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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, two bills were passed, one proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State, the other proposing an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State, which said bills are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 96.

AN ACT to amend Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in place and stead of Section 1 of said Article 1.

SECTION 1. All elections by the people shall be by ballot. Every male citizen of the United States, whether native born or naturalized, of the age of 21 years or upwards, who has resided in this State for one year and in the Legislative district of Baltimore city or in the county in which he may offer to vote for six months next preceding the election, and who moreover is duly registered as a qualified voter, as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates or other officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election, but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed. Every such male citizen of the United States having the above-prescribed qualifications of age and residence shall be entitled to be registered so as to become a qualified voter if he be—

First—A person able to read any section of the Constitution of this State submitted to him by the officers of registration and to give a reasonable explanation of the same; or if unable to read such section is able to understand and give a reasonable explanation thereof when read to him by the registration officers; or

Second—A person who on the first day of January, 1869, or prior thereto, was entitled to vote under the laws of this State or of any other State of the United States wherein he then resided; or

Third—Any male lineal descendant of such last-mentioned person who may be twenty one (21) years of age or over in the year 1906.

No person not thus qualified by coming under some one of the above descriptions shall be entitled to be registered as a qualified voter, nor be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the direction contained in Article XIV of the Constitution, and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voters shall elect; and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote on said proposed amendment as directed by the said XIVth Article of the Constitution.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 8, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES,
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT to amend Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 34 of Article 3 of said Constitution.

SECTION 34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same, and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and interest thereon shall be fully discharged. The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of any individual, association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which had no direct advantage from such works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax now levied or which may hereafter be levied to pay off the public debt, to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State.

But nothing in this section or in this Constitution contained shall deprive the General Assembly of the power to apportion amongst and to appropriate to the city of Baltimore and the several counties of the State out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars each year, to be expended only in the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways under and in accordance with such regulations as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be printed the words: "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 2, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES,
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWIN WARFIELD, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and of the mandate of the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of each of said bills proposing said amendments to said Articles 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State, where so many may be published, and in any county where not more than one newspaper may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next general election, which said election will be held on the 7th day of November, 1905, at which election the said proposed amendments shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this 27th day of July, 1905.

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EDWIN WARFIELD,
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By the Governor:
OSWALD TILGHMAN,
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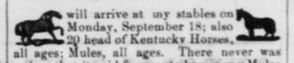

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Tuesday, October the 10th, 1905.

And for the purpose of REVISION ONLY (on which day no name can be registered) on

Tuesday, October the 17th, A. D. 1905,

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District No. 2, First Precinct.—At Johnson Hollenberry's Storeroom, in Uniontown.
District No. 2, Second Precinct.—At the room adjoining Angell's Store, in Tyrone.
District No. 3, At the Mystic Chain Hall, in Silver Run.
District No. 4, First Precinct.—At the old Hotel Property, in Sandyville, owned by Louis W. Caple.
District No. 4, Second Precinct—At the Storeroom and Dwelling owned by Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, in Bird Hill.
District No. 5, First Precinct.—At the Misses Backer Building, in Eldersburg.
District No. 5, Second Precinct—At the Store room of Wm. A. Dorsey, Jr., in Berrett.
District No. 6, First Precinct.—At the Firemen's Building, in Manchester.
District No. 6, Second Precinct.—At the Factory of C. M. Masenheimer, in Manchester.
District No. 7, First Precinct.—At the Albaugh Building, corner Court and Main streets, in Westminster.
District No. 7, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of Doyle & Haines, West Main street, in Westminster.
District No. 7, Third Precinct.—At the Home of Meade Ohler, opposite Albaugh Building, on Main street, in Westminster.
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District No. 8.—At the Firemen's Building, in Hampstead.
District No. 9.—At the residence of Mrs. Malinda Smith, in Taylorsville.
District No. 10.—At the Hotel of Mrs. Lynn, in Middleburg.
District No. 11.—At the residence of J. Ed. West, in New Windsor.
District No. 12.—At the Firemen's Building, in Union Bridge.
District No. 13.—In the Vacant Storeroom of John B. Rankles, on the west side of Main street, in Mt. Airy.

