad to take charge of it.

patent to the servants, who no doubt indulged in considerable merriment at my expense down stairs; and probably pronounced them highly absurd; but one morning I was startled to hear that a house about five miles off, belonging to Gifford Ransford, had been broken into and everything of value carried off; worse still, that the butler, who had been awakened by the noise, had received such injuries from the burglars that he was not expected to live. As usual, they had escaped, leaving not a trace behind them by which to guide the mystified and bewildered police. I sat for a long time over my breakfast, ruminating on what my mode of procedure should be in the event of being attacked; and at last a bright idea struck me, which I resolved to put into execution; but what it was I need not say until I relate how it succeeded. I had a presentiment that my turn was coming, and it behooved me to have Fton March 5, 1877. recourse to my stratagem without loss of

Accordingly, I carried it into effect; at least I made my preparations that very morning; and in the afternoon I rode into the town, a distance of several miles, where I made further enquiries at the Feb. 12, 1877.

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ARCH. L. STERLING. where I made further enquiries at the

police station as regarded the recent obbery, but only heard that the thieves where still at large, and from the quantities of things taken at Ransford's, it was concluded that the gang consisted of four or five men. Nothing could have been more cheering news for me of course. Monestly, AM a nervous man; there is no dis- my heart sank somewhere into the region grace in that; and there's no deny- of my boots as I turned my horse's head nomewards and cogitated upon the pleasant prospect which I felt certain was before me. The afternoon shadows were deepening by the time I got back and as I rode slowly up to the side entrance which led to the stables, I was somewhat surprised to see a shabby look

ing carriage standing at the front door. My tirst impulse was to quicken my horse's movements, and get as rapidly out of sight as possible, believing I should thereby escape the necessity of receiving visitors in my wife's absence; but the next instant I was compelled to change my tactics, as I preceived my presence had been observed by a gentleman who ppeared at the toor, and descending the steps, walked towards me without any resitation. He was a tall, fine-looking man of about forty, dressed plainly but well, in dark trousers, a frock-coat, and high hat, which he raised slightly as he

'I must introduce myself, Mr. Redmond, he said, in a tone so easy and well-bred that nearer inspection at once satisfied me that he was what my first glance had assured me, a thorough gentleman. "My name is Gordon; and happening to be passing through Lowton,' (the town from which I just came,) 'I enquired how far off your place was, and made up my mind very good friend oi your brother Arthur

'Gordon.' For a moment I paused, but only for a moment; the next I remember- published."letters of a certain Tom Gordon, who, from his account of him, was one of the best of fellows possible, besides having helped him materially in making his way in that distant land; and as Arthur was a nim by great cordiality to his friend. In one of the last letters I had received, he mentioned the fact of Mr. Gordon having returned home, enumerated his numerous kindnesses to him, and asked me if I came across him to show him all the

So the ceremony of introduction did not occupy long. I welcomed him most beartily, and was thoroughly glad to find he had counted on my doing so, and had rought his portmanteau with him, quite orepared to accept what he felt sure would be offered—an invitation to remain as long as he felt inclined.

It was a perfect Godsend to me, this timely arrival; though I did not put my leelings into so many words, still I am sure he must have been more than satisfied with his reception. He accompanied me to the stable where I left my horse, to be afterwards cared for by a rather unpresentable rustic who resided in sufficient proximity to our abode to permit of his services being put into occasional requisition. Fortunately for Arthur's credit, this adjunct to our modest establishment was out of sight when we paid our visit as his exterior would have given rather a shock to Mr. Gordon's sensibilities. How ever, to proceed. We were just returning to the house when, on passing Rover's kennel, in place of the usually demon-

ccorded me, he showed an amount rritation and fierceness anything bu encouraging to Mr. Gordon, who stood at safe distance, whilst I stooped to quiet and soothe the excited animal. 'Be quiet, Rover, good dog; lie down sir; kennel up.' But Rover treated me

strative, unmistakably glad welcome he

with perfect indifference, contenting himself with violent plunges towards my visitor, whose safety evidently lay only in the strength of Rover's chain. 'Is he savage?' asked Mr. Gordon.

'Not in the least,' I replied; 'with us, t all events. I dare say he could be to trangers; he keeps intruders at a distance

'Do you ever unchain him?' he asked I have such a strange horror of dogs that hope you won't let him loose whilst I am ere. They say every one has some pe version; dogs are mine.'

'How extraordinary?' I answeredthought every one liked dogs, I am particularly fond of them.

· Perhaps I ought not to confess my lislike,' responded Mr. Gordon, smiling: but it is the truth; I don't like dogs and logs don't like me.

I could fancy that the latter part of his sentence was perfectly true. Gentlemanly and nice as Arthur's friend seemed, there was a thinness about the lips and a peculiar coldness in his eyes that enabled me to imagine that his dislike might beget dislike in animals so wonderously gifted with instinct as those four-footed friends. But the thought was a passing one. We moved to the house; and after dismissing his cab, Mr. Gordon and I entered the library, which, though dignified on account of its book shelves, I suppose, with tat very deadly-looking cutlass, which, if name, was a small room adjoining the

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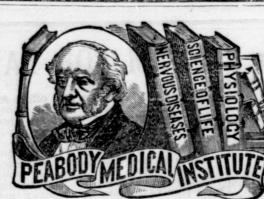
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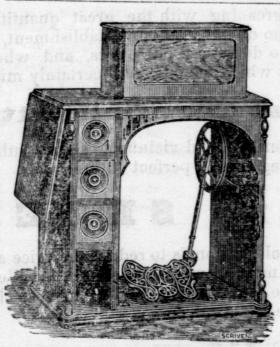
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