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A Check Mystery.

In the whole of my long and eventful experience as a tracker of criminals there is one failing which has puzzled me more than any other thing in connection with the men whom I have been fortunate enough to hunt down, and that is the extreme carelessness shown by the cleverest of scoundrels. A man will plan out a crime with the utmost subtlety and ingenuity.providing for well-nigh every contingency, and altogether showing himself to be a Napoleon of crim- young fellow here to-day?" inality, but all the same, by sheer carelessness or want of foresight, he will leave one glaringly obvious clew which do so?" brings his house of cards to the ground and delivers him into the clutches of the law. It is the history of such a

One morning I was instructed by my chief at headquarters to go to the office of John Pennythorpe, in Golden Square, to inquire into a forgery case. I at once took my steps to the office named, and, after a short delay, was shown into Mr. Pennythorpe's room.

He was a genial-looking, clean-shaven man of some 35 years, and he rose to greet me with a smile.

"Good morning, Mr. Blake," he said, as he motioned me to a chair. . "I am glad that you have come so promptly, a check of mine."

I prepared to listen to the details, and he continued: "Last Monday I re- his room. checks which they are in the habit of returning to me every month. There were fifteen in all, most of them for Scotland Yard?" small sums. One of them, however, was for no less an amount than £500. it was a forgery.

"The signature and the body of the check were apparently in my own handwriting, but as I had not drawn anya fraud. I at once communicated find the culprit." also with Scotland Yard."

"You seem unnecessarily agitated." I remarked, after a pause, "for after all the bank, I presume, will bear the loss and not yourself. In the case of forgeries the bank is always liable." fifty."

"Quite so, quite so," he returned. "I must have a forger near me, for nobody but a man intimate with me could have so gauged the amount of my ac-£50 remained. The bank has treated me very honorably, and has written already to say that my account has been credited with the £500 in question. My interest, therefore, in finding the forger is purely from the point of view of justice to the bank. Doubtless, if the scoundrel is discovered immediately, some of the money may be refunded."

"No doubt," I returned, quietly; and now, perhaps you will be good enough to let me see the check, also a check bearing your genuine signa-

He took from a drawer in his table a couple of checks. "Here is the forged document," he said, "and here is the genuine one. Compare them, and you will detect absolutely no difference." No. There was no noticeable difference. I scrutinized the forged check with the aid of my glass, but the magnifying process elicited absolutely no-

This is the most strikingly clever lorgery that I have ever come across," said, after a pause. "I do not wonder that the bank people were de-

"Nor I," he made answer, "for upon my word I myself should have been taken in by so extraordinary an imitation. And now, if there are any details I can give you which may be serviceable, pray command me."

"First of all," I said slowly, "I should like to ask you where you usually keep your check book."

"I am afraid," he answered, "that have been rather careless in that respect. Its usual place is an exposed position on this desk."

'Who has access to this room?" "I have only one clerk, and he comes

Capt. Chas. Ferry says:—"I owe my life to Drs. K. & K.

Rat 14 I learned a bad habit. At 21 I had all the symptoms of Seminal Weakness and Spermator hosa, Emissions warried at married at moder advice of my family doctor, but it was a Emissions of Seminal Weakness and Spermator hosa, Emissions warried at married at mar and goes when he likes." "Do you suspect him?" "My dear sir," he answered, as he rose and paced the room, "it is impossible for me to say. He has always appeared thoroughly reliable."

How long have you had the man?" Three years. He came to me with admirable testimonials. I do not think he could possibly be guilty."

Would this youth be acquainted with the state of your passbook, so that he would be in a position to know how far he might go without overdrawing the account?"

"Oh, yes. You see, he usually goes to the bank for me, and checks the RVATE. No medicine sent C.O.D. No no. 193 on boxes or envel-Sopes. Burything confidential. Question list and cost of Treat-Siment, FREE. passbook with the returned checks. I have always had so much confidence in Jenkins that I have allowed him absolute control of my bank business." I see. Has he appeared to you lately to be in want of money?" He paus-

of for a moment, and then said: Well, yes; now I come to think of it only a week ago he asked for an advance of salary."

