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WHY COUNTERFEITERS FAIL.

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tain coins or notes as the particular work of certain individuals?

About a year after the acquittal of the jeweller the secret service men were supplied with information that a quantity of counterfeit half-dollar pieces were in circulation in and around New York, Long Island and Jersey City. A peculiar feature of the case was that the coins were such an accurate duplicate of the government article that sub-treasury officials could not detect the defect in them; they were of the same fineness, weight and size as the government coin; in a number of other ways they answered the requirements of the government standard.

Yet the inevitable detail was there to prove the imitation. When the secret service men examined the coins it was found that the rims were rounded, exactly in the same fashion as the ten-dollar gold piece of the Italian jeweller. We called on the latter in time to find him busily engaged in the manufacture of coins. When we entered the rear of his jewelry store we found a number of the spurious fifty-cent pieces and the material and tools for the making of many thousands of them.

Then there was the well known Philadelphia-Lancaster case, in which the scheme was to print \$10,000,000 and unload it simultaneously through exchange at the different sub-treasuries throughout the country. There were imperfect cheek bones on President Monroe on the \$100 notes of this particular enterprise. The deficiency gave an entirely different expression to the face of the counterfeit as compared with the genuine bill. Another detail, and an important one, that the principals of this enterprise overlooked was to properly manage the engravers employed by them. The men backing the scheme were not sufficiently lavish with their funds. Consequently two of the engravers took \$10,000 in the counterfeit notes and went to the races with the money to make a "killing." They laid the spurious notes at the track. This was prior to the date set for the grand coup. The notes at the track, however, were sufficient to set the secret service at work in time to frustrate the conspiracy.

And so many other cases there are to illustrate the point. But the one which particularly appeals to me is that of John Davis, who recently pleaded guilty in New Haven, Conn.,

to making plates for counterfeit five-dollar notes. Davis is an old offender and the illustrative case which I have in mind was one in which he was the central figure years back. It was known as the Bank of England plot. Davis had manufactured in London and had planned there to lay down counterfeit Bank of England notes representing a value in excess of \$500,000. His scheme was to have his confederates in each of the great money centres, London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg and New York, simultaneously exchange the notes at foreign money exchange brokers' offices.

The workmanship of the product was almost perfect. The notes were the closest imitation to the Bank of England notes that have ever been discovered. Perhaps I might explain here that the notes of the Bank of England are made today in practically the same manner and the same material that they were one hundred years ago. They are merely a lithographed printing on a finely and intricately water-marked bond paper.

Well, everything was in readiness for the grand unloading—except one thing. The conspirators had not tried out the money to learn how readily it might be accepted. Accordingly two of the men assigned to the New York end of the plot went over to the State Bank, on Grand street, and offered counterfeit notes representing a value of \$780. The conspirators erred in presenting so much foreign money for exchange at one time to a bank in that neighborhood. The officials of the institution compared the offered notes with genuine notes of the Bank of England, but could find no difference. Still the officials were suspicious, bade the conspirators wait a few minutes and called up the secret service office, which hurried men to the bank.

A close examination of the offered notes by the government agents showed the color of the printing to be true; the color, ply and size of the paper to measure accurately with the Bank of England requirements, and the strong main features of the etching represented in the print were true to a shading.

Yet, as always, the detail was there to prove the counterfeit work. The water-mark of the spurious notes was more pronounced than the genuine. Further, and to me more wonderful still, a tiny guard, carefully placed on the genuine note, was lacking in the counterfeit. It was a little thorn-shaped protuber-

PARDONED BY THE KAISER.

Two Belgian Women Who Aided Prisoners to Escape.

London, Oct. 22.—Emperor William has notified King Alfonso that he has pardoned the Countess De Belleville, Mlle Thulier, and the other Belgians condemned to death in Belgium for aiding in the escape of prisoner soldiers, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Madrid.

Progressive.

A clergyman had taught an old man in his parish to read and found him an apt pupil, says London Tit-Bits. Calling at the cottage some time after, he found only the wife at home.

"How's, John?" he asked.

"He is well, thank you," said the wife.

"How does he get on with his reading?"

"Nicely, sir."

"Ah, I suppose he can read his Bible comfortably now?"

"Bible, sir! Bless you, he was out of the Bible and into the sporting papers long ago."

The Proper Thing.

"Canvasses?" said the artist, flattered by the presence of the millionaire in his studio. "Yes, sir, I shall be happy to show you my best canvasses. Something allegorical? Or do you prefer a landscape?"

"What I want," said Mr. Newrich, the eminent contractor, with decision, "is something about a yard and a half long and a yard wide, to cover some cracks in the fresco!"—Chicago Daily News.

ance extending from a certain letter in the word denominating the value of the note. The tiny little sentinel could be observed only with the aid of a fine magnifying glass. It would be found only accidentally except by one knowing exactly where to look for it.

The New York members of the conspiracy were arrested, but released when they stood on the assertion that they had found the notes in the street.

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