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Post Office Inspector's Office,
 St. John, Dec. 27th, 1897.

AN EXTRA CLEVER FELONY.

The Story Told by an Ex Chief Inspector of Scotland Yard.

For nearly half a century the Americans have been our masters as experts in all the shady byways of crime.

We seldom hear of the cleverest rogues belonging to this country "bringing off" anything on a large scale in America, or indeed in any other country but their own; unless it be on the turf or in connection with it; whereas the American forger, robber, swindler or sharper seems to have us at his mercy at almost any time, and in "his own smart way."

It is in connection with their exceeding cleverness I am about to relate one of the most audacious ventures.

In the year of the First Exhibition (1851), London was flooded with these gentry, bankers, brokers, merchants and others were being "had" by the dozen; and to make matters worse few captures were effected.

Our police had only been in existence some twenty years, and was chiefly recruited from country towns and villages; consequently the "force," with few—very few—exceptions, was composed of men totally unable to cope with the smartness of the Yank.

True the city possessed Mike Hayden, and Great Scotland Yard Charley Field (Dickens' Inspector Bucket) and a few others; but they were simply good at very ordinary cases. They had their business to learn, and the Americans taught it them with a vengeance; but not until the clever rascals had successfully taken their departure from our shores. Then, and not till then, the detectives knew "how it was done."

By a singular—some might feel inclined to call it a plural—coincidence, two of the wealthiest jewelers in London—one in the city, the other in the West End—had the upper parts of their premises "To Let." By another singular or plural coincidence application was made on the same day, and at the same hour, to the occupiers of the premises for the first floor; and in each case by Americans. The references proving highly satisfactory, possession was taken in each case. As the proceedings adopted by both parties were exactly similar, it will be sufficient if I confine my remarks to the West End establishment.

The firm of Reuben & Co., was considered the principal of its kind, and was patronized by the leading families of aristocracy. Its stock of precious stones was estimated in value at many thousands of pounds. In addition to the gorgeous display in the windows, the effect was heightened by the display of the Royal Arms over the door, with the motto, "Honi Soit qui Mal y Pense," thereon. This motto evidently was accepted and believed in by the great jewelers; for, upon Rixon & Co., the great American bankers' agents, taking possession, they were immediately wailed upon by the principal, who tried his best to bring about a good stroke of business. He was, however, only partially successful, as Rixon & Co., only indulged to the extent of a twenty pound diamond ring. They were good enough, however, to inform him that before they left London they would get him to supply one of the largest orders on record. Mr Reuben was delighted, and informed them that anything that lay in his power was at their entire service.

So matters went on—mutual friendships sprang up, Rixon & Co., were invited to inspect the stock of Reuben & Co., and in return Reuben & Co., were invited to inspect the books of Rixon & Co., the eminent American bankers' agents.

Reuben & Co. were astonished at the "big" business done by their tenants, and congratulated themselves upon having on their premises such men of mark.

The business transacted by the tradesmen during the exhibition was something extraordinary, and taxed their time and energies to the utmost. This was probably the cause of Reuben & Co. taking little notice of the few callers to Rixon & Co. These simply numbered two; but as they paid several visits daily, and much fuss was made when they took their departure, it seemed as if important transactions were being carried on. And so there were; but not in the way anticipated by the eminent jewelers.

Messrs. Rixon & Co. had now been in possession of the first floor nearly three months. Quarter day was approaching, and of course it would be necessary to hand over the rent to the jewelers. As they were not quite in a position to do this they decided upon action of a different kind.

Reuben & Co. closed their premises on Saturday nights at 10 o'clock not opening them again until 9 on the following Monday morning. No one belonging to the firm slept on the premises, so that the Americans had the house to themselves. For some time past massive trunks and strong handbags had been delivered to the occupiers of the first floor, which to the eyes of Reuben & Co. seemed as if business was steadily on the increase up above.

One Monday morning, on the manager opening the shop, or strong room which it really was, he was amazed to find the place perfectly empty, with a round hole in the

ceiling sufficiently large to admit of the passage of a man's body. He saw everything at a glance.

The first floorers—Rixon & Co.—were expert American thieves.

It was impossible for them to gain access to the shop in any other way, as the walls and flooring were composed of plates of steel. The only weak point was the ceiling, and this the clever rogues easily found out. Not a vestige of the property the place contained on the Saturday night was visible on the Monday morning—the clearance was perfect.

The police were communicated with, with the result that information reached them of a similar robbery having taken place in the city; and in a precisely ingenious kind of way; and what was more extraordinary still—exactly at the same time. There was no getting away from the solid fact. The four men were accomplished American robbers, working in concert.

The next step taken was to call upon the references. These gentlemen, who were Americans also, had not opened their offices on the Monday morning; so that a liberty was taken by breaking open their door. On one of the desks was a slip of paper containing the following:

"Being suddenly called away, we will feel obliged to any one taking the slightest interest in our affairs if they will kindly call upon Rixon & Co., care of Reuben & Co., the celebrated West End jewelers, who will afford them every information.

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JAMES H. THORNE,
 Justice of the Peace.

Unspoken Sympathy.

He was a big, burly, good-natured conductor on a country railroad, and he had watched them with much interest as they got on the train. There were two handsome, round-faced, rosy-checked boys, and three sunny-haired, pretty little girls of various sizes and ages. A grave kind-looking gentleman, evidently their guardian, got in with them; and the conductor's attention was soon caught by the fact that the apparently eager conversation was carried on by means of a deaf-and-dumb alphabet, the gentleman joining in so pleasantly that the conductor beamed on him with approval. Naturally kind-hearted himself, it pleased him to see this trait in others. But his honest eyes were misty as he thought of his own noisy crowd of youngsters at home, and contrasted them with his prime little company who smiled and gesticulated, but made no sound.

It was plain they were of on a holiday jaunt, for they all had satchels, and wore a festive, "go-away" air; and the conductor, whose fancy played about them continually, settled it in his mind that they belonged to

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Al. Emmett Fostell, Actor, New York City.—31

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some asylum, and were going with their teacher for a vacation trip. He couldn't help watching them, and nodding to them as he passed through the car; they returned his greeting in kind, being cheerful little souls, and he began to look forward with regret to the time of parting.

At length, at one of the rural stations, the gentleman kissed the young ones hurriedly all round, and got off the train. They leaned out of the windows and waved enthusiastic farewells as the car moved on, then the biggest "little girl" took a brown paper bag from her satchel, and distributed crackers in even shares. The conductor, in passing, smiled and nodded as usual, as the little girl held out the paper bag to him.

"Do have some," she said.
 He started back in sheer amazement.
 "What!" he exclaimed; "you can talk, then—all of you?"

"Of course!" they cried in chorus.
 The conductor sank into the seat across the aisle. "I thought you were deaf and dumb!" he gasped.

"Oh, how funny!" cried one the rosy-checked boys. "Why, that was Uncle Jack, poor fellow. He was borne that way. We wouldn't talk while he was with us; it might hurt his feelings, you know. Hello! here's our station. Come on, girls!" and the five trooped noisily out, and waved their handkerchiefs from the platform as the train moved on.—Belle Moses in January St. Nicholas.

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