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Yesterday, upon the stair,  
I saw a man who wasn't there.  
He wasn't there again today.  
I wish, I wish, he'd go away.

*Antigonish* (1899), by William Hughes Mearns (1875–1965)

They sought it with thimbles, they sought it with care;  
They pursued it with forks and hope;  
They threatened its life with a railway-share;  
They charmed it with smiles and soap.

And the Banker, inspired with courage so new  
It was matter for general remark,  
Rushed madly ahead and was lost to their view  
In his zeal to discover the Snark.

*The Bankers Fate* from *The Hunting of the Snark* (1876), by Lewis Carroll:  
Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832–1898)