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CHAPTER XV.—(Cont'd.)  
The wood was very still, and the shade grateful after the heat of the sun. Just beyond, the fields were shimmering with the heat, and he picked up his ears as the unmistakable sound of wheels and hoofs came across the silent fields. He looked round wildly, and seeing a tiny cot



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turning to the old man, "I'll give you another half-crown."  
The old man said nothing, but held out his hand, and after receiving the sum got up slowly, and opening a door by the fire-place revealed a few broken stairs, which he slowly ascended, after beckoning his guest to follow.  
"It's a small place," he said, tersely, "but I dare say you've often slept in a worse."  
Flower made no reply. He was looking from the tiny casement. Through an opening in the trees he saw a couple of figures crossing the field towards the wood.  
"If anybody asks you whether you've seen me, say no," he said, rapidly, to the old man. "I've got into a bit of a mess, and if you hide me here until it has blown over I'll make it worth while."  
"How much?" asked the old man.  
"Five pounds for certain," he said, hastily, "and more if you're put to much trouble. Run down and stop your wife's mouth quickly."  
"Don't order me about," said the old man, slowly; "I ain't said I'll do it yet."

"They're coming now," said Flower, impatiently, "mind, if they catch me you lose your five pounds."  
"All right," said the other; "I'm doing it for the five pounds, mind, not for you," added this excellent man.  
He went grunting and groaning down the narrow stairs, and the skipper closing the door, went and coughed down the open casement. A few indistinct words were heard in the still air, and voices came gradually closer, until foot-steps, which had been deadened by the grass, became suddenly audible on the stones outside.  
Flower held his breath with anxiety; then he smiled softly and peacefully as he listened to the terms in which his somewhat difficult host was addressed.  
"Now, mister," said the man of the gig, roughly.  
"Wake up, granpaw," said Dick Tipping; "have you seen a man go by here?—blue serge suit, moustache, face and head knocked about?"  
"No," said the old man.  
"What's he done?" was the reply.  
"Tipping told him briefly. "We'll have him," he said, savagely. "We've got a mounted policeman on the job, besides others. If you can catch him it's worth half a crown to you."  
He went off hurriedly with the other man, and their voices died away in the distance.  
Flower sat in his place on the floor for some time, and then, seeing the door from the window that the coast was clear, went downstairs again.  
The old woman put him up a bed, both he and the old man assured her that it was unnecessary, and then, taking the lamp, made him good-night.

CHAPTER XVI.  
He was awake early in the morning, and opening the door, stood delightedly breathing the fresh, pine-scented air.  
The atmosphere of the "Blue Posts" was already half forgotten, and he stood looking dreamily forward to the time when he might reasonably refer to life and Poppy. He took a feeling for his pipe before he remembered that Miss Tipping was probably keeping it as a souvenir, sat on a freshly cut log and fell into a sentimental reverie, until the appearance of a restless old man at the door of the cottage took him back to breakfast.  
"I thought you'd run off," said his host, tartly.  
Flower, on thought wrong, then, said Flower, sharply, as he took out his pipe. "Here are two of the five pounds I promised you; I'll give you the rest when I go."  
The old man took the money and closed his small, hard mouth until the lips almost disappeared. "More money than sense," he remarked.

The object of these compliments took them as a matter of course, and after hunting up the stump of last night's cigar, and shredding it with his knife, crammed it into a clay pipe and smoked tranquilly. He found a solitary cigar, one of the "Blue Posts" brand, and with a gaze which wandered half from the effect of drawers on one side of the room to the old china dogs on the little mantel-shelf on the other, smoked in silence.  
The man brought in news at dinner-time. The village was ringing with the news of yesterday's affair, and a rigorous search, fanned into excitement by an offer of two pounds reward, was taking the place of the more prosaic labors of the countryside.  
"If it wasn't for me," said the old man, in an excess of self-laudation, "you'd be put in the goal—where you ought to be; but I wouldn't do it if it wasn't for the five pounds. You'd better keep close in the wood look-out for you."

Flower took this advice, and for the next two days became a voluntary prisoner. On the third day the old man reported that public excitement about him had died out, owing partly to the fact that it was thought the villain must have made his escape good, and partly to the fact that the landlord of the "Wheat-sheaf" had been sitting at his front door shooting at snakes on the King's Highway invisible to ordinary folk.  
The skipper resolved to make a start on the following evening, walking the first night so as to get out of the dangerous zone, and then train to London at night, and he packed a bag in a convivial mood he purchased a bottle of red currant wine from the old woman at supper, and handed it round.  
He tried his other pockets, and then, sinking in a dazed fashion into a chair, tried to think what had become of his purse and loose change. His watch, a silver one, was under his pillow, where he had placed it the night before, and his ready cash was represented by the shilling which hung upon the chair.  
(To be continued.)

### About the House

Hot Cakes For Tea.  
Oven Cakes.—Two pounds flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, three ounces shortening, two ounces sugar, two ounces curants, one egg, one pint sour milk, pinch of salt. Rub the shortening into the flour and baking powder, which have been sifted together; then add the salt, sugar, curants, well-beaten egg and milk. Stir into a soft dough that will not stick to the hands and divide into four pieces. Roll each into a ball, then flatten out into a round cake about an inch thick. Cut across into four triangles, thus making sixteen scones. When risen in the oven and partly baked brush over with beaten egg, or water, dust with powdered or granulated sugar and finish the baking. These take a little more than half an hour to cook as a rule and should be split while hot and buttered. Serve at once. They can, however, be reheated or eaten cold.  
Cream Scones.—Sift together two level cups of flour, three level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and half level teaspoon of salt. Add ¼ cup of butter and work into the flour in with two knives. Beat two eggs slowly to the flour, mixing with a knife to a dough. Lightly roll the dough out to about ½ inch in thick-

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