THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Little Change from Thursday's Prices Made in Chicago.

ENGLISH CABLES CAME IN STRONGER

Reports That Great Britain Had Quarantined Against All Vessels from the Continent Had a Good Impression on Holders of Grain.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 27.-The usual Saturday short session of the Board of Trade was uneventful and the prices of all articles traded in closed without marked change from those which ruled at the close yester lay. With the exception of corn, everything shows some im-

Provement in value.

The cholera scare is losing its influence and this in connection with some bullish news imparted a better tone to wheat. English cables came in stronger, the exports for the week proved unexpectedly large, being 4,403,000 bm. in wheat and flour from both coasts, making 14,500,000 bu during the past four weeks and all the news from South Dakota went to show that the crop there was seriously injured by the intense heat of a few weeks a o. There were also indications that the predictions of an early falling off in farmers delivery were well founded and this was considered a strong

Hesides there was a report in circulation that England had quarantined against all vessels from Russia and this was construed to mean that Great Britian would be more dependent than ever on shipments from America. In view of this there was a more

America. In view of this there was a more confident feeling, with more disposition to buy an i less seiling pressure. As the market began to show firmness shorts became alarmed and covered freely, this buying having an important bearing on the advance September opened unchanged at 75%c, sold up with some fluctuations to 75%c, eased off some toward the close and closed firm at 75%c.

Corn was weak and lower. The fine weather everywhere and the increasing favorableness of crop reports were the chief causes for the workness, as they discouraged the longs and prompted liquidation while there was only a meager demand and then only to cover shorts and secure profits. Baldwin-Farmun, Fehwartz-Dupee and Congdon were the leading seilers, with the crowd generally bearish. September opened unchanged at 51%c, which proved the top flure of the day; worked of to 5%c, then reacted on purchases by shorts to take profits, closing at 53%c, a loss of %c.

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Oats were firm with fluctuations confined to a 4c range, closing at the top at 34%c, an advance of 4c.

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Hor products were stronger early, but eased off later. Hors at the yards were higher and the liquidation of long property was apparently about over. September nork opened loc ligher at \$10.50, sold to \$10.57\forested to \$10.40, railled and closed steady at \$10.50. Lard is 2\forested and ribs 2\forested to 5c higher.

Lake freights are unchanged.

Estimated rece pts for Monday: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 451 cars; oats, 168 cars; hogs, 19,00) head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

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Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR-Dull and unchanced.
Wiffat-No. 2spring, 75½c; No. 3 spring, 66@
38c; No. 2 red, 75½c.
CORN-Lower; No. 2, 55½c; No. 3, yellow, 50½
\$51c; No. 3, cash, 48½c.
OATS-No. 2, 14½c; No. 2 white, 34½@55c; No. 3 white, 34½c.
RYE-No. 3, 62½c.
BARLEY-No. 2, 63c; No. 3, no sales; No. 4, 6, b., 19642c.

HARLEY-NO. 2, 650; NO. 3, no sates; NO. 4, f. 0, b. 59@420; FLAX SEED-NO. 1, \$1.024; TIMOTHY SEED-Prime, \$1.52, PORK-Mess, per bbi., \$10.5 @10.624; lard. per 1:0 lbs., \$7.75; short ribs sides doosel, \$7.63@7.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$6.00@

7.00: short clear sides (boxed) \$5.0568.00 WHISKY-Distillers' finished goods, per SUGAR-Unchanged. Receipts and shipments today were as fol-

RECEIPTS. SHIPMENTS 287,000 218,000 283,000 12,000 1,000 On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm and unchanged; creameries 17@15c; dairie... 15@22. Eg. s, 17@17½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,824 pkgs.; exports, 1,687 buls., 47,797 secks; dull. snsy; low extrus. \$2,0663.00; winter wheat low grades. \$2.0 & 1.0; fair to fancy. \$3,004.4.0; dinnesot: clear. \$3,0063.55; patents \$4,2554.89. Commean—Bull, stendy; yellow western.

CORNMEAL—Dull, stendy; yellow western. LLCG3.16.

