

How the Bulging Genius of This Lad Became Too Large for His Home Town-How He Spread It Out and His Ultimate Downfall-This Is a True Story.

the train. He was arrested "for keeps" this time, taken back to London, tried, sentenced and imprisoned, After he had served his time he started on a tour of the continent, accompanied by a mysterious blonde woman who passed as his wife. He played cards, engaged in the pastime of bunco steering and varied these performances occasionally by assuming the part of the wronged husband. He had a scheme by which the bank could be broken, and offered to show the man how he could take a thousand dollars and come out with a profit of ten thousand. The man accepted this glowing offer, but instead of going to the house that was designated he notified the District police and the versatile rogue was once more arrested-this time under the name of Frank Tracy. He was released on bail, however, and soon after again sought the historic atmosphere of London.

His latest exploit is really deserving of a chapter in itself, but because of lack of space must be condensed into a few paragraphs. Superintendent Froest, who was always on the lookout for queer characters, learned that Tracy-as he now called himself -was in London 24 hours after he had set his feet on English soil. He instructed his subordinates to be on the lookout for Tracy, but otherwise did not give much thought to the man. One morning the telephone bell at

Scotland Yard rang, and the voice of an excited individual, who proved to gathered in the corridors, and in the culture of more and better cane.



Prior to the war with Spain Americans knew little about the island of Porto Rico, and the island knew little about its near neighbor, America. But now that has all been changed. It is only ten years since the island came under the control of the United States, and in that time Americans have settled in the island and are now to be found in almost every industry there. In fact the chief industries, such as sugar, tobacco and fruit, are almost entirely controlled by Ameri-

can capital. The sugar industry, which is by far

the most important, has had a phenomenal growth in the last decade. Formerly the plantations, scattered throughout the island, but more especially in the coast regions, were operated independently. The cane was raised, the sugar was made and was shipped by each estate. This method, of course, necessitated a very primitive and inefficient process. The power was almost without exception furnished by oxen operating a small set of rollers, into which the cane was fed by hand. The boiling of the juice and the crystallizing of the sugar was done in open pans, with the result that a large percentage of the sugar was not recovered. Hence Porto Rico became

famed for her fine molasses, while little or nothing was ever heard of her production of sugar. To-day on nearly every estate the

old mills have fallen into disuse or have been dismantled, the rollers used in road making and the pans for cattle to drink from, for sugar making by individuals is a thing of the past.

American companies have established what are known as "centrals" and have made it for the interest of plantation owners to send their cane there to be made into sugar. These companies have established railroads with branches running into all estates to bring the cane quickly and easily to the mills.

In most cases the "central" has a be a clerk in a banking house near general supervision over the estates Leadenhall street, informed the au- with inspectors who advise the latest thorities that a thief had entered the methods of cane culture, install irrigainstitution that morning and robbed tion systems, encourage the opening of one of its depositors of £200. There new lands, often forwarding money for was much excitement; a crowd had such work, and in general promote the

GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF THE HEIGHT OF CANE has been a great drawback to men carrying their families with them, but

there is a plan under consideration now for the government to establish schools at some of the larger "centrals" for American children. This will probably be the means of inducing more men to carry their families with them, and eventually greatly improve the social life.

Probably the school-teachers form the largest class of Americans on the island, but, of course, they are very widely scattered. In the larger cities of San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez, you find a great many American teachers, both men and women, and probably in these three cities are to be found as many Americans as in the rest of the island.

San Juan is the center of American civilization in Porto Rico, and has been from the first. There are the government officials, and most of the men in business of a commercial na-

However, in traveling about the interior of the island and in the smaller coast cities, the larger part of Americans you meet are teachers. In every town large enough to be called such, you find a school over which floats the American flag, and in which the English language is being taught. Often the only English-speaking person in the whole town is the teacher, and it may be a long, hard trip by coach or on horseback to the next town

Among a strange people, where the language, food, customs, etc., are so hard to become accustomed to, it often proves a hard life.

