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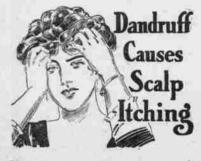
## A Robbery

By EDUARD L. PARDIE

"Mr. Murdock," said the president of the Second National bank of East Ber wick. "\$30,000 in currency are necessary to make us good at the People's Savings bank of Attruria. I wish you train left he sauntered into the car, to take it to them by train. My opinin an ordinary suit case. Its bulk doesn't show as in the pocket, and if you proceed as any ordinary traveler would, not appearing watchful of your ney's end he would hear from him. baggage, though watching it every instant, you should get it through safely."

ions, Mr. Cleverly, and if I am not pulled his hat down over his eyes and guided by them I shall at least endeavor to use them to my advantage."

Mr. Murdock took the bills, varying from \$100 to \$1,000 in denomination. and left the bank for his home, where the bank in a checkerboard suit and his beard cut goatee style. The person fear of any one knowing that he car. ready to pick out those involved. ried a large amount of money unless he discovered the fact of it before he left some rogue seeing a man draw money The latter is followed and when a con-



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him at the station buying a ticket be- jumped off the train, and both men. came profoundly interested in him. His climbing into an automobile, were seeing the fellow when he left the whisked away more rapidly than the bank lounging on a street corner and soon after as a traveler might be a coincidence, but he didn't believe it was,

When the bank messenger boarded the train be sat waiting for the man pointed. A few minutes before the tossed a satchel on to a seat, sat down, and seemingly became deeply interested in the news. Murdook glanced up at him as he passed to his seat and made up his mind that before his jour-

At the first stop a man with a red

necktie got into the same car with "I have a great regard for your opin | Murdock and, taking a seat by himself, apparently went to sleep. Something told Murdock that this man was bent on the same errand as the other. What was that something? The same faculty that enables us to discriminate between faces, to recognize one we have he made a package of them in brown not seen in thirty years with his back paper and, throwing some clothes in turned to us. Besides, Murdock's fachis suit case, called a carriage and left ulties were concentrated on the subfor the station. He had noticed a man ject of being robbed. Convinced that standing on the street corner as he left one man was aboard the train with that intent, his faculties were acute in detecting others. He reasoned that the had not noticed him, but he had no. robbery would likely be committed by ticed the person. Murdock had little several rather than one, and he was

Murdock began to fidget in his seat. He turned and looked about him, and the bank. Many robberies occur from a suspicious glance at the last comer escaped him. He took his suit case on his knees, opened it and felt of a brown paper purcel. Then he put the satchel down again. The man with the red necktie yawned, stretched himself and caught the eye of the one with the goatee. Murdock's back was toward them at the time, and he did not see this glance between them. Presently he got up, went to the water cooler and took a drink. While doing so he left his suit case on his seat, but kept his eye on his baggage. The man in the checkerboard suit stole a glance at the man with the red neck-

> Then Murdock took up the suit case again, opened it and took out a cigar. setting the case down beside him as carefully as though it contained glass, first on the outside of the seat, then, as if that position were not safe enough to suit him, he moved it to the inside. The man with the goatee and the one with the red necktie looked at each other with two pairs of cunning eyes, and a look of satisfaction appeared in the faces of both.

> When the trainman called "Waterford!" the two observant men sat up in their seats. The next station was West Waterford, half a mile distant. There was a look of intensity in both the men, as if they were about to do something. When West Waterford was called they fidgeted in their seats. As the train moved off after the stop

rallway cars.

"Stop thief!" yelled Murdock. Too late: The fugitives were gone At any rate the gentleman would need and the suit case with them. Great excitement prevailed among the passengers, but Murdock, coolly drawing a cigar from his vest pocket, proceedwith the goatee. He was not disap- ed to light it. Then the others, thinking no great loss had been sustained, relapsed into the humdrum of travel.