WHEAT—Rece pts, 250,400 bu.; exports, 128,000 bu.; sales, 45,600 bu. of futures, 6,000 bu. of spot. Spot quiet but firmer; No. 2 red, 604e in store and elevator; 8,34,608 4/c afloat; 80,4681% f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 76/46; ungraded red, 7.6681c; No. 1 northern, 804c; No. 2 hard, 90/4c; No. 2 northern, 80c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 80c; No. 2 Chicago, 834c. Options were duil and irretu ar, closing steady; opening 4/c down, advanced 4/66/4c with trading entirely local; No. 2 red. August, 83/4c; September, 60/4680/4c, closing at 83/4c; October, 814/6886/c, closing at 83/4c; December, 81/46/86/c, closing at 83/4c; December, 81/46/86/c, closing at 83/4c; December, 81/46/86/c, closing at 83/6c; December, 81/46/86/c, closing at 83/6c.

Hype—Dull, weak; western, 64/66/86. BARLEY—Nominal. BARLEY MALT—Dull: Canada, 95c@\$1.00.

RYE—Dull, weak; western, 04208c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull: Canada, 95c@81.00.

CONN—Receibts. 18.200 bu.: exports, 23.241 bu.: sales, 205.0 0 bu. of futures and 44.000 bu. of spot. Spot. Spot. 18.200 bu. of futures and 44.000 bu. of spot. Spot. Spot. Universal of thirds. Selected by the control of spot. Spot. Spot. On the control of spot. Sp

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LARD—Dull, nominal; western steam closed at \$8.074; sales, none; outlon sales, 250 t erces betober at \$8.00; September closed at \$8.00.

BUTTER—Light demand, steady; western, 14 gibe; western creamery, 170224; c; western factory, 14217c; Elgins, 254224c,

CHEESE—Quiet, easy; part skims, 32034c.

Oil Market. New York, Aug. 27.—Peracceum—Dull but steady; crude in bbis. Par er's, \$5.55; crude in bulk. Parker's, \$5.05; refined. New York, p.01; Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$5.05; Phila-delphia and Baltimore in bulk, \$6.5 aprice. Corronseed Oil.—Steady but dull; crude 36

B37c; yellow, 31c.
Tallow-Firm; city (\$2.00 for pkgs) 4 1-16c.
Rosin-Qu'et lut firm; stra ned, common to
foot, \$1.204(0.12) 5.
Toursnr.su-Quiet but steady at 28\4m2s4a

Coffee Market. New York. Au. 27.—Options opened steady 5 points up to 5 points down; closed bare y steady and unchanged 15 points down; sales, 0,500 bags, including September, \$13.756118; October, \$13.50 bags, back, \$14.756118; Specialise, \$3.4 66134; March, \$13.756133. Spot Rioffmer, quiet; No. 7, \$14.756133.

Minneapotis Wheat Market. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 27. - September

wheat oponed 7: Ne; advanced slowly to close of 72%c. Trading light. Cash monopolized most of attention. No. 1 Northern about 78c; new about 72c, Coarse grains steady. Close; Au ust, 75c; September, 72%c, On track; No. 1 hard, 79%c; No. 1 Northern, 78c; No. 2 Northern, 68%72c.

St. Louis Markets. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27,-Flour-More active but price are unchanged; patents, \$3.70@3.80; extr. fancy, \$1.30@1.45.
WHEAT-Opened a shade higher, firm and closed \$4.80 above yesterday. Cash. 701465.
70 ic. September, closed, 70%c; October, 72%c; December, 724c;

December. Talge.
CORN—Ruled casy, decilning most of the sistion, but closed stronger at about yesterday's figures for fatures; cash declined to 470474c; September close 1, 475/0474c; October, 48%c; December and year, 45%c; May, 40%c.
OATS—Lower; cash and August, 31%c; September, closed, 32c; October, 32%02%c; May, 30%c.

RYE-Quiet at Sic. BARLEY-The first of the season from Kan-

as sold at 55c. Bnax—Quiet at 67c on east track. HAY-Dull and unch nged.; LEAD-Higher at \$102%, but generally held

Rt 83.9% FLANSEED-Quiet at 98c.

FLANSEED-Quiet at 08c, furtes Unchanged.
EGGS-Unceanged.
CORNMEAL-Quiet at \$2,33524.
Whisky-Steady at \$1.40 for finished goods.
PROVISIONS-Dull and unchanged, with only a small job tride, Pork, jobbinz, \$1,50.
Lurd, \$1,3507.40. Dry sult met (loose lots) shoulders, \$7.00; longs and ribs, \$7.75; shorts, \$7.55; boxed lots lie more; bacon, shoulders, \$7.75; longs and ribs, \$7.75; shorts, \$9.0. Sugir-cured hams, \$11,50212.50.
RECEIPTS-Flour, 5,500 bbis; wheat, 178,000 bu; corn, 17,000 bu; oats, 45,000 bu; rye, 5,000; bar ey, none. bar ey, none.
SHIPMENTS-Flour, 10,001 bbls.; wheat. 51,000 bu.; con. 4,0.0 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.; rye and burley, none.