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If any be distressed, and fain would gather
Some comfort, let him haste unto
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For we of hope and help are quite bereaven
Except Thou succor us
Who art in heaven.

Thou showest mercy, therefore for the same
We praise Thee, singing,
Hallowed be Thy name.

Of all our miseries cast up the sum:
Show us Thy joys, and let
Thy kingdom come.

We mortal are, and alter from our birth;
Thou constant art;
Thy will be done on earth.

Thou madest the earth, as well as planets seven,
Thy name be blessed here
As 'tis in heaven.

Nothing we have to use, or debts to pay,
Except Thou give it us,
Give us this day

Wherewith to clothe us, wherewith to be fed
For without Thee we want
Our daily bread.

We want, but want no faults, for no day passes
But we do sin,
Forgive us our trespasses.

No man from sinning ever free did live
Forgive us, Lord, our sins,
As we forgive,

If we repent our faults, Thou ne'er disdain'st us
We pardon them
That trespass against us;

Forgive us that is past, a new path tread us;
Direct us always in Thy faith,
And lead us—

Us, Thine own people and Thy chosen nation,
Into all truth, but
Not into temptation.

Thou that of all good graces art the Giver,
Suffer us not to wander,
But deliver

Us from the fierce assaults of world and devil
And flesh; so shalt Thou free us
From all evil.

To these petitions let both church and laymen
With one consent of heart and voice, say,
Amen.

Select Story.

FOUR PIGEONS.

W. W. Jacobs in Cosmopolitan Magazine.

The old man took up his mug and shifted along the bench until he was in the shade of the elms that stood before the Cauliflower. The action also had the advantage of bringing him opposite the two strangers who were refreshing themselves after the toils of a long walk in the sun.

"My hearing ain't wot it used to be," he said tremulously. "When you asked me to have a mug o' ale, I 'ardly heard you; and if you was to ask me to 'ave another, I mightn't hear you at all."

One of the men nodded.

"Not over there," piped the old man. "That's why I come over here." He added, after a pause, "It ud be rude-like to take no notice, if you was to ask me."

He looked round as the landlord approached, and pushed his mug gently in his direction. The landlord, obeying a nod from the second stranger, filled it.

"It puts life into me," said the old man, raising it to his lips. "It makes me talk."

"Time we are moving, Jack," said the first traveler. The second expressed, however, a determination to finish his pipe.

"I heard you saying something about shooting," continued the old man, "and that reminds me of some shooting we 'ad here once in Claybury. We've always 'ad a lot o' game in these parts, and if it wasn't for a low poaching fellow named Bod Portly—Claybury's disgrace, I call 'im—we'd 'ave a lot more." He went on:

It happened in this way: Squire Rorkett was going abroad to foreign parts for a year and he let the Hall to a gentleman from London named Sulton. A real gentleman 'e was, open-'anded and free, and just afore October he 'ad a lot of 'is friends come down from London to 'elp 'im kill the pheasants.

The first day they frightened more than they killed, but they enjoyed themselves all right until one gentleman, who 'adn't shot a single thing all day, shot Bill Chambers, wot was beating with about a dozen more.

Bill got most of it in the shouder, and a little in the cheek, but the row he see fit to make you'd ha' thought he'd been killed. He laid on the ground groaning with 'is eyes shut, and everybody thought he was dying till Henery Walker stooped down and asked 'im whether 'e was hurt.

It took four men to carry Bill 'ome, and he was that particular you wouldn't believe. They 'ad to talk in whispers, and when Peter Gubbins forgot 'imself and began to whistle, he asked him where his 'art was. When they walked fast he said they jolted 'im, and when they walked slow he asked 'em whether they'd gone to sleep, or wot?

Bill was in bed for nearly a week, but the gentleman was very nice about it and said that it was his fault. He was a very pleasant-spoken gentleman, and arter sending Doctor Green to him and saying he'd pay the bill, 'e gave Bill Chambers ten pounds to make up for 'is sufferings.

