

One evening in Evergreen Street, the man came back from his job and saw that he had been robbed. He noticed that his oil painting was gone. He immediately called the most popular detective in the world – Mr. Porlock Hopes. After 15 minutes Mr. Hopes was at the scene of the crime. He discovered a footprint on a windowsill. Then he looked at the table lamp and a footstool, which was down on the floor. He also found a black glove under a coffee table. Then he asked the owner if he suspected someone, who could steal his painting. The owner said:

-Yes, a lot of people wanted to own my painting, but I suspect my cousin Lawrence.

-And why do you think it was him?

-Because he offered a solid price for it once.

Porlock knew about a mysterious man living nearby and he secretly suspected him. Then Porlock went to the pantry and saw a mysterious man he was suspecting. Police immediately arrested the man. After that everybody was amazed how Porlock knew where the mysterious man had been. The man probably panicked, when the owner came home and hid in the pantry.

People whispered:

“What an amazing man - he solved another impossible mystery”.