Omaha Produce Markets,

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PEACHES—California, \$1.50@1.65; southern
Rimos, 07@75c per basket.
LERONS—\$8.00@2.70;
Onanges—California, out of market; imported, \$8.00@2.70;
Brackhemius—\$1.50. Scarce.
PLUMS—California, \$2.50@1.00.
Bana 7.85—\$2.70@2.70;
Cabbage—Home grown, 50@50; per doz.
MELONS—Water melons, crate 1, 25c.
PEANS—Bartlett, \$1.00.
BUTTER—Packing stock, 124@13c; small lots select dairy, 14@15c.
Cantaloupes—Per crate, \$1.50; jems, 75c per basket.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES - Per case, \$2.00. CUCUMBERS - Per doz., 25637c. New P. Tatoe:--\$2.00 per bol.; in sacks, 1@ Go per lb. Onions—Per bbl., \$1.00@3.25. BLUURERIGHS—6-91. boxes, \$2.01@2.25. TOMATOES—4 basket crates, \$1.2); bu. boxes.

GRAPES-Per 9-1b, basket, 65@75c. NECTABLINES -\$1.7562.00.

DAMSON PLUMS-24-qt. case, \$1.0 @1.21

APPLES-Good shipping stock scarce at \$1.2

EGG --General market, 15c. POULTRY-Old hens, 74@8c; chickens, \$2,00@

Kansas City Markets. Kansas City Markets,

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27 — Wheat—
Higher and in demand; No. 2 hard, old, 58c;
new, 6366254c; No. 2 red, 65666c.

Corn—The market wis lower and sold steady at the decline; No. 2 white, 5065954c;
No. 2 m/xed, 45c,
Oars—Weak; No. 2 m/xed, 2754628c; No. 2 white, old, 31662c.

thite, old, 31@32c.

RYE—Steady; new, 5914c.

FLAXSERD—Steady at \$7@91c.

BRAN—Strong at 61@31c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged; timothy, \$7.50

30.00; prairic, \$5.00@7.00.

BUTTER—Weak to lower; creamery, 13@23c;

niry, 15@18c. Foos-Dull and very weak at 13c. Receivrs-Wheat, 62,000 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 58,030 bu.; corn, none;

Wool Market,

London, Aug. 27.—During the week business in the wool market his been slow. The transactions, which were few in number, were on the basis of the last transactions. Sales of skins Thursday at which 16,23 bales were offered. Sales held on Friday, the offerings comprsion: 400 bales of skins and 10,001 Cape of Good Hope and Natil skins. The quality of the offerings averaged good. Merinos sold mostly on a par with the prices at the last sies, though occasionally they went at a reduction. The imports for the week were: From South Wales, 2,207 bules; from Victoria, 225 bales; from South Australia, 94 bales; from New Zeuland, 3,626 balos; from China, 835 bales; and from various other places, 52 bales. The arrivals for the next series of sales, which opens September 13, number 318,004 bales.

Liverpool Markets. Livenpool, Aug. 27.— Wheat — Firm, demind poor; holders offer moderately. No 1, California, 8a@8s, 9d per centul.
Conn— Quiet; mixed western, 4s 3/d per cental.
PEAS—Canadian, 5s, 81 per cental.
BACON—Long and short clear, £55, 41s per cet.

LINSEED OIL-19s. 6d per cwt. Philadelphia orain Market. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 27.—WHRAT— shade firmer: No. 2 red, September, 76\5@ tiqe. Conn-Futures neglected, wholly nominal;

No. 2 mixed. Septes ber. 5614c. OATS—Barely steady: No. 2 white, 42c. New York Dry Goods Market. New Y RK. Aug. 27.—The dry goods market continues to present a strong front, with full activity of jobbers now at hand. Jobbers had a filr week, but the ensuing is expected to be be much more active. The print cloth market continues firm.

