Funny Things that Have Happened to Telegraph Operators.

Two Tips on the Race, a Treacherous Glass Leg. and What Occurred Afterward-When the Nile Froze.

an old telegraph operator to a Washington taking a post midnight luncheon, "the 500 miles of wires, not to get a message sen, but to stop one that was going. It her. was when I was working in the Galveston office one night and Kld Burrows insisted on working when he was drunk enough to ed at me like he was too tender-hearted to lay off. Kid was pretty near as much of a rob a come-on and pitched me over a blank tramp in the business as Peg Hudson or ticket and says careless like, 'Make out P. J. Delaney, who is known all over the country as 'P. J.,' that being his wire sig., fix it. and half his acquaintances not knowing his other name. Kid was a pretty fine I told him to hold on to the ticket for a operator as long as he was sober enough to see, but the reason he never held one went out and took a drink and tried to job very long at a time was that he was figure whether the man was four-flushing in the habit of getting blind drunk and not or whether I looked any greener than I knowing enough to lay off. He was working felt. Then I came back and tried to get the one wire we had at the time from Gal-weston down to the City of Mexico. He'd come, and finally I sat around and watchonly had the job about a month when he ed the report come in, and put me on came in one night with a still jag on. the black list if Lillian K didn't win at 200 Some of us saw him and we tried to to 1, and the only man on it was a little off. But he knew better, swore he was sober as the night manager and insisted and coppere. on going to work.

How They Broke Him Off.

"He went over and opened his wire all right, and as he seemed to be running pretty they don't finish 'one, two, three' with wo- operated was to secrete themselves in some smooth we didn't pay much attention to him. He had a little bunch of commercial messages in front of him and he was sending rather irregular, loafing a bit and then sprinting, for he could send like chain lightning when he got ready. So nobody thought anything about him till a message came in to the night chief, saying: 'Mx says break that man on your south wire. 'Mx.' was Mexico's signature, so we went over and took stock of the Kid. He was sending all right, but he was still at work nati. Well, she wasn't so old, but she was on the little ten-word message he started with, and it was time checked all over till you couldn't read it. But the Kid evidently had the wording of it hammered into his head and was sending it over and over at the rate of sixty words a minute and time checking it with his pencil hand every time he finished. His head was evidently paralyzed drunk and his fingers were working on an independent circuit. Mexico hadn't been able to make him break and as there was no other way clear to get into our office, they had to route a wire up through Hermosillo, Benson, Los Angeles and San Francisco to get back to our office and call make a switch motion with her little finger

"That wasn't much worse than a round about message I got the other day," remarked a press operator between mouthfuls of mince ple. "I was working one of the New York wires in the A. P. office here and Coney was working the other at the next table. Pretty soon the man on my wire in New York says, "Tell Conley to tell Pete to send me a chew of tobacco. You see, the two wires were right together n the Washington office, but they ended in different rooms in the New York office The man on my wire was too busy to go into the next room and borrow a chew from his pardner, so he tells me in Washington and I tells Conley, and Conley tells the other New York man that his pardner in the next room to him was perishing for a piece of plug, and that wire not being so huay as mine, the man on the New York end had a chance to go in and lend my man

Playing a Wire Tip.

"It's all very well to have a friend on the other end of your wire," remarked the ex-night chief, "if he don't think he knows been a good deal of trouble in the office anything about horses. But I've lost more money on sure things that the man on the other end had an inside tip on than I ever expect to save subbing for an ungrateful corporation. Say, did you happen to get you are about the only people in the busipretty good horse some time before the words came in from Omaha, a notice of a

"There was a fellow reporting the races for the old Heraid then that thought General Jackson had just about one more race in him if he was treated right, and he broaches the subject to the sporting editor. The sporting editor thought the same way. so they bought in the old horse at streetcar prices when he was sold and sent him off to the country. They let a veterinary surgeon in on the scheme and he tended old the mother of six fatherless children. About had some fault to find with it, whether enough water in the boiler the two lower the time the fall meeting was winding up there was anything wrong or not. I stood stopcocks would throw hot water and the back to the track and entered him, and him. It was along toward 3 in the morn- Bill's partner. Hank, stood just so that a then, being real generous, they passed the ing before the report closed up for the stream of water from the lower stopcock tip to a very few of their friends that night, so when I got '30' (goodnight) on would catch him between the eyes. I could get in on it quietly.

The Trick that Failed.

