

herself ready to put herself out for her father's comfort. The night of the assault upon him, she and her husband had gone to bed early—she could not remember the exact time, as there was no time-piece in the house—and they had been aroused from sleep by the messenger who came to tell of her father's mishap. She did not know how rich her father was, until the house could be thoroughly searched—he probably kept all his money there. As for outstanding debts to him, they would probably be lost, as he kept no record of them except in his memory. Asked about her taking the keys from his person, she replied that it was necessary for her to prepare the house for his reception. Moreover, Dr. Bates had suggested this to her, and she had been accompanied by a policeman, as it seemed possible that thieves might be already there.

She was removed, and Parker Brown brought in. His bearing was as composed as had been that of his wife. He admitted not being on good terms with Goodrum. He also admitted having quarreled with his wife about her father and having threatened her for feeding him from her house, a man ten times as rich, he said, as they were. He made precisely the same statement as his wife about their going to bed the night of the third and being waked up with the news of Goodrum's having been knocked down and fatally cut in the head. As to Goodrum's wealth, he said that he well knew that his wife would inherit it, and that the old man was not long for this world. He could afford to wait for his natural death, and had no motive inducing him to take him off in advance of nature. Asked why he had taken the news of the old man's hurt so coolly, he answered