But in the larger towns the conditions are much better. Here you generally find more than one teacher, better school buildings, and a higher class

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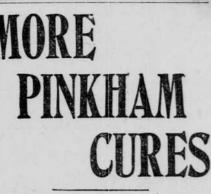
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tory is a part of Berlin. Beginning as a prototype of phone and calling up Frank Froest, the Artful Dodger, he has gone from pocket-picking to bunco steering, and then run the entire gamut of crime, stopping only-providentially, perhaps -at murder.

Frank Macy, the doubtful hero of this queer story, was born at Freeport,

Ill. There are many old residents in Exchange all London became excited that place who still recall him as a over what was called the "Cutlass precocious baby, a smart boy, and a Mystery." It began when a' wellclever youth. Freeport soon proved to dressed, elderly gentleman of considbe too small to satisfy his bulging erable wealth was found on the side genius, but even before he left his walk with his head badly cut and the birthplace he made little excursions blood flowing from several saber from the paths of virtue which, in the wounds. He said he had no recollecboy, are so often prophetic of the tion of how he came to be in such a man's career. When he reached man's plight, and resolutely declined to give estate he was tall and as straight as the police any information upon the an Indian. He had coal-black hair and subject. Two days later another man a sallow complexion, which lighted up was found similarly wounded and in brightly whenever he was in a humor the same condition. He was not as to be affable with his fellow-man.

It was in Chicago that Frank Macv first distinguished himself in crime. A misfortune was the result of a card little more than a dozen years ago an party in which he had participated advertisement appeared in the Chica- the previous night. He was unable, go papers stating that a wealthy widow, about to take a long trip abroad, was willing to sell her favorite horse. "Dobbin."

After the money had been paid. and within 24 hours, Dobbin began to undergo a most curions transformation. What had been a magnificent specimen of horseflesh began to show strange signs of decrepitude. He shriveled up, as it were; it seems almost impossible to properly describe this marvelous transformation in mere words.

HIS is a fragment looked prosperous. He was dressed in | "Mr. Lacy," he exclaimed, "I am so from the biography swagger style, wore a long coat, car- glad to see you." of a versatile rogue ried a heavy cane and had a sunburst -a man whose ad- of diamonds reposing amidst the folds of a blood-red cravat-in fact, he now you will pay me for the mandolin venturous career looked too vulgarly rich to be true. you bought from me about a month leaps at a bound from Chicago to Wilkie consulted the hotel register ago." Town, and and found that his erstwhile criminal friend had registered as Frank Lacy. whose criminal histhe police archives of New York, name were suspicious and the Ameri- rob a poor man, would you?" Chicago, London, Paris, Vienna and can lost no time in going to the tele-

Not long after the meeting in Low's

invasion of London.

'You will pay me, wont' you?" cried The change of attire and the assumed the dealer, hysterically. "You wouldn't "Fade away," said the versatile rogue. "I'm havin' me holiday now,

Lacy laughed.

"Why?" asked Lacy

"Why," retorted the other, "because

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK AND SURE ENOUGH, THERE WAS THE ODD NOTE S

one of the brightest detectives in and I can't be disturbed by vulgar Scotland Yard. Wilkie told Froest tradesmen.' that it might be worth his while to Lacy immediately realized the miscome up to Low's and have a look at take he had made and, learning the the latest addition to the American character of the telegram that had been sent to Scotland Yard, made

quick preparations for shortening his vacation at the cozy seashore resort. He acted with characteristic disregard of conventionalities. He summoned a fisherman and hired him to take him out in a small boat, and hailed a Castle liner which was bound for South Africa. By the aid of a clever "cock and bull story" he induced the captain to take him aboard and before the Scotland Yard man reached Margate Lacy was calmly sailing the sea on his way to Cape Town.