When Murdock returned to his bank ion is that the safest way to carry it is pulled a newspaper out of his pocket the president asked if the money had been delivered. Murdock told him

> "Did your carry it in the suit case, "No; I carried it in my pocket, I

foiled two robbers with the suit case."

#### A GAMBLING DEVICE

By JAMES B. BRICE

Spaniards are natural gamblers. In Mexico the little boys constantly play for coppers on the streets, and from them up to the wealthiest there is one continued chain of hazard. During the railroad building that started in that republic some years ago I was employed as an engineer on one of them and had an opportunity to witness this and | net. other Mexican characteristics.

There were railroad followers who preyed upon the workmen, taking esperial care to be on hand when pay day came round. On an evening of one of these pay days I went into a tent where I had seen one of my men go, a young Mexican whom I employed for an axman. I was interested in him, for I knew that he had a wife and some babies who kept pace with him as he passed from one end of the line to the other, for in Mexico there are persons who have no homes, sleeping in the open air, father, mother, children and dog huddled together to keep one

Manuel-that was my axman's name -was in the tent seated before a table shaking dice with the man who owned the outfit. There were several other workmen in the place who had within a few minutes been cleaned out of the pay they had that day received. I stood looking on. Quite likely had I not been there the proprietor would have made short work of Manuel; but, seeing me, he put off the denouement, permitting the axman to get a little

But I soon noticed that whenever It was for the rascal's interest that the dice should fall with large numbers up they invariably did so. In short it looked to me that he had some power over the dice to make them fall as he wished. Manuel's pay was very small. and he had not much to lose

venient opportunity occurs is robbed the man with the goatee dashed by he was playing, a little woman, rather Murdock remembered the man in the Murdock, snatched his suit case and. pretty, came in with a baby in her But checkerboard suit, and when he saw followed by the red necktie man, arms and stood over him. He looked rame around I saw Mannel, accompaup at her, and I felt sure she was his wife. She had not come there to get him away. She was as infatuated as

> Doubtless she had been living with her little one for weeks in this way. he losing his weekly wages every Saturday night, both expecting that the day would come when they would have a run of luck and win enough money to go to a bullfight.

After she came in the proprietor let Manuel win a little. The gambler was afraid that I might exert influence to have him sent away, so he did everything temporarily to favor his victim. I confess I was more interested in the dice than the victim. If they were simply "loaded" he could not manipulate them as he did; they would always roll high. At least it was my opinion that no skill in throwing would avert this. It occurred to me that the gambler had some way of controlling the dice that was not visible.

Living in scientific times, I was not long in forming a theory. There must be some electric connection between him and the dice. Then I bethought myself of a pocket compass which I always carried and which I continually needed in my out of door work. Taking position back of the gambler, where he would not see me, I took out my compass and looked at it.

The needle vibrated violently. My theory was confirmed. There must be a magnet somewhere near. Stooping, I looked under the table. It had four legs, and in its center was a box attached to the underside. So far so good. That box contained the mag-

That I felt sure of. I knew very well that by attaching a metal plate to one side of a die and rolling the die above the magnet while the current was on the metal face would be held to the table, leaving its opposite face up. If there was no current on, the dice would roll by chance. Sometimes the current was on; sometimes

I now brought my watchfulness to bear upon the gambler's movements. I noticed that every time he threw high there was a slight movement of his right leg. The leg was not readily seen, being under the table, but I was interested and did my best to see. I was convinced that attached to the leg of the table was an electric key and that when he pressed his leg against the key the current was turn-

ed on. So absorbed was I in my puzzle that I falled to notice that Manuel had but a few coppers left when I had reached my conclusion. I whispered to him to go to the chief engineer's office and ask him to send me a few men. While he was gone I sat down at the table to play till he came back. On his return with the men I lifted the top off the table and exposed a magnet and a dry battery just where I expected

Attached to the table leg was the key. I ordered the gambler to return the money he had won from Manuel and the others and to get away from our proximity as soon as possible or I

But, alas! When the next pay day nied by his wife, she carrying the baby, making straight for a similar tent, where he soon got rid of his

week's earnings. But I concluded to waste no more time on a family in whom the gambling spirit had taken so strong a hold that it could not be eradicated

MOUNTAIN VIEW

J. Barts and family, who have been er street, lately vacated by Charles

Robison and wife. Cliff Oppy and family, from West Oklahoma, are in Mrs. Quinn's house m Warner Street.

