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THE SHERIFF'S STORY.
[CONCLUDED.]
At this point the idea which had before
been dimly floating in my mind as a possi-
bility, became very near a reality. These prints
were at some little distance from the sunken
bridge, and the man who had made them had
crossed a point of turf in reaching the
road. I selected a place where the mud was
quite hard, and here stepped along by the
side of the other track. I was a heavy man,
and yet the prints were not half so deep as
those of other prints. What did this signify? It
signified very plainly to me that the man who
had made those deeper tracks had borne a very
heavy load upon his shoulders.

THE SHERIFF'S STORY.
I left the proper officer to take charge of
the corpse, and having told Mr. Watson to
meet me in Jackson on the following morn-
ing, I started for the latter place and put up
my horse at the stable of the inn—the inn-
keeper by Laman Stoker. I found the hostler,
and shuddered when I looked at him—so
because he was a very ugly-looking man;
but because he looked to me exactly like
the man who had been taken care of, I
help his master do bloody work. He was a
thin, pale, cold-blooded fellow, with a low,
receding brow; sharp, cold eyes; a small
triangular nose, and a thick heavy upper lip.
If he had been a larger man these character-
istic features would have been more promi-
nent, and people might have feared him; but
as it was, he had passed for a weakly, un-
healthy man, and nobody had thought of his
doing harm.

THE SHERIFF'S STORY.
I pushed on to the shore of the stream, but
there were no fresh foot-prints there. I went
back a little way, and found that the trail
turned to the left, and led to a point of the
swamp which made up behind the bluff upon
which the village stood. I made my way into
the thicket of vines and cotton-wood, and
presently I found a boat drawn up upon the
shore of the creek. It was of a kind called a
"dog-out," and was wet outside and in, as
though it had been lately washed down.

THE SHERIFF'S STORY.
We reached the inn a little after dark—
Watson and one of the constables went to
the stable and secured John Boone, while I
went into the house and secured Laman
Stoker. The latter, as I intimated, was a
powerful fellow, and came very near giving
me a trouble, but a blow from the butt of one
of my heavy pistols reduced his strength
somewhat, and after that he was easily se-
cured.

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