"That may or may not mean any-

thing. A man may be hard up and ham, and a few minutes later I was trary; everything's as right as can be. desire an advance, and yet hesitate hailing a cab outside the bank. about a deliberate forgery. Have you "Plenty. How will this suit you?"

He handed me a note from the clerk, southwestern suburb. in which the latter made some unim- During the journey I turned my much." portant communication. As I was thoughts to other subjects for I have Rushing down the stairs I bade Mrs. a shade of disappointment crossed my main uppermost for any considerable engaged him. face as I scrutinized the letter. was the stereotyped commercial hand ance of intelligent work. which is the bugbear of the handwriting expert, and which gives absolutely hour's drive the cab turned into a no clew to the writer's tendencies.

tossed the paper from me, and said:

"Oh, yes. I could ring for him, and man to await my return.

He rang the bell, and a tall, thin young fellow answered it. From a asked timidly. sign made by Mr. Pennythorpe I knew that this was the clerk in question, that I will set down in the lines that employer gave him some instructions invented on the spur of the moment. laid up. My business is important." When he was gone the other turned

> to me. "Well," he asked, "what do you

think of him? "He looks a simple, honest young fellow," I returned, as I rose to go; "but of course, appearances are not often reliable. My next move will be to go down to the bank and interview the cashier who paid the £500 over the bank counter."

Mr. Pennythorpe rose and held out his hand. "I am sure you will do your best for all of us," he said, as I took

for there has been some bother over a few moments before I could see the ed, Mr. Wilson," I returned cheerily. manager, as he was engaged with a "I have merely come to ask you to be customer. At length, however, the vis- kind enough to give us a little help. itor departed and I was ushered into I am Detective Blake, from Scotland

"I presume you have just come from ment, "was paid over by you to a cer-Mr. Pennythorpe's office, as he wrote tain individual some two weeks ago." us that he was communicating with He rose in his bed and looked at the

ited very little. He seems much agi- I have a very distinct recollection of ceedingly artistic, and would probably repairs for Flour and Saw Mills. and directly I looked at it I knew that tated about the loss, although it is taking in this check, because it hapthe bank's, I presume, and not his."

"Quite so," returned the manager, my return from my holidays." gloomily. "As you know, the law provides that in case of forgery the bank and not the customer suffers. As to remarked, "for your description of the thing like such a sum for months past. the justice or injustice of that law I man who cashed it may be of great I knew of course, that the business was will not speak now. Our object is to assistance. I presume you are able

with the managers of the bank and than you may think," I said. "I have though striving to aid his memory in always found cases of this kind the that manner. hardest to unravel. At least 50 per cent of modern forgers are never a rather tall, thin man, of some sixty brought to justice."

"that this case will belong to the other His features, as far as I remember,

now, if you will allow me, I should wore no gloves." myself do not lose a penny, but what like to have a chat with the cashier "What makes you so certain about agitates me is the knowledge that I who cashed the check in question, his not wearing gloves?" I asked which I have brought with me from quickly. Mr. Pennythorpe's office."

er unfortunate,' he said, "but Wilson, am positive he wore no gloves, because count. It was just £550, so that after the clerk who paid over the money, I remember remarking how shockingpaying the amount of the check, only is laid up just now with influenza. ly his finger nails were bitten. There given into custody. Still, you might go down to his house was hardly anything of them." and interview him."

promptly. "I will go down there without a moment's delay."