Cotton Market. New Onterans, La., Aug. 27.—Quiet; mid-ding. 7c; low middling. 64c; good ordinary, 6c; net and gross receipts, 1.62 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1.837 bales; to the conti-nent, 104 bales; sales, 600 bales; stock, 6482

Financial Notes. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27. - Clearings,

NEW ORLEANS, La. Aug. 27.—Clearings todny, \$868.482. Panis, Aug. 27.—Three per cent rentes 90f Paris, Aux. 27.—Three per cent rentes for 52c for the account.

Baltimone, Md. Aug. 27.—Clearings, \$1,175,-58; balances, \$182,677. Money, 6 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Aug. 27.—New York exchange selling at \$1.50. Clearings, \$168,648; balances, \$75,397.

CHI AGO, HL. Aur. 27.—Money, steady, unchanged. Bank clearings, \$15,483,298; for the week, \$12,191,895.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aur. 27.—Clearings, \$9,-650,999; balances, \$1,345,28; for the week, clearings, \$15,485,298; for the week, 512,191,895.

in:s, \$63, 105,5,22; balances, \$.0,894,144; money 2 per cent.
Bosron, Mass., Aug. 27.—Clearings, \$12,309,-237; balances, \$1,475,909. Money 3 per cent; exchange on New York 52612; discount. For the week, clearings, \$77,303,541; balances, \$9,117,282; for the corresponding week last year, clearings, \$75,797,733; balances, \$7,794,611. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27.—Bank clearings \$1,357,669; balances, \$863,503 Clearings this week, \$21,514,482; balances, \$3,40,529. Clearing in a last week, \$22,2,8407; balances last week, \$27,70,329. Clearings corresponding week last year, \$2,83,470; balances, \$4,40,529. Clearing this week, \$27,70,329. Clearings corresponding week last year, \$2,83,470; balances, \$4,300,750. Money quiet at 6727 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c discount.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla destroys such pol sons us scrofula, skin diseases, eczema, rheu-matism. Its timely uso saves many lives.

TWO MARRIAGE EVES.

The Strand Hagistic. "I have often told you," said James Mayfield to me the evening before my marriage with his daughter Kate, 'that I owed my prosperity-or, more accurately speaking, my escape from destruction-to an accident, a chance, a miracle. Stand up and look at that piece of paper let into the overmantel. Have you ever observed it before?"

"Yes," I said, rising and examining a aded document under a glass panel in the oak, "I have now and then noticed it, but have never been able to make out what it is."

"What do you take it for?"
"Well, it looks like a haif sheet of business notepaper covered with indistinct figures that do not seem ordinary."
"Yes," he said, gazing with half closed eyes at the paper through the smoke of his cigar. "They are not ordinary, nor is their history." "It is not possible to make them out,

they are so blurred and faint. Are they very old?" "Twenty years. They are much faded since I first saw them," said he, crossing his legs. "Now you may as well know the history of that half sheet of business paper, and what it has to do with me and your Kato's mother. Sit with me and your Kate's mother. Sit

down and I will tell it to you. I dropped back into my chair.
"Our Kate is nearly 10, as, no doubt, you are aware. It is the night before your marriage. You, thank heaven, ran no such risk as I ran the night before my marriage. There is no date upon that blurred copy of figures, but if there were you would find it originated on the night before I was to be married, twenty

years ago. You are short of 30 now, 1 was short of 30 then. You are now in what I should then have considered affluent circumstances. I am going to give you tomorrow our only child and a fourth share in the business of Strang-way, Mayfield & Co., of which I am the sole surviving partner, and that fourth share ought to bring you £1,000 to £1,200 a year. The night that document over the chimney came into existence I was accountant to Strangway & Co. at a

salary of £150 per annum."

My father-in-law paused and knocked the ash off his cigar. "At that time," he went on, resuming his story, "the business of Strangway & Co. was ir Bread street. We had wire-houses on the ground floor and in the celiars, the offices were on the first floor and warehouses fitled from over the first

floor to the slates. "The offices closed at 6, but, as I was anxious to put everything in the finest order before starting on my honeymoon, I was not able to leave at that hour. In addition to the bookkeeping I did most of the routine correspondence, and I had some letters to write. When they were finished I should lock up, put the keys in my pocket, leave them at Mr. Strangway's house on Clapham Common and go on to my lodgings in Wandsworth, ind from my lodgings to my sweetheart Mary's home, in Wandsworth, too,

