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stan Arundel was accused ?" hold them in your hand—the very his respectability. 'St. Katherines by the Tower." "The Golden derful. Who put them there?'

Suddenly his master's eyes closed; 'How can I know?' he dropped his head; he heaved a deep, 'Well-but in any case one thing is little apprehensive.' sigh: he moved his head and opened certain. Athelstan's name is cleared 'There is, I fear, a good deal wrong,' show for the sale of this 6,000l. worth ture, sometimes those of clients. If he his eyes. He was restored to himself. at last. You will tell his mother that.' said Mr. Dering. 'Sit down, my old of paper?' George asked Mr. Dering. were shown his signature he might re-The fit, whatever it was, had passed. | Not at all, said Checkley. 'Why friend.—Give Mr. Ellis a chair, Check- 'Nothing at all. The letters and member. Lorry, therefore, was allow-'Checkley,' he said, 'I've been try. shouldn't he put 'em in himself? I ley.—Austin, you will tell him what he everything are a forgery.' ing to put the thing to myself as if some saw him edging up towards the safe -' wants to know.' other man—a client—was putting this . Saw him edging—stuff and non- You wrote to Mr. Dering yesterday cheque for your commission?' case to me. I began very well. The sense! His name is cleared. This will recommending a certain investment—' Certainly." other man came—that is, I myself be joyful news to his mother and his 'I certainly did. A very favourable 'Get me the old cheques and the 'An attempt only?' Mr. Dering ask. called upon myself. I sat and heard sisters.' my own story. I forgot, somehow, what Austin, get me back my certificates,' will prove.'

forget. But I remember that it wasn't news. Never mind Athelstan's name; your letter, he had recently effected.' another story altogether. He didn't the old forgery only bewilders my brain George, as well as my partner.'

all. You'll be all right prosently. You pened? You cannot find—you have less—realizing—' have bin shook up a bit, with the certi- mislaid-certain papers. Certain divi- 'You note the dates and amounts, ficates and the notes and all. If I were dends which were due do not appear to Austin?' said Mr. Dering.

you I'd have a glass of something stiff.' have been paid; and your brokers, 'Certainly; we will, however, get the 'No-no; I shall come round pre- Ellis & Northcote, have used a phrase dates and the amounts more exactly in any Edmuud Gray.' sently. Yes—that's it. I'm a good in a letter which you do not under- a moment.—Now, Mr. Ellis, of course deal upset by this business. Somehow stand. Would it not be well to get you received instructions with the I don't seem able to think clearly about them here; or shall I go into the City papers themselves. Were they in writ- this was only a beginning. In March stroke of luck. It seems almost certain Let me see '-he sighed heavily- and ask them exactly what they meant ing or by word of mouth?' 'I think you went somewhere -some and what has been done?' where for me, before-before the other

'If I could remember any transac. Mr. Dering himself.' tions with them during the last six 'Have you got these letters with you instructed me to transfer certain It is an immense sum of money. It 'For Lord's sake, don't talk about months. But I cannot, except a small you?' son. Yes—I did go for you; I went to month—a few hundreds. And here are order.' He laid his hand upon the to Edmund Gray aforesaid. In the the money gradually: he might, to be ask the manager of the Bank whether the papers belonging to that."

'The manager of the Bank. True. with?' acted for me. He has been my friend a letter, and read it aloud: "MY DEAR before the commission was charged to ates. In fact, the robbery seems to me 'Then, Checkley'-Mr. Dering drop- for close on fifty years.'

ped his hands helplessly-'what is to 'I don't know, I'm sure,' the clerk bring along with him all the letters and price. Will you have these transferred ruary business.'

the first time in my life, I can't think. money itself—and the feeling of un. stock for Mr. Dering— But of course commission. I want some one to advise me. I must certaintyput the case in semebody's hands.' you and me? We're knocked a bit the papers themselves may be found our commission. If we had been in money from the transfers: these invest- afterwards. Suppose we were to get a