Milwaukee to New Orleans and from New graph editor came near getting fired-and When we got to the end of the division and York to San Francisco. These wise guys so did I." had got General Jackson into a field where he could have broken a leg and won in his earlier days, and they had him nursed up so that it was a 100 to 1 shot that he would last the distance. The bookmakers figured it out a 100 to 1 shot that he wouldn't, and that was the odds in the over-night betting, of the house?" asked the 'ourist in reduced But he was played so heavily all over the circumstances who stood at the kitchen door. country that the odds commenced to slide next morning and I only got in at 75 to 1. eyes," coldly replied the woman confronting and he went to the post at 10 to 1, with the him. "You are looking at her." pool rooms playing safety.

down on Clark street, where I had offered you are a purist, and not a philanthropist up my wad, and when the report of the race | We have nothing in common. Good afterstarted it sure looked like 'Sec and per- noon, madam.

MERRY TALES OF THE WIRE fector for the balance of the winter. It was 'General Jackson at the quarter' and General Jackson at the half and 'General Jackson by two lengths at the three-quarters,' and then 'Silver King wins, Tambourine second, Cascaretta third.' And that blamed old glass leg of his played out on him in the stretch and he walked in dead HOW ONE MAN GOT SOME TOBACCO memoked pipes for the rest of the winter." lame, and all the operators I knew of

A Hard Throw-Down. "I don't think much of wire tips, my self," said the state wire man, "and the worst throw down I ever had I got this spring from Philadelphia. I had a man I knew there working on my wire, and he sent me a meseage one night, 'Lilian K is a good sure thing; get in with both feet.' I "Talking about wire trouble," remarked had been thinking about Lillian K myself, so I went out and scaked my watch and Star man, as half a dozen of the craft were hunted up a Shylock and rounded up altogether about \$75. Then I lined out for worst case I ever struck was when a long- pool room. The race was due in about half liams, a retired western engineer, to a New them, and one can only make guesses as to suffering corporation had to route about an hour and Lillian K was up in the entries York Sun correspondent, "but somehow after all right, but there were no olds against

"So I says to the man at the desk, What's the odds on Lillian K?' He look-

"That was too much of a jolt for me, and

minute while I went out to see a man. I

humpbacked shoe pirate with his box under his arm and a dollar in dimes, nickels Took Too Much for Granted.

"Horses are all right for a hoodoo on men. It was a woman made me quit a good I didn't have the nerve to stay in the same town with her. Damascus was a nice little had a nice soft six-day job in the little jerkwater office there with one other operator. We were pretty hot things in society. One night we floated in to see a nice family we knew up town, and there we were introduced to a Miss Callahan from Cincinfair half as ugly as any other six women I ever saw. But after a while there was some singing and she did a spiel at the piano, and she could sing like a bird. That took my partner right off the bat and afterward, while we were sitting around hinning, he telegraphs me from across the room on the arm of his chair, 'Say, old man, ain't she a peacherion?' I was sitting with my chin in my hand and I taps back against my cheek, 'She's pretty clear in the pipes, but that face would crack stove lids!' The freckled-faced girl was sitting with her hand resting out on the table, and what do you think, if she didn't

at me in Phillips' code, 'If you think it why don't you say it out loud? "She was a slick woman operator from the Cincinnati office, come down to take a vacancy in our shop. She went to work the next week and I quit the week after. I never have liked women opeprators since."

like she was opening a key and wire back

Docked Sixty-Nine Hours. "I haven't much use for women operators myself," said the pool room operator, "but sure did see one of 'em get even with herself while I was working in Kansas City just before the last strike. There was trouble brewing in the office then and it didn't help matters any when they rought up a woman from down sometake the place of a man that got fired for right away belonged to Gulch Bill. cussing the division superintendent over the wire under the impression he was a green office boy fooling with the key. Evrybody was sore on the woman, of course, and everybody was looking for her to make a break counting her messages. There had over having messages checked wrong, and making a mistake thereafter would be docked an hour for each word that was

"Well, this blamed woman was slower caught in that General Jackson tip from than molasses in March, but she was dead Chicago about ten years ago? If you didn't careful and she wouldn't make a mistake in checking to please anybody. Finally ness who didn't. General Jackson was a one day there was a message of about ten war, but he'd got into the selling plater bank stockholders' meeting or something of class while I was O. S'ing for the railroads. the sort, a single message for sixty-nine Then he turned up with a glass leg and different addresses. This Arkansas swamp that finished him. Ike Hennessy had him angel happened to take it and she likewise on his string in Chicago that year, but he happened to make a mistake in counting never could get in trim to stay over five the words. And as the same mistake was furlongs, and Hennessy decided to sell him. naturally in all the messages she was docked sixty-nine hours, and when I left there in