"As I was working away, writing let-ters at the top of my speed, and quite alone in the office—in the whole house— Stephen Grainly, one of our travelers, rang the bell, and, much to my surprise and annoyance, when I opened the front door walked upstairs, following my lead through the unlighted passages. I never cared for Stephen Grainly; no one in the office liked him except Mr. Strangway himself. Grainly was an ex-cellent man at his work, but to my taste

"'What, Mayfield,' he cried, 'working away still! Why, when I saw the light I made sure it must be Broadwood (our assistant accountant, who was to take my place while I was away), and as I had a goodish bit of money I thought I'd better bank here than in my own home in Hoxton; I am not satisfied it is safe to stow £300 in cash in my humble home

"'All right,' said I; 'but I wish you had come earlier. The safest place to bank money is in the bank.' He did not know I was going to be married next day and I was glad of it, for the man always made me feel uncomfortable, and I did not wish him to touch my little romance even with a word.

'Be here at 4 o'clock!' he cried. My dear fellow, I couldn't do it. How could I? Why, I didn't get to King's Cross until 5:45! Here you are.' He produced his pocketbook. 'You needn't give me more than two minutes. Checks, five hundred and seventy-four, eighteen Notes, two hundred and forty-five. Gold, forty-eight.'

"As you may fancy, I was in a hurry to get rid of him. He seemed in no hurry to go. He sat down, pulled out his handkerchif and began wiping his forehead, although it was October, and by no means warm. 'You will initial my book?' said he,

and he handed me his order book, purt of which was ruled in money columns, where he had a list of the money he had collected. The whole was £867, 18s and 6d, and for this I signed. 'Have you taken the numbers of the

"'No,' said he. "I made a list myself of the numbers on a sheet of paper, and pushed checks, notes and gold up to the flat, middle part of my desk. I did not want to take out any of the account books that night, and when I had finished the letters and he was gone I should put the money in the safe in the back room. The memorandum of the numbers I should leave with the keys at Clapham, and the story to all three as I have told it to whole transaction would be dealt with you and all agreed the best thing was by my assistant, Broadwood, in the

"Making out the list had taken a little time, as the notes were all small and no two in sequence; they had been collected for minor accounts in the country. "I put my list of notes on the desk beside me, and went on with my letters, several of which were now ready for the

copying press.
"That evening Grainly talked a lot about the business and the news of the day, and all sorts of things. I could not tell him to go away, for he could see I was not myself leaving yet, and copying the letters, putting them to dry, in-closing them in envelopes and addressing them was not occupation for which man could reasonably claim quiet.
"When my batch of letters were

ready, seeing half an hour's work before me, I held them out to him and said, When you are going I should be obliged if you would post these, as I am not nearly linished here yet. "'Certainly,' said he, taking the hint

and rising. "'Anyone in the place who could show me out? All the gas is turned off below, and I have never gone down in the darkness,' said he, moving away. 'There's no one but ourselves here.

I'll show you the way.' I said with alacrity, delighted to get rid of him. "I had led him through the long, dark corridor and half down the stairs, when he suddenly cried out, 'My stick I left my stick above. I won't be a minute, Mayfield. Just wait here for me

"He ran upstairs to fetch his stick, and was back with me in the darkness in a few seconds. " 'I found it all right,' said he; 'it was just at the door. I got it without going in at all.

"I struck a match to light him, and presently he was out on the asphalt of Bread street, walking rapidly toward "When I got back to the counting bouse the checks were on the flat top of

the desk. The gold and notes were gone!

"I had taken the numbers of the notes on a sheet of paper, and left the list on the stoping part of my desk to dry, before putting it into my pocket.
"The paper on which I had taken the numbers of the notes was also gone!" As my father-in-law spoke I rose to my feet and tapped the glass over the

document let into the oak above the fireplace, saying, "And this is the paper with the numbers of the stolen notes on it." "And that is not the paper with the number of the stolen notes on it," said

James Mayfield. "From the moment I left the counting nouse to show Grainly out that night, twenty years ago, no one has ever seen the tist I made of the notes. Grainly must have destroyed it the moment he

vas out of Bread street. My father-in-iaw finished his glass of port and resumed his story: "Here was I, on the eve of my marriage, simply ruined.