silly just at first; but the case will among them.' have a partner—nothing would do but cheerful, decided, taking practical ized less our commission. A transfer said George. He examined them carecome to us in the long run. You would a partner. The boy's in his own room measures at once, cheered up the law- is another kind of work. Mr. Dering fully, comparing them with each other. the thing was done. They have sold Gents' Stuffed Rockers, now, I suppose, with a crown upon his yer, and steadied his shattered nerves. transferred this stock to Edmund Gray, the most careful I America as you suggested. Why the head and the clerks kneelin' around—
But Checkley the clerk looked on his client. It was therefore for him to they would deceive the most careful. I America, as you suggested. Why, the as grand as you please. Send for him. gloomily. He replaced the papers in settle with his client the charges for should not hesitate, myself, to swear to things may have been sold a dozen the safe, and stood beside it, as if to the transfer and the value of the stock. the handwriting. The partner, when he arrived a few guard it; he followed the movements We therefore sent a bill for these It has already been explained that danger. Suppose they have been sold

contents of the safe. In front of it First George sent a telegram to the George received the letter from him, words were conveyed by a curve, with The share now belongs to B, and stands At Chas. Jones's. tion. On the table lay piled the whole between his teeth. stood the ancient clerk, trembling and City for the broker. Then, while the examined it, and laid it before his part. or without a tail, while the really im. in his name whether honestly come by shaking-head, hands, knees, and old clerk still stood beside the safe, ner. shoulders-following the movements and Mr. Dering continued to show

getfulness, this rambling talk about sometimes sitting at his table, some and then tossed it to Checkley. of the safe, he began to look through he said, 'it ought to be you. Whose the copied letters, those, that is, which writing is that?' You are come at last.' Mr. Dering chair. Now, my partner, hear the case had gone out of Mr. Dering's office. He 'It looks like yours. But there is a

can.—Tell him, Checkley—or—stay; wards.

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Nothing for six months, he said.— call it yours; but I see by your face that writing, Dering, it is the very finest Upon my word, I don't know. Weil—but this is only conjecture. Let me and resolve the difficulty for us, if you went through these. They were the 'No; it is not my writing. I did not 'I don't think my memory can be first find out what has become of the lost my reason and my memory, or I Checkley, give me the letters. He it is not. George stood at the table and listen- letters received at the office, all filed, write that letter. This is the first I quite gone.—Checkley, have we ever shares. Of course there is a record, to ed. Something of the utmost gravity endorsed, and dated. There was not have heard of the contents of that let. had a client named Edmund Gray?' which I have only to refer. I will let

shaken out of his accustomed frigidity of calm. Now he was excited; his eyes were restless; he talked fast, he talked badly. He made half a dozen attempts to begin: he marshalled his facts in a slovenly and disorderly manner, quite slovenly and disorderly manner, quite slovenly and disorderly manner, quite ship usual clear arrangement: for unlike his usual clear arrangement: for Since no such letters are here, it is But go on. fifty years he had been marshalling clear that no such letters were written. You don't mean to say that this let-

not possibly endure the burden of beard | confederates at least for such a job as served at a glance, would certainly be 'I do not quite understand yet,' said of witnessing a signature for a transfer 'The same. There they are—you such as one expects from a citizen of George, inexperienced in the transfer paper. He had witnessed many signa-

I am threatened with another and a fully—'here I am, in immediate obedi- the owner's authority; he must sign a especially witnessing any signature in worse robbery! Yes-yes; the yery ence to your summons. I hope that transfer. But if I receive a commission February, March, or April, he replied notes!—the very notes! This is won. there is nothing wrong; though your from a lawyer to transfer his stock to a that he could not remember any, but request that I would bring with me client, it is not my business to ask that he had witnessed a great many certain papers certainly made me a whether he receives the money or not.' signatures : that sometimes Mr. Dering

opportunity it is, and a capital thing it cheque-book, said Mr. Dering. The ed. 'Where are my certificates?'

'What sales were they?'

stock, also all duly enumerated, to the you know about him?' 'You're wandering a bit,' said Check. I will do my best. It is difficult at value of 12,000l. odd. April last, sale ley, anxiously watching him. 'That's first to understand—for what has hap- of stock to the value of 20,000l.—more

ELLIS,—I enclose a bundle of certifi- you and paid by you. It was exactly hedged about with difficulties almost 'Well, I will send for him, and tell cates and shares. They amount to the same transaction as before—only impossible.'

to the name of Edmund Gray, gentle. Mr. Dering took the second letter Ellis. 'Thirty-eight thousand pounds replied with equal helplessness. 'I papers he has.'

never heard of such a thing before in never heard of such a thing before in 'Good, good,' said Mr. Dering, more man, of 22 South Square, Gray's Inn?

to the name of Edmund Gray, gentle-man, of 22 South Square, Gray's Inn?

mr. Dering took the second in shares. Well, I will find out for you and looked at it with a kind of patient in shares. Well, I will find out for you man, of 22 South Square, Gray's Inn?