Bill 'ad intended to lay up for another week, and the doctor, wot 'ad been calling twice a day, said he wouldn't be responsible for his life if 'e didn't, but the ten pounds was too much for 'im, and one evening just a week arter the accident he turned up at this Cauliflower and began to spend it.

His face was bandaged up, and when 'e come in he walked feeble-like and spoke in a faint sort of voice. Smith the landlord got 'im a easy-chair and a couple of pillers, and Bill sat there like a king telling us all his sufferings and wot it felt like to be shot.

I've always said wot a good thing beer is, and it done Bill more good than doctors' medicine. When he came in he could 'ardly crawl, and at nine o'clock 'e was out of the easy-chair and dancing on the table as well as possible. He smashed three mugs and upset about two pints o' beer, but he just put 'is 'and in his pocket and paid for 'em.

"There's plenty more where that come from," he ses, pulling out a handful of money.

Pete Gubbins looked at it, 'ardly able to speak. "It's worth while being shot to 'ave all that money," he ses at last.

"Don't you worry yourself, Pete," ses Bob Portly. "There's plenty more of you as'll be shot afore them gentlemen at the Hall 'as finished. Bill's the fust, but 'e won't be the last—not by a long chalk."

"They're more careful now," ses Dicky Weed the tailor.

"All right, 'ave it your own way," ses Bob, nasty-like. "I don't know much about shooting, being on'y a pore labourin' man. All I know is, I shouldn't like to go beating for them. I'm too fond o' my wife and family."

"There won't be no more shot," ses Sam Jones.

"Bob Portly don't know everything," ses Dicky Weed.

"I'll bet you what you like there'll be some more of you shot," ses Bob Portly, in a temper. "Now then."

"'Ow much'll you bet, Bob?" ses Sam Jones, with a wink at the others.

"I can see you winking, Sam Jones," ses Bob Portly, "but I'll do more than bet—the last bet I won is still owing to me—now look 'ere: I'll pay you sixpence a week all the time you're beating if you promise to give me 'arf of wot you get if you're shot. I can't say fairer than that."

"Will you give me sixpence a week too?" ses Henery Walker, jumping up.

"I will," ses Bob, "and anybody else that likes. And wot's more, I'll pay in advance. Fust sixpence now."

Claybury 'ave never been backward when there's been money to be made easy, and they all wanted to join Bob Portly's Club, as he called it. But fust of all 'e asked for a pen and ink, and then he got Smith the landlord, being a scholard, to write out a paper for them to sign. Henery Walker was the fust to write 'is name, and then Sam Jones, Peter Gubbins, Ralph Thomson, Jem Hall and Walter Bell wrote theirs. Bob stopped 'em then and said six ud be enough to go on with, and then 'e paid up the sixpences and wished 'em luck.

Wot they liked a'most as well as the sixpences was the idea o' getting the better o' Bob Portly. As I said afore, he was a poacher, and that artful that up to that time nobody 'ad ever got the better of 'im.

They made so much fun of 'im the next night that Bob turned sulky and went off 'ome, and for two or three nights he 'ardly showed his face; and the next shoot they 'ad he went off to Wickham and nobody saw 'im all day.

That very day Henery Walker was shot. Several gentlemen fired at a rabbit that was started, and the next thing they knew Henery Walker was lying on the ground calling out that 'is leg 'ad been shot off.

He made more fuss than Bill Chambers a'most, 'specially when they dropped 'im off a hurdle carrying him 'ome, and the things he said to Doctor Green for rubbing his 'ands as he came into the bed room was disgraceful.

The fust Bob Portly 'eard of it, was up at the Cauliflower at eight o'clock that evening and he set down 'is beer and set off to see Henery as fast as 'is legs could carry 'im. Henery was asleep when 'e got there, and, do all he could, Bob Portly couldn't wake 'im till he sat down gentle on 'is bad leg.

"It's o'ny me, old pal," he ses, smiling at 'im as Henery woke up and shouted at 'im to get up.

Henery Walker was going to say something bad, but 'e thought better of it, and he lay there arf bursting with rage.

"I'd quite forgot you was on my Club till Smith reminded me of it," ses Bob. "Don't you take a farthing less than ten pounds, Henery," ses Bob.