"Fern Villa, Melthorpe Road, Clap- taking a hasty leave, Mr. Wilson, but, any of his writing that I can look at?" ham,' I cried, and presently we were really, I think your information is

It time is almost ruinous to the perform-

After nearly three-quarters of an drove up. shady street made up of tiny houses, quickly, "I think I have a clew. May Fern Villa being the last on the right "That won't help us a bit. Is the hand side. Here I alighted and rang the bell, having previously told the cab-

you could have a look at him without | A small, white-faced woman, whom word. his knowing your business. Shall I I took to be Mrs. Wilson, opened the door gingerly. "What can I do for you, sir?" she

"Is Mr. Wilson able to receive a visitor?" I asked. "I have just come from scheme, ruined by such an oversight, and I watched him narrowly while his the London and Suburban Bank, the manager of which place tells me he is

"The doctor is upstairs now, sir," she said quietly, "but he won't be long. Will you please walk in?"

I entered the tiny parlor and sat down. Presently I heard steps on the stairs, then a slam of the house door, which led me to think that the physician had taken his leave. This was the case, as Mrs. Wilson appeared almost immediately and informed me that if I would walk up her husband would see

"From the bank, sir?" he said anxiously as I entered. "I hope nothing is wrong."

Arrived at the bank I had to wait "Nothing so far as you are concern-Yard. I am given to understand that ceived from the bank the usual paid "Glad to see you," he said, heartily. this check,," here I produced the docu-

"Yes, I have seen Mr. Pennythorpe," and singed by John Pennythorpe, paypened to be the first I had cashed on

> I brightened considerably. "That is exceedingly fortunate,"

to describe him? "Which may be far more difficult He fell back and shut his eyes, as

"Yes," he said, after a pause, "he was J years. He had a white beard, hair "Let us hope," he replied, quickly, and mustache and wore gold glasses. were commonplace. I think he was "With all my heart," I said; "and dressed in a black frock coat and he

"Ah, that's the point which I am The manager's face fell. "It is rath- more certain about than any other. I

"What is his address?" I asked looked as though he thought me mad. "What's the matter?" he asked. light sentence. His case is interesting "What's wrong?"

Divorced but united again

By Jove-the blackguard! Excuse me bowling along in the direction of the more than sufficient. Good-by. Hope you'll soon be better; and thanks, very

something of a graphologist, I thought always found it a good rule to give Wilson a hasty good afternoon, and, that doubtless the youth's caligraphy the brain a rest when on a hunt of jumping into my cab, ordered the man might give a clew to his character, but this nature. To allow one idea to re- to drive back to the bank where I had

Curiously enough, the manager was just issuing from the building as we

"Mr. Venn." I said, speaking very

I ask you to accompany me in this cab at once to follow the same up?"

He seemed rather surprised ar my manner, but acquiesced without a "Where are you going?' he asked,

as the cab drove off. "We are going," I answered, "to Mr. Pennythorpe's office. We shall find our man there, unless I am very

much mistaken. The cab set us down in Golden Square in twenty minutes and we at once took our way to the room which I had quitted that morning.

Pennythorpe was seated writing as we entered. He recognized the manager, and wished him good afternoon.

Then he turned to me and said:

"Have you found a clew?" "More than that," I cried. I have found the man. John Pennythorpe, I arrest you, in the queen's name, on the charge of attempting to defraud

the London and Suburban Bank to the sum of £500." In my time I have seen many cases of moral and physical collapse, but never have I seen such an utter breakdown as took place in that little room on that afternoon. Pennythorpe seemed ters, Hot Air Furnaces, Shingle to shrivel up-his face blanched with Machinery, Band Saws, Emery

his knees shook. If ever guilt was written on a man's face, it was written on his face then. He clung to the table Seat Ends, Bed Fasteners, Fencing, for support as he gasped out: slip of paper. "Five hundred pounds, "your disguise, Mr. Pennythorp which represented you as a dignified I returned; "but the interview has elic- able to 'Self,'" he observed. "Yes, old gentleman of 60, was doubtless exhave insured your against detection

> of wearing gloves." He looked rapidly at his hands, and Separators, Mowers, Reapers. I could see that he understood all and realized the clew which had tracked him. There was a long pause, at the end of which he turned to the manager, who had stood a silent spectator of the scene, and said brokenly:

