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Made Mentally a Criminal

By GERALD FERGUSON

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John Williams awoke with a terrible headache. He had a dire remembrance of having been the night before with two friends of his, Borland and Tucker, of taking a number of drinks and smoking a large quantity of cigars. Suddenly he remembered something else. He and his friends had been discussing the various ways criminals gave themselves away. Williams had wondered why they did so, averring that he would suppose every faculty they possessed would be called out to shield them from detection and punishment.

This is as far as Williams remembered. From that time the liquor he had taken affected him so far that he had no recollection of what had transpired. He did not even know how he had got to bed. The experience was a novel one to him, for he had never been intoxicated before. He was employed in a bank and so trusted was he that he was made a keeper of the safe lock combination in order that when the cashier was absent the funds might be available.

Something under Williams' pillow rendered his head uncomfortable. Putting his hand there to discover what it was, he pulled out an oblong parcel done up in brown paper. He opened it and was surprised to see a package of bank bills. Then he remembered something more. He had made a bet with Tucker that he would take a sum of money from the bank. keep it a month, meanwhile proceeding with his duties at the institution without betraying his secret. Then the party had gone to the bank. Willlams had opened the safe and had taken the money.

All this he recalled while looking at the package and was horrified at what he had done. If detected what avail would it be for Borland and Tucker to swear that the money had been taken on a bet and was to be returned? He was in the position of a criminal. His first thought was to telephone to the bank that he was ill and would not be there that day. But the loss would be discovered, and his absence would cause suspicion that he had taken the money. No; he must get up and go to the bank as usual. He plunged into a cold bath, dressed, drank a cup of coffee and, leaving the bills locked in an old trunk in a storeroom, went to face the officers and clerks of the bank

Meanwhile he had been thinking that he would confess the whole afit not be considered that he had com mitted the theft, become frightened at what he had done and made up this story to save himself? His two friends would testify for him, but almost any one would help a fellow out of such a fix, and their testimony would be taken "with a grain of salt." No; his only hope was to carry out the conditions of his bet successfully.

He entered the bank, assuming as careless an air as he could command. Nothing seemed amiss with those assembled there. Williams sat down at his desk and went to work. About 11 o'clock he was called into the presi dent's office, where he found the cashier, both officers showing by their demeanor that the loss had been dis-

"Mr. Williams," said the president, "\$5,000 in bills is missing from the safe. You and Mr. Stivers, the cashier, and one other are the only ones who know the combination of the safe lock. I am not going to accuse you of taking this money. I simply wish to hear what you have to say about the

Williams, whose heart was in his throat, denied any knowledge of how the theft could have been effected. He looked frightened, but that was to be expected. The president, after studying his face carefully, dismissed him Williams went back to his desk and to misery. As to doing his work that was impossible. What he tried to do he blundered over. After an interminable day of wretchedness he went home and to his room and fell on his bed with a groan.

"If I, who am really innocent of wrong," he said, "am so affected by my position, what must be the state of a real criminal?"

There was no sleep for Williams that night. He dreaded to go to the bank that day and dare not remain away. He went to his desk at the usual hour, and as he sat down, though he looked at no one and no one looked at him, he felt that a battery of eyes was upon him. During the day a trifle of comfort came to him, since he was treated by all in the bank with the same friendliness as before the robbery. But there was a steady wear upon his nerves, and when he reached his room he felt that he had lost much ground on this first day of his trial.

He now knew that he could not stand the strain for thirty days nor for half that time. He must find a way to return the money, covering his tracks at the same time. He was so unstrung that he could not, dare not use any method that occurred to him.

On the fifth day he went to the president and confessed that he had been tempted to steal the money, making no mention of his bet.

The omission saved him. His friends told of the bet, and the president understood the mental strain that had led Williams to confess himself the criminal he was not.

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