Henery Walker shut 'is eyes again. "I forgot to tell you I made up my mind this morning not to belong to your Club any more, Bob," he ses.

"Why didn't you come and tell me, Henery, instead of leaving it till it was too late?" ses Bob, shaking his 'ead at him.

"I shall want all that money," ses Henery, in a weak voice. "I might 'ave to have a wooden leg, Bob."

"Don't meet troubles arfway, Henery," ses Bob, in a kind voice. "I've no doubt Mr. Sutton 'll throw in a wooden leg if you want it; and look here, if he does I won't touch you for arf of it."

He said good-night to Henery and went off, and when Mrs. Walker went up to see 'ow Henery was getting on he was carrying on so alarming that she couldn't do nothing with 'im.

He was laid up for over a week, though it's my opinion he wasn't much hurt, and the trouble was that nobody knew which gentleman 'ad shot 'im. Mr. Sutton talked it over with them, and at last, arter a good deal o' trouble, and Henery pulling up 'is trousers and showing them 'is leg till they was fair sick of the sight of it, they paid 'im ten pounds the same as they 'ad Bill.

It took Bob Portly two days to get 'is arf, but he kept very quiet about it, not wishing to make a fuss in the village for fear Mr. Sutton should get to hear of the Club. At last 'e told Henery Walker that 'e was going to Wickham to see 'is lawyer about it, and arter Smith the landlord 'ad read the paper to Henery, and explained 'ow he'd very likely 'ave to pay more than the whole ten pounds, 'e gave Bob his arf and said he never wanted to see 'im agin as long as he lived.

Bob stood treat up at the Cauliflower that night and said 'ow bad he'd been treated. The tears stood in 'is eyes a'most, and at last 'e said that if 'e thought there was going to be any more fuss of that kind he'd wind up the Club.

"It's the best thing you can do," ses Sam Jones. "I'm not going to belong to it any longer, so I give you notice. If so be as I get shot, I want the money for myself."

"Me too," ses Pete Gubbins. "It ud fair break my 'art to give Bob Portly five pounds. I'd sooner give it to my wife."

All the other chaps said the same thing, but Bob pointed out to them that they 'ad taken their sixpences on'y the night afore and they must stay in for the week. He said that was the law. Some of 'em talked about giving 'im 'is sixpences back, but Bob said if they did they must pay up all the sixpences they had 'ad for those weeks. The end of it was, they said they'd stay in for that week and not a moment longer.

The next day, Sam Jones and Peter Gubbins altered their minds. Sam found a couple o' shillings that his wife 'ad hidden in her Sunday bonnet, and Peter Gubbins opened 'is boy's money-box to see 'ow much there was in it. They came up to the Cauliflower to pay Bob their eighteenpences, but he wasn't there, and when they went to 'is house Mrs. Portly said as 'ow he'd gone off to Wickham. So they 'ad to spend the money on beer instead.

That was a Tuesday, and things went on all right till Friday, when Mr. Sutton 'ad another shoot. The birds was getting scarce, and the gentleman that anxious to shoot them there was no 'olding them. Once or twice the keeper spoke to 'em about carefulness, and said wot large families they'd got, but it wasn't much good. They went on blazing away, and at the corner of the wood Sam Jones and Pete Gubbins was both hit, Sam in the leg and Pete in the arm.

The noise that was made was awful. Everybody shouting that they 'adn't done it, and all speaking at once, and Mr. Sutton was dancing about a'most beside 'imself with rage. Pore Sam and Peter was 'elped along by the others, Sam being carried and Peter led, and both of 'em with the idea of getting all they could out of it, making such 'orrible noises that Mr. Sutton couldn't 'ear 'imself calling his friends names.

"There seems to be wounded men calling out all over the place," he ses, in a temper.

"I think there is another one over there, sir," ses one o' the keepers, pointing.

Sam Jones and Peter Gubbins both left off to listen, and then they all heard it distinctly. A dreadful noise it was, and when Mr. Sutton and one or two more followed it up, they found pore Walter Bell lying on 'is face in a bramble.

"Wot's the matter?" ses Mr. Sutton, shouting at 'im.