"Mr. Venn, I admit the charge. I was at my wits' ends to know where to obtain a thousand pounds, and I hit upon the idea of obtaining 500 by this trick, the other 500, of course, coming to me in the ordinary way. I wrote and signed the cheque, and, disguised beyond recognition, I cashed it at the bank. There! I have confessed all now, and I trust you will not be too hard on a man who took a desperate step because his position was more desperate still." He broke down and

The three of us then went to the police station, where Pennythorpe was

The trial came on shortly afterward, I jumped up so suddenly that he but as the bank did not press the charge the prisoner escaped with a in view of the fact that it furnishes the most ingenious criminals, for had he taken the precaution to wear gloves on that fatal morning, the mystery of the "forged" check on the London and

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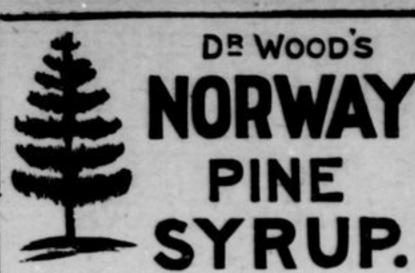
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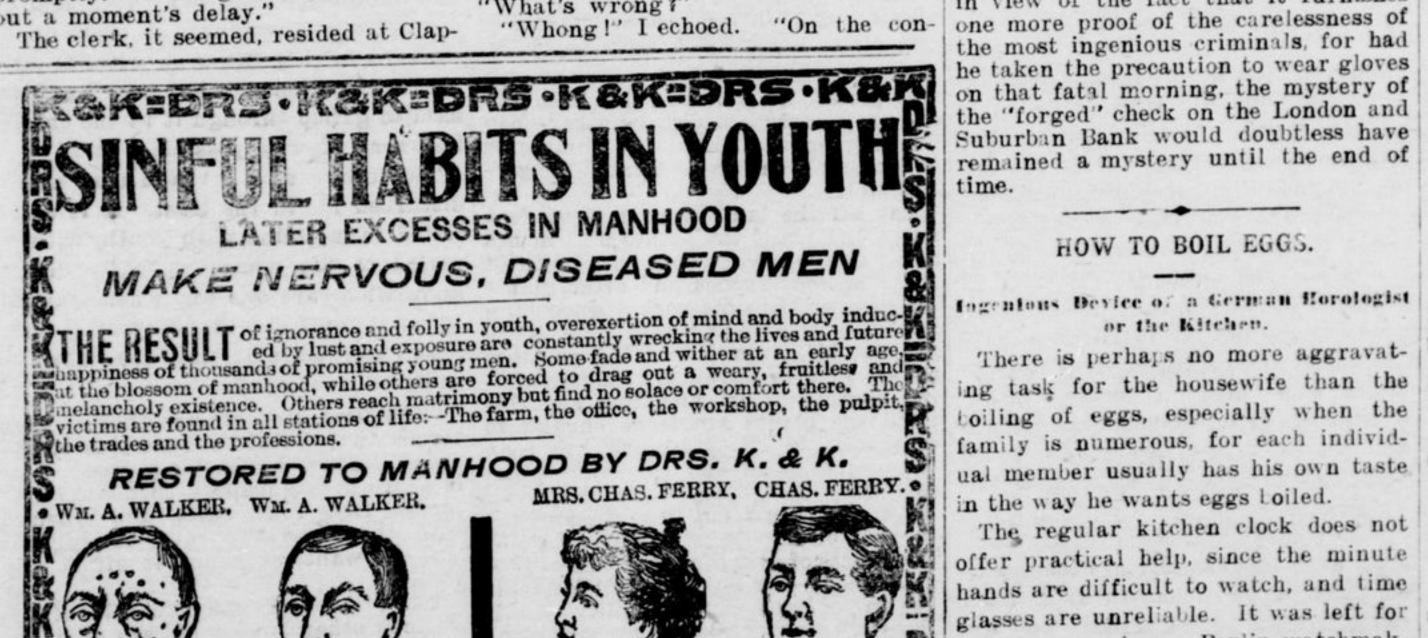
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