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The signature of all my life. Thirty-eight thousand cheerfully. 'That is practical, I ought Mr. Edmund Gray is a client, and I resignation. 'I know nothing about if they have been sold and to whom. pounds! It can't be. Nobody ever to have thought of that at the very will have the amount paid to my ac. it,' he said—'nothing at all.' heard of such a thing before. Perhaps outset. Now we shall get along. The count by him. Send, me, therefore, There was a third and last transac- down-hearted about it. As Mr. Austin they are about the place somewhere. first thing is to arrive at the facts— the transfer papers and the account tion, said the broker, 'this time in says, you will certainly get your prothen—then we can act. If it was an showing the amount due to me by him, April. Here is the letter written by perty back again. What? We live in 'No-no. It is useless. Why-I other man's case, I should have known together with your commission.—Very you with instructions exactly the same a civilized country. We cannot have have no dividends. The shares were what to do. But when it is your own sincerely yours, Edward Dering." as in the previous cases, but dealing large sums like 40,000l. stolen bodily. all transferred, and nothing has been __and to lose the certificates, and when That is the letter. The proceeding is with the stock to the amount of 19,000l., Property isn't kept any longer in bags paid for them. The shares have been a sum of nearly forty thousand pounds not usual, yet not irregular. If, for which we duly carried out, and for of gold. Bank notes, banks, investstolen. Checkley, I can't think. For is at stake—it looks like losing the instance, we had been instructed to buy which we received your cheque—for ments, all tend to make great robberies

structed to sell, we should have paid in ments are stolen. The presence of this young man, to Mr. Dering's bank the amount real- 'Let me look at the letters again,' for a certain sum.' minutes later, found the Chief walking of the new partner with watchful, sus- charges. It was sent by hand, and a Mr. Dering's handwriting was of a kind a dozen times over. Consider. Here about the room in uncontrollable agita- picious eyes; and he muttered sullenly cheque was received by return of the which is not uncommon with those who is a share in the Great Western. I

another man, this new restlessness, times looking into the empty shelves 'If anybody knows my handwriting,' which had never varied.

seen his Chief in the least degree thing to do with the sales of stocks and Dering, and the flourish after the last ago—the cheque of 7201.—was payable thing to do with the sales of stocks and Dering, and the flourish after the last "n" is curtailed of half its usual di- to the order of Edmund Gray."

rould look charges—to this office, and got a cheque "n" curtailed." Tested to if they could be a forgory? Why, you want a done tematically, altered in exactly the

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of stocks and shares. notes! Strange! on the very day when 'Here I am, dear sir,' he said cheer- 'Well, I cannot sell stock without papers were. Asked if he remembered

pointed out in the signature.

'Nothing at all—absolutely nothing.' 'I know something,' said Checkley. Mr. Ellis, 'what has become of your But go on—go on.' 'He may be a non-existent person,

for what you know.' 'Certainly. I know nothing about the dividends for five months. That, 'Wait a bit,' murmured Checkley.

him to come as soon as possible, and to somewhere about 6,500l. at current for double the sum involved in the Feb-

'Every one of these letters-every your property.' 'All taken together, becomes rather 'Pardon me,' said George. 'I am signature of mine to transfer papers Mr. Dering shook his head doubt. 'There's your young partner—a overwhelming. Of course I should like not so much accustomed to buy stock and to cheques—was a forgery,' said fully. chance for him to show that he's worth to see the letter-book, and we must run as my partner. Will you go on?'

Mr. Dering slowly. 'I have no client 'There is another chance,' George his pay. Why don't you consult him, through the letters to see if they throw 'We should have done so, and sent named Edmund Gray: I know no one suggested. 'One has heard of robberand then come back to the old plan of any light upon the business. Perhaps our client the bill for the amount with of the name: I never received any lies effected with the yiew of blackmail

write a good deal. The unimportant transfer it from A to B. Very good. The signature, however, was large, dis- who sells it to C. He, again, to D.

had happened. Never before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be before had he high he are night to be a second of the contents which he examined which had any. Two dots are wanting after the word one thing. That forgery eight years can.

such a complicated business as this cheque and of the letters was the same: exactly the same as that of the former

same way in both letters and cheque 'This again,' said George, 'can hardly be ccincidence. It seems to me that the man who wrote that cheque also wrote those letters.'

