

# A MODERN PARRHASIUS

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It was my first visit to the Leonards after they had removed from New York to Brankville, and my eccentric friend had been showing me an ingeniously contrived electrical apparatus, by means of which he could, without leaving his desk, see and hear everything that went on in the sitting room below. Leonard is a novelist and his hobby is a study of life from models.

"What do you think of that for a scheme?" he said proudly. "I call it my automatic human analyzer. It's Helen's idea, and it's a brilliant one. When I want to study any particular Brankville type, she tells the subject to the house to a tea fight, or a sewing circle, or something of that sort, and I can sit here and dissect it at my leisure. Isn't it great?"

"It is the most ingeniously abominable thing I ever heard of," I ventured to say.

"I don't deny that," replied Leonard, "but necessity knows no law. I've got to have models if I have to spend the last shred of self respect in the family buying them, but just now I'm in a fix. I've come to a chapter in the new novel where an insight into the personality of a burglar is a sheer necessity, and I don't know what to do. Burglars are not kept on draft in Brankville, and Helen can't help me with a tea party."

"Why don't you go to Sing Sing and study them en bloc?"

"You don't understand. That wouldn't do at all. A burglar ceases to be a burglar when he becomes a convict. I've got to have the chemically pure article for my purpose."

"Then go to the city and investigate him in his native lair."

Leonard shrugged his shoulders, not without contempt. "Suggestion isn't your forte. I might as well study a lot of lay figures in a cyclorama with a policeman for a lecturer. No; I've got to get a specimen and analyze it, and I'll be hanged if I know how to do it."

I laughed. "Why don't you put an 'ad.' in the papers: 'Wanted.—A burglar to spend a short vacation in a country house at Brankville-on-the-Hudson while he is being taken apart and put together again. Must be an adept in his profession. Terms liberal.'"

With his usual obtuseness Leonard did not seem to see anything humorous in the suggestion. On the contrary, he appeared to take it seriously, and when his wife called us to dinner a few minutes later he said thoughtfully:

"Say, Tom, you're not so confoundedly amnerine as you look. Let's go down and eat on that last idea of yours."

A week later I had a telegram from Leonard.

"Come up," he said. "The B problem is solved, and I want you to interview me."

I went on the afternoon train, wiring him that I must return at once, and he met me at the station.

"Good boy!" he said, shaking hands. "Patched for time?"

I nodded. "All right. You can do it in 15 minutes and catch the next train to the city if you have to."

"Do what?"

"Why, interview me, of course. Didn't you read my message?"

In view of the fact that Leonard had kept up a running fight with the interviewers ever since the early dawn of his little day of popularity as a novelist, the request was quite in keeping with his other eccentricities, and I knew The Daily Monograph would be glad to have him make his first exception in its favor.

"Go ahead," said I, with pencil suspended. "What shall I say?"

"Anything or nothing about my work, but you must pile it on thick when it comes to the personalities. Make me out the biggest fool of a crank you can invent, and wind up with a paragraph on my abnormal fear of losing the million or so dollars my book has earned. Say that I'm too idiotically cautious to invest it. Say it's reported that I keep it in a burglar proof safe in my bedroom."

"But you don't do anything of the sort," I protested. Whereupon he cut in impatiently:

"Great heavens, man! Do you have to be hit with a club? Can't you see what I'm driving at? You ought to— it's your own suggestion, with a little necessary revision."

I wrote the interview while he waited, and he read it after the down train had whistled.

"That will bring me my burglar if anything will," he said, returning the notebook. "Don't you think so?"

"I hope it will, and I also hope that Mr. Michael Horrigan, or Hon. Patsy McGonigle, or whatever his name may chance to be, will scare the foolishness out of you on the model question for a twelvemonth."

"Thanks. But if you've any sympathy—"

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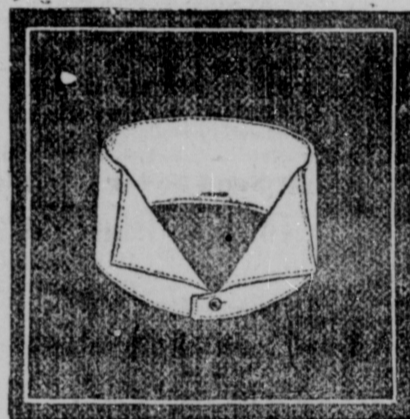
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