When the Nile Froze Over. even one way or another," remarked the his boiler. Instead they were equipped with press operator. "I laid for the telegraph water guages. These had four little stopeditor of the morning paper down in Jack-cocks in a vertical line on the back of the sonville nearly a year before I got him. I Jackson's leg like he was working to save and this bird with the blue pencil always one of those stopcocks. When there was they thought they had General Jackson it till the night of the 31st of March, and two upper ones steam. fixed just about right, so they brought him then I thought I'd try taking a fall out of they had just the hottest thing that ever the report I composed a little telegraph get my hand on the stopcock without Hank's burned the wings of a bookmaker, and to news myself. I wrote about 200 words seeing me as I leaned up against the boiler from Alexandria, Egypt, with a 1st of April So. when I thought I had given Bill about date line on it, saying that the Nile was "There was a fool friend of mine taking frozen over from Cairo to the first cataract, the night report in the Herald office and and that there was great suffering in the full tilt and Hank caught it between the begget onto the good thing and be thought and the there was great suffering in the he got onto the good thing and he tipped surrounding country. I threw in a little eyes. At the same time I pulled the throttle me. I being on the other end of a press circumstantial detail about a Mansion bouss. me, I being on the other end of a press circumstantial detail about a Mansion house wire in Milwaukee. I tipped a friend of relief fund being started in London and let mine down in St. Louis and another man her go to the telegraph editor. Blamed if that I owed a good turn in Kansas City, he didn't let it get past him in the hurry range of the jet of hot water and with a and then I got a night off and went out to of going to press and it appeared next mornborrow money. I don't know what other ing on the front page of the paper. The way that tip got circulated, but it circu- managing editor caught it on the mail edi- lowed by a couple of pistol shots and some lated good and plenty. It was a newspaper tion, but by noon the next day the papers cursing. We were moving quite rapidly now and operator's tip almost together and it that the office had not been able to call in and Sam and I bound Hank with some bellwent on the wire all over the country from were selling for 10 cents a copy. The tele- rope after taking his pistols away from him.

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Visual Organs All Right. Chicago Tribune: "Can I see the mistress "You can if you have good use of your

"I can use them well enough, madam," he "I spent the afternoon in a pool room responded, with much stiffness, "to see that GULCH BILL'S LAST HOLD-UP

Ran Up Against an Engineer Who Kept His man in the mob may get an equal share or Wits About Him.

SMOOTH JOB WITH HOT WATER COCKS

of Scalding Water Spoiled the Looks of the Guard and Performed a Surgical Operation on William.

"Gulch Bill, the once notorious train rob ber, had been raising Cain with the night express of the Air Line before I took the un some years ago," remarked Steve Wil-I was put on the train his hold-ups censed. He had made several attempts at the game though, and had succeeded in taking the nerve out of most of the engineers before he stopped operations. None of them wanted the train after Jake Leach got scared out, but I was young and looking for excitement your own odds. I'll take 'em any way you so I said I'd try my hand on her. After Bill's last appearance the company gave the crew of the train strict orders to go armed and be on the alert always, which had a sort of a lock-the-barn-after-the-horse-is-stolen twang to me. But as everything went along swimmingly and no train robbers appeared the old rut of things and leave our ordnance departments home.

"The night express was generally made up of twelve or thirteen blind, or sealed, baggage and express cars with a couple of coaches on the rear for the accommodation of the crew and the few passengers the train carried. All the crew had to do in times of peace was to sleep, as the train made only a couple of stops on the division for water the wire," said the young operator, "but The way Gulch Bill and his pale usually way on the headend of the train at one of job down in Damascus last spring because the water plugs and at an out of the way place they'd surprise the engineer and fireman, cut off the head car, which usually was railroad town down in south Ohio, and I the through San Francisco car, and make the engineer haul it down to some obscure spot where they would crack it open and take out what express packages they thought valuable and make the engineer get the car back to the train as best he could.