Superintendent Froest immediately telegraphed to the authorities at Cape Town, describing Lacy, and instructclose-mouthed as the first individual. ing them to apprehend the man on his and went so far as to say that his arrival at that port. Lacy managed to get ashore and strolled about the African city, admiring the botanic gardens and the astronomical observatory however, to give the locality of, the with the enthusiasm of a tourist house, having been taken there by an whose only desire is to profitably obliging cabby whom he had sought while away an idle hour. He was inwith a request to be conveyed to some specting the fine new docks of the place where he could satisfy his deplace when the agent of Scotland sires to dally with the goddess of Yard clapped his hand on his shoulder chance. In less than 24 hours from and placed him under arrest. Lacy this time still another man was found submitted with perfect good grace and with two saber cuts about his head, was formally lodged in jail at Cape and then the "Cutlass Mystery" be-Town. Arrangements were made to. came the reigning sensation of Lonhave him returned to England the fol-

owing day. The next chapter in the history of But, alas! his satisfaction was prethis curious rogue occurred at the lit-

mature, for the daring Lacy jumped The scene now shifts from Chicago tle watering place of Margate. A mu- off the train while it was in motion to Low's Exchange in Trafalgar sical instrument dealer of London was and disappeared in the depths of a Square, London. Wilkie at that time taking his holiday at this resort and South African forest. The officer had was the London correspondent of an was enjoying himself in a manner the train stopped at the next station American paper, and while standing such as is possible only to a London and, with the assistance of several in the corridor of this hosteiry he was tradesman. As he was strolling along other men, made a search of the surprised to see his old-time "Gyp" the strand he came face to face with woods. They finally located their man friend, Frank Macy, enter and place Lacy, who was then a fugitive from in an empty house a few miles from his name on the hatel register. Macy justice. He grasped him by the coat. the point where he had jumped from

confusion the thief had escaped with the money. "Pardon me," said the stranger,

"but you have dropped one of your notes.' The depositor glanced at the floor back into the mountains.

on the other side of the desk and, sure enough, there was a bank note.

"Thank you," he replied gratefully, and stooped down to pick up the odd is raised, cut and loaded upon the companies' cars which come by means of note. The act only consumed two or portable tracks into his very fields. three seconds, but when the depositor straightened up and was about to add The efficiency of the modern and elabthe missing note to his pile he found, orate method of sugar making more to his amazement, that the original than makes up for the division of

package of money had gone, and with profits. it the stranger. He gave the alarm and rushed out of the bank, but when he reached the street the crowd was so great that it was impossible to find for by the saving of even the smallest

his man. amount saved in the manufacture of When Superintendent Froest received news of the theft, he immedi- a season's crop, often 25,000 tons or ately dispatched one of his men to more, is enormous.

the bank, but, not satisfied with this, he resolved to go there in person as soon as he had finished the work in his private office at Scotland Yard, stage in the process of manufacture That only consumed a few minutes, and at its completion Mr. Froest pulled down the top of his roll-desk and hurried towards Leadenhall sired by the refiners in the "states." street. At Oldgate, where Cornhill and Leadenhall street converge, he saw a tall, well-dressed man, hurrying along amidst the crowd. It did not take him many seconds to recognize provements.

the man as his old friend, the versatile rogue, who had lived successively under the titles of Frank Macy, Frank | are operated by Americans, and during Lacy and Frank Tracy. Instinctively the grinding season you find many colthe superintendent associated the fellow with the theft of the bank in Leadenhall street. He walked up and took Tracy by the arm.

"My dear friend," he said, "I would like you to go down to the office with me and have a talk over old times." Tracy made no resistance-indeed, this was characteristic of the man. The moment an officer of the law tions are more agreeable. touched him he surrendered without a struggle. The two men proceeded to Scotland Yard and Tracy, when searched, was found to possess the £200 which had been stolen from the depositor in the bank that morning. reach them.

He was tried for that offense, convicted and served his time.

once again, and for the time being is honoring the United States with his presence. This brief sketch is not offered as a story of his life. It is onyl what it purports to be-a fragment from the life of a versatile rogue.

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of people, with whom it is easier to Besides owning several plantations mingle. some of the larger "centrals" gather | The tobacco business has already and grind the cane from 60 or more

grown to vast proportions under Amerplantations extending along the coast ican management, as is evidenced by sometimes for 30 or 40 miles and far the constantly increasing consumption of Porto Rican cigars in the The advantage to the plantation United States. In every town or vilowner is very evident in that his work lage, even among the mountains, toand responsibility end when his cane bacco is still raised and cigars are still made as they have been for gen-

erations, but the new tobacco raisers have planted hundreds and in one case over 1,000 acres in a stetch, which may be seen entirely covered by cheese cloth to subdue the light These sugar houses are equipped and improve the quality. This industry has by no means reached its with the latest and best machinery. height, and, indeed, has the prospect No expense is spared in this respect, of a vast future growth.