'Grainly had my receipt for the £293 cash, and he had £293 cash also, and Grainly was a thief, who enjoyed the favor of his employer, while I was in no particular favor with the firm. I beieve up to that time I was supposed to "The \$48 in gold was, of course, gone

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as much as if it had been dropped into the crater of a burning mountain, and as the numbers of the notes could no longer be produced, and they had not come direct from a bank, but had been picked up here and there in the country, the \$245 was gone as though it had been blown overboard in the

Atlantic ocean. 13 "It was pinin there would be no use in following Grainty, even if I knew the way he had gone when he gained Cheapside. It was plain no marriage could take place tomorrow morning. It was plain my course was to go without the loss of a moment to Mr. Strangway and tell him what had nappened. Whether he would believe me or not, who could say? Not I, anyway. He might reasonably order me into custody. Very well, if he did I must not grumble nor feel aggrieved. Our wedding was fixed for 11 o'clock next morning. By 11 to-morrow I might be in jail, charged with stealing the money or being an accom-

plice in the robbery.
"I locked the office, telegraphed to Mary that I had been unexpectedly delayed, jumped into a hansom, and drove to Strangway's house in Clapham. "I told the servant to take in word that I wished to see Mr. Strangway

most particularly. I suppose she had heard about my wedding; anyway she smiled very knowingly and said: I hope you'll have fine weather and good luck on your heliday, Mr. Mayfield; though it is rather late in the year to expect fine weather. Gracious, Mr. Maylield, are you ill?' she cried at the end. I dare say my face told tales.
"'Not ill,' I said, 'but very anxious to

"She showed me into the library, hurried off, and in a few seconds Mr. Strang-way entered, smiling. He, no doubt, too smooth and good-too sweet to be thought my anxiety to see him was connected with my marriage. "When he heard my story he was grave enough. 'Two hundred and nine-ty-three gone?" said he, frowning.

please.

'Gone, said I. "And the numbers of the notes gone with the money?' said he, looking me full in the face with a heavier frown.

"'Not a trace left of the paper on which I took the numbers.' "'Are you sure no one but Grainly could have entered the counting house? "Perfectly sure. All the doors com-municating with the other parts of the house were shut-had been locked for the night. I had not been outside the counting house since luncheon.'

"For a few moments he rettected. 'The awkward part of it, Mayfield, said he, 'is that you are to be married tomorrow. Of course your marriage must go on. But I'll tell you what I think would be best for you. Suppose you attend the office as usual tomorrow morning; you could leave for a couple of hours, later, get the ceremony over and come back.

"'Oh!' I said, 'with this hanging over me? I half expected to be locked up to night. But I could not get married until the money is found, Mr. Strang-

way.' Found! Found! The money can never be found. Why, we have nothing to go on! Anyway, I shall not take steps tonight. Perhaps it would be best to not do to marry under the circumstances. I am very sorry for you. But all that can be done in the interests of justice must be done. Keep the keys. and be in Bread street at the ordinary time in the morning.'

My father-in-law paused here. His cigar was smoked out, but he had not finished his story. He did not offer to move and sat still. After a few moments he went on: "I will be merciful to you and tell you

nothing of the scene at my wife's place when I called later. Her father and mother were then living. I told my you and all agreed the best thing was to postpone the marriage for a month. promised, but I shall not keep you much "When I reached the office in the

morning I had another good look around, but nothing whatever was discovered. I turned the whole place inside out. Nothing, absolutely nothing, connected with the case turned up untito my astonishment Stephen Grainly walked into the office. Until his apperrance I had, in a dim way, made up my mind that all would be cleared up and my innocence established by his absconding. His arrival showed that he meant to brazen the thing out with me and I felt from that moment helpiess

and paralyzed.
"Grainly," said I as soon as I could talk, 'when you came back for your stick last night did you notice the money you gave me on the desk where I put it?"
"'No, my dear Mayfield. I did not cross the threshold of this room."

"'You did not see or touch the mone as the piece of paper on which I had taken down the numbers of the notes? "'No, certainly not. I could not see your desk from the door, and I was not further than the door. You do not seem weil. I sincerely hope there is nothing

the matter.'
"The cash you brought in last night -the £293-has been stolen, that's ail, said I. said if 'State an' he cried, falling back. 'You

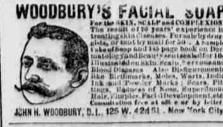
don't mean to say that!' "'Ay, and stolen within an hourwithin half an hour-of our being to-gether here last night. "'I cannot-I will not-believe such a

horrible thing. Stolen! And in the very office, too.'
"I never saw better acting in all my life than his indignation and horror and astonishment. I could hardly believe my eyes and ears. I had spent a sleepless night and was half dazed and wholl stupid and in despair. For awhile I felt that, after all, he might be innocent, and that I, in a moment of excitement and haste, had placed the money and memorandum in some place of security which I could not now recall.