"After I had been on the run about months and no robbers appeared, the older men on the road began to get sorry at being so chicken-hearted and made big kicks for the train, as it was a snap-few hours on the road and big money. But the superintendent said that as I had taken the train in troublesome times when all the rest were afraid, I could stay on there, and he'd stick by me. One night as we were leaving 'St. Loo,' Sam McCracken, my fireman, says to

feels kinder like train robbers to me tonight. Shouldn't wonder if we'd have a visit from Gulch Bill somewhere on the He must have blown in about all

"Felt Kinder Shaky."

day that he'd been seen in Chicago.' " 'You just mark my words,' says Sam, 'he's jest layin' low to throw us off the

scent. He'll show up soon." "Sam's guess didn't come true that night, but a couple of nights later I felt a crawly feeling down my spine a few minutes after we had pulled away from Stony Hollow water plug, and turned to see three tough looking customers drop over the coal boards which is the accepted valuation. This dein the front end of the tank and cover Sam and me quicker'n a wink.

"'Whoa, there, Leach, or I'll make you look like the top of your mother's pepper where in the swamp lands of Arkansas to box, said a not unpleasant voice that I knew "'Don't happen to be Leach,' I said,

sparring for time with him. " 'Makes no difference. You just choke off that steam and stop. I've been appointed chaperone of this train. Halt, I say! "There was nothing to do but halt, so I brought her to gradually, and while doing

so Bill continued talking. " 'Now, Hank,' he said to one of his pals, 'you just cover this gent here and his pard. so they don't run away with us, and Gin you try any fummydiddle business or your ewamp and stop there. Hank, if he don't obey orders or goes throwing any hot milk into you, you just get your thirteen-pounder into action. See?' With that he and his

other chum dropped off the running board. Touched Off the Watercock. "All the while he had been shooting off his mouth I had been forming a plan of battle. In those days the engines weren't fitted up with the modern waterglass to let the engi-"Oh, you can always figure on getting neer know how much water he carried in

> "I figured out of the tail of my eye that began to move.

> jump I landed on top of him. Then I heard a screech like the cry of a dying man folthe galvanizers were looking the train over they found a man's leg and a lot of blood or the front truck of the second express car and the first train in after daylight brought the rest of the man's body, which was identified as that of Gulch Bill. My plan had worked better than I expected, for evidently I had pulled the throttle and started the train just as Gulch Bill was crawling under to cut off the head car, cutting him in two and putting him out of business forever. Hank got a long sentence, but the third

man escaped." ARMY OF PICKPOCKETS.

Observant Policeman Describes Their Rank and Methods. Some men operate on the "single-handed"

learn how to stall, but there are naturally

some who are more expert than others. A tool who hires his stalls and makes no division of spoils with them will sometimes have to pay as much as \$5 a day for skilled men. When he divides what he gets each not, according to a prearranged agreement, but the tool is the man who does the most work.

Of first-class tools, men who are known to successful, there are probably not more than 1,500 in the United States. Practically every professional offender has a "go" at pocket-picking some time in his career, but there are comparatively few who make a success of it as actual pickpockets; the stalls are numberless. Among the 1,500 there are some women, and a fair proportion of young boys, but the majority are men anywhere from 20 to 50 years old. The total number of the successful and unsuccessful is 20,000, 40,000 or 50,000, as one likes. All that is actually known is that there is an army of their real strength.

TONS OF GOLD COINED.

Where the Precious Metal is Handled by the Ton. Ordinarily people speak of gold bullion, when quantities are mentioned, as so many ounces except in San Francisco, where the receipts of gold bullion at the United States branch mint are referred to as so many tons for certain days. It sounds like an enormous boast, bordering on the fabulous, yet it is true, reports the San Francisco Chronicle. The mint books show it: the bullion was received, coined and turned for a mouth or so we began to fall back into over to its owners. One day in August last four tons of the precious metal were received at the mint for coinage, while in October, 1897, the receipts for one day

> branch mint exceed that of any other of recent years and it is still on the increase. The coinage of the last flecal year, ended June 30, 1899, according to the report just completed, was the largest in the history which would seem to indicate that Sir Redof this mint. It consisted of 13,873,375 vers Buller, now commander-in-chief in and again in the same place in 1881, some- at the battle of Majuba Hill, relates the

now holds the front rank for amounts.

the total coinage of the San Francisco

sudden leap and went up to \$40,084,291. | the British base at Mount Prospect. coast mines and Mexico.

six tons of gold came in one day, valued at about \$3,000,000, rating a ton at \$500,000, posit consisted largely of British sovereigns from Australia, though there was considerable Klondike gold received that day.

