perhaps he had died, and Jesse was looking for
game. Second, "Why do you want a rifle and
three revolvers?"

That night we slept in the same room, and then
I ventured to ask the questions. His brother
was no worse, his wound still continued to
remain open, and he had not left his bed for
four years. Jesse then had me feel the bullet
lodged in his own wrist, also one in his neck,
and at the same time told me of several others
in different parts of his body. He also intimated
that he did not care to receive any more, so found
it advisable always to be well armed, and as a
rule to walk through woods and seldom in the
open road, especially when near any of the Hol-
brook family. He slept and ate with the revol-
vers around him and the rifle near by, and ind-
eed, never parted from his firearms.

That night I slept but little with such a man
in the room with me. And never but once since
then have I passed such an uncomfortable night:
namely, in Pike County, when I slept with a rev-
ue officer who was looking for "moonshiners,"
and who was similarly armed at all times.

The following morning we tossed horseshoes
together. Later, he cut the hair of the various
farm-hands with the sheep-shears, with as much
grace as the crack Adam's House barber. Per-
haps to him the most interesting period of his
visit was while one of the Holbrooks was riding
past on horseback. The glances that were
exchanged were very significant, but no blood
was shed, much to our personal satisfaction.
In the afternoon he left us, taking his path
through the woods to his home, some twelve
miles away.

A few days later we returned to the place of
our nativity, and it was with much pride, per-
haps a little more than necessary, we told of our
acquaintance with the Underwoods. Scarcely
six weeks had passed when news came that
Judge Holbrook had been shot from ambush,
soon after the death of the wounded Underwood
before mentioned. A week later an account of
the murder of Will Underwood, while working
in the field with his two daughters, appeared in
the paper. The next paper had an account of