The endorsement was in a hand which might also be taken for Mr. Dering's own. Nothing to be got out of 'But about the transfer papers,' said

George. 'They would have to be witnessed as well as signed.' 'They were witnessed,' said the broker, 'by a clerk named Lorry.' 'Yes, we have such a man in our

office.—Checkley, send for Lorry.' Lorry was a clerk employed in Mr. Dering's outer office. Being interrogated, he said that he had no recollection tures, but was not informed what the Yes-yes. And is there nothing to wanted him to witness his own signa-

ed to depart to his own place. 'And you, Mr. Ellis, received a 'There can be no longer any doubt,' said George, 'that an attempt has been made at a robbery on a very large scale.'

cheque was drawn, as the letter was 'I say attempt, because you can't the story was -he shook his head im- said Mr. Dering; 'never mind those 'You mentioned in your letter certain written, in Mr. Dering's handwriting, really steal stock. Dividends are only patiently. Forget-forget-I always notes now. Never mind the joyful transfers and sales which, according to but with the slight difference he had paid to those who lawfully possess it. This Edmund Gray we can find, if he 'You are quite sure,' asked George, exists. I take it, however, that he does 'that you did not sign that cheque?' | not. It is probably a name assumed by

'We can easily find out for you,' said

'If the thieves have kept it,' George went on, 'all they could make would be however, is only because the bank-book was not examined for so long. They 'Well, but'-Mr. Ellis went on- could not reckon upon such an unusual you wrote to me again; that is to say, that they must get rid of the stock as 'In writing. By letters written by I received a letter purporting to be quickly as they could. Suppose that from you. In this letter—here it is— they have realized the whole amount. stock—the papers of which you en- would have to be paid by cheque into a papers. 'Here, for instance, is the first same way as before the transfer papers sure, go to America and have the whole 'Which of the partners do you deal letter, dated February 14, relating to were sent to you for signature; in the amount transferred, but that would not these transactions.—You will no doubt same way as before they were signed help him much unless he could draw it 'The old man, Ellis—he's always remember it, Mr. Dering.' He took up and returned: and in the same way as out in small sums payable to confeder-

> 'It is the most extraordinary attempt at robbery that ever was,' said Mr.

Mr. Dering read the letter, held it to tinct, and florid—the signature of the Every transaction is right and in form and terror. This strange fit, this for- times walking about the room and the light, examined it very carefully, House, which had been flourishing for except the first. You can trace the vanished. A says to C: "You bought 'Look at it,' said George again. that share of a thief." C says: "Very Who would not swear to this writing!?' sorry. How was I to know? D has 'I would for one,' said Mr. Ellis. got it now." D says that it is his, and searched for six months, working back- trembling in the letters. It is not so And I have known it for forty years he will stick to it. We go to law about firm as the most of your work. I should and more.—If that is not your own the share. What is going to happen?

began to sum up, for the clearing of his

office. Next, he knew and could copy ter is a forgery?' asked Mr. Ellis. | 'I have always kept it,' Mr. Dering your handwriting. Third, he was able own be broke down.

'I think I understand the whole,'

'Then,' said Mr. Dering, 'where are 'Why-then— Oh! it is impossible. replied, 'on the chance of using it to intercept the delivery of letters, and 'Why-then— Oh! it is impossible. said George, when his Chief passed of correct and to Checkley ceased to correct and to dends?'

who is a constant of the chance of using it to intercept the delivery of letters, and prove the crime and convict the crime 'That we shall see. At present, we impossible to credit it. The letter came right-hand drawer of the safe. Thank Surplus ... \$ 26,292,981 gone: no dividends have been paid for Ellis & Northcote, arrived, bearing a suswer was sent here. The transfers writing at any was posted in this distinguished, instead of being diction at any was posted in this distinguished, instead of being diction at any was sent here. The transfers writing at any was posted in this distinguished, instead of being diction at any was posted in this distinguished. gone: no dividends have been paid for some months, and your broker speaks small packet of papers. Everybody some months, and your broker speaks knew Mr. Ellis, of Ellis & Northcote, to this office. They came back duly to this office. They came back duly to this office. They came back duly to this office. one of the most respectable stocksigned and witnessed—from this office.

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