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ism at that point. The principle upon which the inventor avoided and the present war averted. was taking the A. P. report down there water you had in the boiler you just turned tween the greater and the lesser magnet, to the Cape, thus leaving open the way for and this bird with the blue water you had in the boiler you just turned tween the greater and the lesser magnet. We cladetone to give the Borra their indeevidently the exact depth of water under Mr. Gladstone to give the Boers their inde-

> test it and for that purpose went on a a general, a privy councillor of the queen steamer from New York to Newport News and a Knight Grand Cross of the Bath, is

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was shut in with it. At intervals during the trip the captain instructed an officer to throw the lead and take the depth of water, and as soon as the officer made the report the captain went to the inventor and seked him: "Well, what depth are we in now?" The answer on each occasion was prompt and correct, the indicator pointing unerringly to the number of fathoms beneath

the vessel. water is at present taken on board ship will see that an instrument like this, if further tests bear out the claims of the inventor, is bound to prove useful. With the lead it is next to impossible to obtain absolutely correct measurements, for the reason that while the measurement is being taken the vessel is moving and the lead is consequently inclined. Before the lead is thrown the vessel slackens up a little, but It still keeps moving onward. Now by means of the fathom meter the exact depth can be ascertained, no matter at what speed the vessel is running, and hence it will be seen that a great deal of time can be saved and no allowance need be made for the in-

clination of the lead. The entire apparatus does not occupy more space than an ordinary typewriter. It regard to submerged wrecks and similar dangers the luventor claims that his instrument by indicating the depth of water at a moment's notice will give timely warnings of such dangers and will enable captains to

were six tons. That exceeds the receipts of and indigestion. any other mint, as far as known and so does

BULLER AND HIS VISIONS.

Second Sight.

pieces, valued at \$63,862,275. That coinage South Africa, is possessed of the strange coinage history of the government on two gift, it must be confessed, for a general. occasions. At the mint in Philadelphia It seems that he was at Cape Town at the in the year 1861, some \$70,000,000 was coined time of Sir George Colley's disastrous rout thing over \$76,000,000 was coined. Since Washington Post. On the day of the batthen California has pushed forward and tle, although he was many hundreds of miles away, he saw vividly before him the The largest amount heretofore coined in scene of Colley's defeat and death. the San Francisco mint during any calendar strong was the impression which this speyear was in 1878-\$50,186,500. This year was cies of vision created upon his mind that colunge is expected to at least approximate he immediately rode out as fast as he could that of 1898. Prior to 1897, and for fifteen to the suburban residence of the Cape preyears preceding, the coinage of the San mier, Sir James Sibewright, imparting to Francisco mint averaged about \$25,000,000 him his fears and entreating him to get a year. In that year the amount took a at once in telegraphic communication with

The largest number of deposits for one Sir James complied with his wishes and month in the history of the mint was in while Buller and the premier were sitting August, 1899. They reached 1,353, aggre- together reassuring replies were received gating nearly 700,000 ounces, valued at about and the major (as Buller was then) was though. You know I'm a lawyer. One day a \$12,500,000. For the three years prior to bantered by Sir James on the subject of man named Dodge brought in a letter of inthat time deposits averaged from 500 to 700 his apprehensions. Yet before evening had a month, which was considered very good arrived the news of General Colley's debusiness. The heaviest deposits for one day feat and death on Majuba Hill was flashed the swag he got from his last haul by this in that month aggregated four tons of gold. acress the wires and it was then seen that A large consignment of English sovereigns the disaster to British arms had already arrived that day from Australia and were taken place at the time when Buller called this country by this time. I heard the other sent to the mint to be recoined; a large lot upon the Cape premier, although nothing of dust and nuggets were landed from the was known about it then at Mount Prospect, Klondike, while some gold came from Pacific, the British base of operations against the Boere,

sands of miles away from home. The fathom meter is circular in form, re- Never before has a commander of a big ports the New York Herald, and in the army embarked upon a campaign thus center is a suspended circle, which is set mentally equipped and much curiosity prein gimbals, after the fashion of an ordi- vails as to the services which his second nary sea compaes. This circle has a frame sight is likely to render to Sir Redvers in here, young feller, addressing me, 'don't of glass and is graduated into half de- the war against the Boers. It may be added grees and fathoms, which are pointed out that immediately on learning the official by an indicator. In the center, and run- news of Colley's defeat and death Buller morrow. When you get the word to go ning clear across, is a small magnet. Con- went to his chief at Cape Town, Sir Leiahead you just teter right down to Hankins nected with the instrument is a primary cell, cester Smith, the general officer then in from which a sufficient current can be ob- command, and entreated him to proceed tained when it is desired to energize the at once to Natal by boat to assume commagnet. The earth being also a enegnet its mand of the army in the field and to remagnetism, or zero, is obtained, and when trieve the disaster at Majuba Hill, before the instrument is properly adjusted and the the Boers had time to follow up their adcircuit is closed an observation taken from vantage. Had Sir Leicester done so it is it on board of a moving ship shows imme- generally believed that the Boers would diately the difference of the earth's magnet- have been defeated, the unfortunate convention agreed to by Gladstone as premier

