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One night in my hotel as I was sleeping,

1 seemed to hear the splintering of glass, I woke and saw a chapple with a hatchet in his hand, And he wore a shiny helmet made of brass. I rubbed my eyes and did some rapid thinking, Then started for the reason to enquire, And suddenly I said "Great Scott we've got a fireman here, A smell of burning too - must be a fire." He said "Your perpiscacity is marvellous, How you guessed it is a mystery to me, Your bedroom's like a burning fiery furnace, So full of smoke it's difficult to see; There's quite a chance the roof will give way shortly, This place should be a death-trap when alight,"

I said "You mean it's dangerous - or words to that effect,"

And I'm certain- more or less, that I was right.

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One Christmas Day while walking through the suburbs,

I saw two navvies fighting in the street.

I said "Excuse me really this is not the time to scrap,

Your conduct seems to me not quite discreet." They suspended operations for a moment,

Then started punching me with awful force; I thought "Now what have I done to upset their tempers so? If they should start in earnest- well of course-".

One smashed me in the face and knocked me backwards,

The other Johnny levelled things a bit,

By uppercutting me as 1 was falling,

I thought "There's not a doubt that chap can hit." They jumped upon me- tore my clothes to ribbons,

And when I woke in hospital that night,

I said "I've got a feeling I was on the losing side,

And I'm certain, more or less, that I was right.

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It's astonishing the way some things will strike me,

I borrowed my pal's car once for a ride,

A brand new Daimler, beautifully upholstered,

To make her show her speed 1 quickly tried.

At 75 I rounded a sharp corner,

And met a Rolls Ford doing 82.

It then occurred to me- there'll be a crash here very soon, And sure enough my prophecy was true.

I hit the Rolls Ford squarely in the waistcoat, The impact jarred my nerves, tho' not for long, When I came to I thought "There's going to be some trouble here," And gen'rally I'm never far from wrong; The policeman smiled, and put the handcuffs on me, Said he "I hope your sentence will be light," Well I've just come out from doing It- I reckoned on 2 years, And d'you know by Jove, as usual, I was right.

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