The coffee raising is also worthy of percentage of additional sugar the mention, although not developed as yet to any great extent. Coffee is raised mostly among the mountains and Americans have taken it up but little. Connected with the sugar houses are However, it has been pronounced the laboratories with a corps of chemists. finest coffee in the world by President who by continued analysis at every Roosevelt, and when the market for it

is made it will undoubtedly offer a control it so that the maximum amount broad field for American interest. of sugar is obtained, and the finished There are also a large number of product is kept up to the standard deminor industries which men from the United States have entered and at This process of manufacturing the which they are making fortunes. sugar occupies from six to eight Among these are the raising of pinemonths in the year, the rest of the apples, cocoanuts, rice and vegetables, time being given up to repairs and imwhich are sent to the United States for winter use. The buying up and ex-With the exception of the laborers, porting of native lace and drawn work who are of course natives, these places has also been carried on to a limited extent.

It is clearly evident that the island onies of them situated far from the as a whole has not been developed to cities in the midst of the cane counanything like its capacity. While try. Some men holding positions which Americans are recognizing the wealth demand their attention the year round of the place and are taking advantage have settled with their families at of it, the next ten years will without these 'centrals," but for the most part doubt show a much greater advance those required but for the busy season than has the past decade. go north for the rest of the time where the social and climatic condi-

Noise of Wireless Telegraphy. Many readers may be surprised to learn that the electric sparks em-

ited in these places, owing to the fact ployed in wireless telegraphy over that they are situated so far from the long distances produce a noise that cities that, with the very poor means may be annoying for those living close of transportation, it is very difficult to by the station. At least this has been the experience at the Eiffel Tower in At the largest "centrals" you find Paris, where the sparks from an appasocial life would be possible were it the hope of sending communications direct from Paris to New York, the

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per, talked shop. "The timid lion is the only one I

fear," he said. "The fierce, pugnacious lion is my joy. What a show he gives the people for their money! Browling hideously, wrinkling his with terror at the crack of the whip, Idiot to the Publisher, "why you felgreat face in dreadfil snarls, gnash-

ing his teeth and threatening to Gehenna! Timid Animals Less to His Liking strike me with his paw, he goes through his tricks, and the audience is held in a delicious suspense, half hop- to dope up timid lions. Yes, sir, ing, half fearing, that the big brute doped them up till they were maniacal. will chew me up before their eyes. "Yes, the fierce lion assures a fine they might do for you." attractive turn. But the timid one!

"The timid lion, just when you want to give your best show, will whimper "I have often wondered," said the and slink off to the farthest corner of lows have never started a magazine zine.

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> asked the Publisher. "That's just the point," said the

it. The less there is in a Rumor the greater will be its circulation."-John Kendrick Bangs, in Broadway Maga-

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Idiot. "You needn't have anything in

the youngest royal family in Europe," the soft linen shirt has a broad Byron writes a French correspondent from collar. There is not a suggestion of Sofia. "Ferdinand is a fine, manly man, an order or a decoration, save a narand just the type which would natu- row red ribbon diagonally across the rally find favor with the Bulgarians. shirt front. Another favorite picture In the stationers' shops and all places shows Queen Eleanore among the puwhere picture post cards and cheap pils of the school for the blind, which

a Bulgarian peasant. He is repre-

The lack of schools for the children

The social life is of course very lim-

trimmed at the collar and wrists with "No one who has lived here for a black embroidery; the trousers, not

she founded."

sented as wearing a long blue cost, out of date after 15 years,

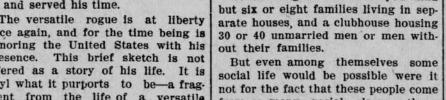
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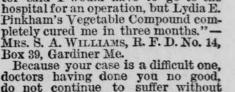
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