worked was that, as the earth is a magnet. Sir Leicester first refused to comply with

Any one who knows how the depth o

avoid them.

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British Commander Said to Possess

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This was only exceeded once, as far as it is likewise recalled in military cir-the records show and that was one day in cles in London that Sir Redvers seemed to October, 1897. The deposits for the month be aware of the death of the French prince were 955 and the coinage \$9,000,000. But imperial and of the fall of Khartoum, as also of the death of Gordon, at the very moment when these things occurred and long before news of the events arrived. Buller is such a strange, silent, saturnine looking man, so repellent in his manner and so uninviting as far as familiar conversation and discussion are concerned, that no one has ever been known to question him a vessel at any given time at a moment's sion of a second sight which enables him notice is the object of an instrument re- to know and to see important events that cently perfected, known as the fathom are in progress hundreds and even thou-

with another smaller magnet in the instru- Buller's suggestion, then agreed to it, and ment the indicator would point out and even left Cape Town for the purpose of register on the dial the exact distance proceeding to Natal, but changed his mind which there may be at that moment be- before reaching his destination and returned pendence on the strength of their victory As soon as his model was ready the in- over the British at Majuba Hill. After the ventor of the fathom meter prepared to lapse of nearly twenty years Buller, now and back again. He placed the fathom sent out at the head of the biggest army

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that has left English shores since the days, I went out on an errand and was delayed till

Leicester Smith to perform. TWO COINCIDENCE STORIES.

rold in Good Faith in a Club Where All Romancing is Barred. It was the secretary's turn to tell a yarn to his fellow members of the Coincidence club, reports the Chicago Inter-Ocean. The Coincidence club, by the way, has no cumbersome machinery. It has members and officers, meets once a week to tell queer stories along the line suggested by its name and everything but the strict truth is barred.

"I've got two stories, much alike, to tell. There's nothing dramatic or sensational about them. They struck me as queer, troduction to me from a friend out west He had a simple sort of a case, and I asked him to come back at 3 o'clock that afternoon. Then I went over to the criminal court on business that kept me till within a few minutes of 3 o'clock. As I entered my office there was a man sitting in the shadow. Without really looking at him, and with my mind full of the appointment, I said as went to my private office:

"'How are you, Mr. Dodge? I'll see you in a minute." "Pretty soon I rang and told the office boy to show in Mr. Dodge. The man came in

and he wasn't my Mr. Dodge at all. Imagine

my surprise when he said: 'How did you know my name? "At the same time he handed me a letter of introduction from a friend in down east His name was Dodge, all right, and he had a case. I gasped over the oddity of the situation, explained the coincidence to my vis itor, and even showed him the other letter An Instrument that Can Determine about these matters, yet the fact is on record of introduction. But the man did not believe that he has on at least three occasions given me. He evidently thought I was a liar, and

A few minutes later in came the first Mr. Dodge and we had a good laugh over it. "The other coincidence was this. I got letters from two friends-one west of Chicago and one south, asking me to collect claims against a big Chicago firm and a big insurance company with an agency in Chicago. I telephoned and made appointment with representatives of each of the concerns one at 12 and the other at 12:30 o'clock.

has been exceeded only in amount in the gift of second sight-a singularly valuable of the great duke of Wellington, to ac- 12:30 o'clock. When I came in both men complish the very job which after Majuba were waiting. Strange as it may seem, both men were named Rose, I introduced them, he valuly urged when a major General Sir One was originally from Rhode Island and the other from Connecticut. As far as they could figure out they were not related. I've. used false names, but otherwise the stories are strictly true, and can be proven by evidence that will pass muster in a court of

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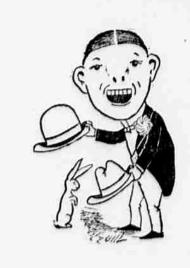


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