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"Burke, you're a cheat!"
 Burke, who was quite deaf, stared at his accuser, as if he had not understood him.
 "What did you say, sir?" he asked.
 Chapin repeated his words in a louder tone. They were scarcely out of his mouth before Burke retorted, "You're a liar!" accompanying his words with a blow from his fist. Chapin warded it off and would have dealt one in return if others present had not come between and separated them.

When Chapin appealed to the other two players, they were unable to support him in his allegation against Burke. They believed a motion of Burke's had been misconstrued by Chapin. Thereupon Burke demanded an apology from Chapin, which the latter reluctantly and with poor grace made. Chapin left the hotel immediately afterward, obviously in a very unpleasant frame of mind.

Burke remained awhile, but there was no more card playing. Mr. Dobson, the hotel proprietor, and Burke were warm friends, and they chatted together while they smoked their cigars. Presently Burke arose, remarking that he must be getting back across the river. He was passing out when Dobson called to him.

"What time is it, Burke? I want to set my watch."
 Burke carried a fine timepiece, and prided himself on its excellent running qualities. Drawing it from his pocket he said: "In a few seconds it will be one minute to 10," and then after a brief pause, "It is now just on the dot."
 "Much obliged, Burke," Dobson said as he turned the hands of his watch. Just then the clock of a neighboring tower struck 10, and then Dobson remarked, "The town clock's a minute fast." He went to the door with Burke and stood for a moment looking out.

"It's a fine night," Dobson said, with his characteristic drawl, and added, "I suppose the professors don't let such a night pass without making use of it."
 "No; they use the telescope pretty near every clear night," Burke answered.

"When'll you be over again?" Dobson asked as Burke was moving off.
 "I don't know," responded the latter. "Doubtful things are uncertain. I may get drowned going over."
 His light laugh, however, indicated that he had little fear of such an accident.

Dobson stood in the doorway for a few moments after saying good night. When Burke had disappeared from view, the notes of a popular air that he was whistling were borne back through the summer darkness.

CHAPTER III
 IT LOOKS LIKE FOUL PLAY
 About 5 o'clock the next morning two men, who had come down to fish about a mile below Jackson, west of the river, discovered a "floater" in the

water. The body, that of a man, had apparently been brought down by the current from up stream. The men waded out and got the body, which was taken to an undertaker's in Jackson. There it was identified by Dobson and others as the body of Burke. Later Professor Gilman also recognized the remains, making the identification complete.

Apparently there had been foul play, for on the left side of the skull, a little above and to the rear of the ear, was a wound sufficient, the medical examiner stated, to cause death. That portion of the skull had been crushed in by a blow from some blunt or jagged instrument. The condition of the lungs indicated that the man had been drowned before death could ensue as a result of the blow.

At the investigation that followed the facts concerning Burke's quarrel with Chapin were learned and also the fact that Burke had last been seen alive at 10 o'clock the night before by Dobson. Burke's boat was found at the pier on the east or observatory side of the river, secured in the usual manner. The key ring upon which with other keys was attached the one to the boat's padlock was found in the right hand hip pocket of Burke's trousers, his usual place of carrying it. A pocket handkerchief was found in the same pocket. His watch was found in the vest pocket where he usually placed it and his pocketbook, containing \$60 won that night at the card table, together with about \$40 more, was in its customary place in an inside vest pocket. Nothing of any value seemed to be missing. If he had been murdered, the motive for the crime had not been robbery.

An examination of the road between the hotel and the west pier showed no evidence of any struggle. At one place, however, were footprints pointing in both directions, as if some one had walked back and forth a short distance, searching for something. These footprints were all made by the same person and corresponded exactly to prints made by the shoes on the feet of Burke when the body was found. At this spot four burned matches were also found. It looked as if on his way home Burke had dropped something and spent a few minutes searching for it. Dobson remembered that Burke had two rods of steel in his hand when he left the hotel. As they were some 15 or 18 inches long, he could not carry them easily in his pocket. They were not wrapped in paper. Sheriff Estes, who had undertaken the task of unraveling the mystery, concluded that one of these rods had slipped from Burke's hand and fallen to the ground. He would be apt to notice it was missing very soon and doubtless had been obliged to search the ground for no great distance before finding the missing rod. These rods were the only things missing when Burke's body was found. The spot where the footprints were seen was nearer the hotel than the pier. It was about two-thirds of a mile from the latter point.

When Chapin left Dobson's hotel the night before, he carried a heavy walking stick, as three or four persons, Dobson among the number, bore witness to. The stick had an oxidized silver handle, rough of surface and rude of shape. The sheriff visited the room occupied by Chapin, which was in a boarding house in Jackson, but no trace of the walking stick was found there. Mrs. Meadows, the landlady, remembered the stick very well and the place where Chapin usually kept it when not having it with him. To the mind of the sheriff the absence of the stick from its customary place looked suspicious. Questioning him afterward, Chapin was not able to give what the sheriff regarded a satisfactory account of his whereabouts and doings between 10 and 12 o'clock the night of his quarrel with Burke.

The story Chapin told was that when he left the hotel he was in a much heated temper, what with his losses and the chagrin felt at being constrained to apologize for his words to Burke. He was in no frame of mind to meet any one, and so wandered off along the river bank. He went as far north as the bluffs, and there sat down, letting the refreshing breeze from the water cool his hot blood. He sat there and smoked for a long time, becoming interested in watching the many meteors flashing across the sky. He had noticed one especially brilliant one, which lighted up the landscape around him. At last the calm and peace of the night, the cooling breeze and perhaps more than all else the gazing into the great universe that is revealed in the darkness of a clear night soothed him, his passion passed and his troubled mind grew calm and philosophic. He did not start to return to his room in the village till he heard the town clock striking 11.

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He started then and reached the house at about 20 minutes past 11. All except Mrs. Meadows had retired. She saw him enter and talked with him for a moment. He then went to his room, and immediately went to bed.
 Such was the story Chapin told, and Mrs. Meadows corroborated it as far as the time of his return was concerned. At this time Chapin was ignorant of Burke's death, or assumed to be. After learning of it he still adhered to his story, but admitted it would look better for him if he could give a better account of himself during the hour between 10 and 11 that night. Believing the evidence against him sufficient to warrant it, the sheriff placed Chapin under arrest.

The afternoon of the arrest Chapin's stick was found among some rocks below the bluffs north of the west pier. It was here that Chapin claimed he had sat while smoking and gazing at the stars. When asked how the stick came there, he could only say that he supposed it must have slipped over the bluff while he was sitting there. When he arose to leave the place, he had forgotten that he had the stick with him, and, in fact, had not thought of it from that time to this. A close examination of the handle revealed in two places on its rough surface minute stains, which experts declared to be human blood.
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