possible uses:

--Proxy, to a would-be prostitution customer.

--Hugh, to Owen or one of the other Duff brothers trying to get him away from a drunken spree (w/ Darius?)

"Take a walk."

"I'm taking you."
"What do you say to a ... (short snort, or some other word for drink?)"
Hugh on final binge

a man seldom more than a quickstep ahead of poverty and not often
more than a short reach from whiskey.

- having crew?
- clam workers?
Might as well be drunk as otherwise. (use w/ Hugh?)
BEST, EUGENE V., 28 Meadow Court, Glasgow, Montana 59230. "A lot of rattlesnakes were brought in among the big rocks that were placed on the face of the dam. While working on the dam one day, we caught a snake to show to the Boy Scouts. We put it in a jar and placed the jar in the truck. Some way, the jar tipped over and the snake was loose somewhere in the truck. Needless to say, the crew preferred to walk home that day." The person I remember most: "Carter V. Johnson, Soils Engineer. He was so fair and honest with the men he worked with, as well as those he supervised."
"That pleases me." (use Reid Beddow's characteristic saying for one of the Duffs--maybe Darius?--or Susan in "There's No Better Trouble..."?)

Mag
ardent

ardent spirits (whiskey) (Denis was?)
There are times, Hugh, when you are

the absolute socks off me, though. I suppose I was as hopelessly

innocent as the apparatus on an angel, but in my not quite fifteen years

of life until then there had been what I assumed was the natural order

of things
Always Bet on the Butcher, p. 16-17: rattlesnake lore