"Mr. Strangway, on reaching the of-fice, half an hour carlier than his usual time, gave orders for another search. It was quite unavailing. No tale or tidings came of the case that day. "No secret was made of the affair in

the office, and as the bours went on I was confident that in Mr. Strangway's eyes I was the criminal. I don't know how it happened, but I did not feel anything much. I was in a dream-a stu

"Late in the afternoon Mr. Strangway called me into his office and told me that, considering everything, he did not in-tend placing the affair in the hands of the police that day, but that if tomor-row's sun went down upon matters as



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they now stood be should be obliged to take action. 'The loss of the money I could bear,' said he, but the ingratitude I will not stand.'

"This was as good as accusing me of the robbery. Again I wonder that I was not more put out, but I felt little or nothing beyond helpless and numbed.
"Before I left Bread street that evening Grainly sent me a note begging me, for my own sake, not to think of bolting! 'Bolting,' said he, 'in a case of this kind would be taken as an admission of the

very worst.'
"Even this daring impudence did not rouse me, did not weaken me; through the whole terrible affair I do not think I was even as much excited as I am now.

"Next day M . Strangway said not a syllable about employing the police, or, indeed about the affair at all; nor did he, as far as I know, take steps in the mat-ter. On the day following he made an astonishing announcement. He called Grainly and me into his private office, and said:

" 'The present is the first time in the history of our firm that anything of this kind has occurred—that we have been robbed from the inside. I have made up my mind not to do anything about it ust now. I keep an open mind. Some day we may find an easy explanation of the mystery, or it may never be cleared up. I accuse no one. I will say no more of the affair until I can either put my hand on the man who did it, or tell you both face to face, as you are now, that I have discharged from my mind forever the notion that any man who takes my money as a servant took it

also as a thief.'
"A fortnight after the loss of the see Mr. Strangway at once, if you money a telegram came for Mr. Strang-It was sent into his private office Presently he opened the door and beckoned me to go in, and when I had entered he motioned me to a chair.
"'Mr. Mayfield, said he, 'I wish at

the earliest moment to relieve you of what must have been a terrible anxiety. The thief has been found and is now in custody!' Mr. Strangway waved the telegram. 'I have just got the message saying Stephen Grainly, with the bulk of the notes on his person, is in the hands of the police. He was about leaving this country-for Spain, it is supposed. He stole the money a fortnight ago, and stole the list you had made of the numbers of the notes. Knowing the way in which the notes had come into his own hands in the country, he felt confident they could not be traced from heir source to him, and of course they could not be traced from him to the Bank of England, as the list of numbers was destroyed by him.'
"Then how in the world, sir, were

they traced?' said I. "Mr. Strangway raised the blotting-pad and took from under it a piece of

paper, the back of a letter. The news of the robbery got about, said he, and of course all of our customers were interested in it, Mr. Young of Horsham among the rest. Mr. Young of Horsham was one of the people you wrote to that evening, the evening of the robbery, and you sent him more than you intended.

"Not the missing sheet with the numbers? I know I couldn't have done that, for I saw the memorandum on the slope of my desk after closing his letter and handing it with the others to Grainly.

"No, but you put the memorandum on the slope of your desk with the ink side up, and you copied Mr. Young's letter in the copying press, and while it was damp put it down on the list of notes in ambletted copying ink, and the numbers of the notes were faintly but clearly copied, reversed, of course, on the fly-leaf of Young's letter, and Mr. Young sent the copy back to me privately

"Mr. Strangway handed me the flyleaf of Young's letter, and there were the numbers of the notes, dim, to be sure, but not quite as dim there as they are now under the glass let into the oak of the mantel. Grainly had put a few of the notes in circulation, and they had been traced back to him. "'He stole the money, Mayfield,' said Mr. Strangway to me, 'and he tried to

dle you with the theft, and for a while I more than suspected you. But all is clear at last, and I'll pay you handsomely one day for suspecting you.'
"And so he did," said my father-inlaw. "He lent me the money to buy a partnership in the firm, and I am the firm all to myself now-and shall be

ruin you, or anyway he wanted to sad-

until the new partner comes in tomor-He rose and shook me by the hand and tapped me on the shoulder, saying; Your partner for life will be wondering what has kept you. Run away to Kate now, my boy."

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