Frank Selby was hurt in the pulp nill Monday. arge team. It is very gentle and the children of this burg take turns in

going riding. Mrs. Will Grubbs and two children of Arleta were visiting here over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Geo. Roberts. Fishing seems to be the main order of the day. William Beard was not

one of the successful anglers.

Mrs. J. B. Edwards and family have ented Mrs. Brook's house. They arrived here from Oklahoma Saturday. Berry Buckner, of Beaver Creek, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Parish, this week.

George Everhart spent Thursday of last week at Rockwood, visiting Mrs. Retta Seabolt and son, of Mt.

Tabor, were the guests of Miss Ela Darling last week. Grandma Norris is on the sick list this week at the home of her daught-

er, Mrs. Burd. Mrs. Ida West made a business trip to Portland last week and was the guest of Mrs. Merrill while there. Mrs. Cromer and daughter, of Springwater, were visiting J. Lewelen and family over Sunday.

Gooseberry last week and started for Fort Casey early Wednesday morning, where she will go to the hospital to have an operation. The Primitive Baptists will hold services at the Mountain View church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and

Miss Winnie Jackson arrived from

Sunday morning 10:30. Rev. E. B. Moffatt, of Newberg, pastor. Mrs. Swan, of Portland, and her siser, Mrs. Elizabeth Dougherty of Rennsalieur, Indiana, were visiting Mrs. R. M. C. Brown last week. Mrs. A. L. Hickman and Warda spent last Friday in Sellwood, the

guets of Mrs. J. R. Duvall. The bible study class of the Moun tain View Sunday school will meet netx Taursday afternoon at the home

of Mrs. A. Schoth. Mrs. S. L. Derrick and children who nave been living in Mrs. S. E. Haun's house on Roosevelt street, during the winter, have moved out to Maple Lane

C. Montgomery and family of Oklahoma, have rented Mr. Carrico's

CLACKAMAS.

At the home of Mrs. A. M. Spurgeon, April 17, in the presence of thei respective families, Miss Alta Roadarmel and S. J. Young were united in marriage. Rev. Speiss was the officiating clergyman. The bride was would have him locked up. He recarnations. John Young and his

be present at the wedding of their matters. neice, Miss Alta Roadarmel.

John Young and wife have come to Krause, the barber, who has located the severe accident which befell him with their new home among us. in Eastern Oregon about a year ago, when both limbs were crushed by a iving out near the Latourette bridge falling telephone pole. He is able to that the district should buy a strip of have moved into the house on Warn- get around the house without crutch- land adjoining the school grounds on es and expects to recover the full use the south.

of his limbs in time. been urgently reuqested to repeat the land. pretty little play, "In Old New Eng-

matron of honor. After the ceremony Your correspondent was mistaken as light refreshments were served. The to the object for which the proceeds are to be used, as per item of last week. The money will be in the hands

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wilson and of a committee and placed to the family came from Southern Oregon to benefit of the Grange and other good We are pleased to note that Mr.

spend the summer with his parents, here, has a good run of customers. Mr. Young is slowly recovering from He and his family are well satisfied A school meeting was held last Saturday evening, at which it was voted

B. S. Reilly has finally bought prop-

The Amateur Dramatic Club has erty in Parkrose, a suburb of Port-

W. W. Smith is cutting piling from land"-not "Way Down East" as be- eight acres of timber on the old Chapfore stated-so on next Friday even- man place. After getting out the pil-D. I.. Torrence has bought a fine ing it will be put on the stage at the ing and wood the piece will be slashed Grange hall. The club will present and burned.

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