"I've been shot from behind," ses Walter. "I'd got something in my boot, and I was just stooping down to fasten it up agin when I got it."

"But there oughtn't to be anybody 'ere," ses Mr. Sutton to one of the keepers.

"They get all over the place, sir," ses the keeper, scratching his 'ead.

"I believe he's done it 'imself," ses Mr. Sutton, stamping 'is foot.

"I don't see 'ow he could, sir," ses the keeper, touching his cap, and looking at Walter as was still lying with 'is face on 'is arms.

They carried Walter 'ome that way on a hurdle, and Doctor Green spent all the rest o' that day picking shots out o' them three men and telling 'em to keep still. He 'ad to do Sam Jones by candlelight, with Mrs. Jones 'olding the candle with one hand and crying with the other. Twice the doctor told her to keep it steady, and pore Sam 'ad only just passed the remark how 'ot it was for October, when they discovered that the bed was on fire. The doctor said that Sam was no trouble. He got off of the bed by 'imself, and when it was all over and the fire put out, the doctor found 'im sitting on the stairs with the leg of a broken chair in his hand calling for 'is wife.

Of course, there was a terrible to-do about it in Claybury, and up at the Hall too. All the gentlemen said as 'ow they 'adn't done it, and Mr. Sutton was arf crazy with rage. He said that they 'ad made 'im the laughing stock of the neighborhood and that they oughtn't to shoot with anything but popguns. They got to such high words over it that two of the gentlemen went off 'ome that very night.

There was a lot of talk up at the Cauliflower too, and more than one pointed out 'ow lucky Bob Portly was in getting four men out of the six on his Club. As I said afore, Bob was away at the time, but he came back the next night and we 'ad the biggest row here you could wish to see.

Henery Walker began it. "I s'pose you've 'eard the dreadful news, Bob Portly," 'e ses, looking at 'im.

"I 'ave," ses Bob, "and my 'art bled for 'em."

"It's very strange," ses Henery Walker, looking round—"it's very strange that all of us wot's been shot belonged to Bob Portly's precious Club."

"It's my luck, Henery," ses Bob. "I always was lucky from a child."

"And I s'pose you think you're going to 'ave 'arf of the money they get?" ses Henery Walker.

"Don't talk about money while them pore chaps is suffering," ses Bob. "I'm surprised at you Henery."

"You won't 'ave a farthing of it," ses Henery Walker; "and wot's more, Bob Portly, I'm going to 'ave my five pounds back."

"Don't you believe it, Henery," ses Bob, smiling at 'im.

"I'm going to 'ave my five pounds back," ses Henery, "and you know why. I know what your Club was for now; and we was all a pack o' silly fools not to see it afore."

"Speak for yourself, Henery," ses John Biggs, who thought Henery was looking at 'im.

"I've been putting two and two together," ses Henery, looking round, "and it's as plain as the nose on your face. Bob Portly hid up in the wood and shot us all himself."

For a moment you might have 'eard a pin drop, and then there was such a noise nobody could hear themselves speak. Everybody was shouting 'is 'ardest, and the on'y quiet one there was Bob Portly 'imself.

"Pore Henery, he's gone mad," he ses, shaking 'is 'ead.

"You're a murderer," ses Ralph Thomson, shaking his fist at 'im.

Henery Walker's gone mad," ses Bob agin. "I ain't been near the place. There's a dozen men'll swear that I was at Wickham each time these misfortunate accidents 'appened."

"Men like you, they'd swear anything for a pot o' beer," ses Henery. "But I'm not going to waste time talking to you, Bob Portly. I'm going straight off to tell Mr. Sutton."

"I shouldn't do that if I was you, Henery," ses Bob.

"I dare say," ses Henery Walker, "but then you see I am."

"I thought you'd gone mad, Henery," ses Bob, taking a drink o' beer that somebody 'ad left on the table by mistake, "and now I'm sure of it. Why, if you tell Mr. Sutton that it wasn't 'is friends that shot them pore fellers, he won't pay them anything. 'Tain't likely 'e would, is it?" Henery Walker, wot 'ad been standing up looking fierce at 'im, sat down again struck all of a heap.

"And 'e might