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Haven railroad one night in the early part of November, 187-, which might have resulted in depriving him of his liberty for the greater portion of the rest of his life, he became the subject of ridicule and jest which has never ceased, and which still follows him among the friends of his ilk.

He and a confederate named Mathews had only a week before "sneaked" the bank of a provincial manufacturing town of Connecticut, and had secured thirteen thousand dollars—thirteen one-thousand dollar bills. They had been down to New York and paid the regular percentage to certain disreputable detectives, who make a business of watching for the games of such men, and compelling "fair divide" in order to insure, at least, *their* protection, and were then preparing for a raid upon a bank at Springfield, in the same State, making their headquarters at the United States Hotel, in Hartford, and accounting for their presence there in a neat and business-like manner.

To get matters into shape for the Springfield raid, frequent trips were made by King and Mathews from Hartford to the former city, the night, or the "owl" train, as it was called, always being chosen, to lessen the chances of being observed.

On the night in question, King and Mathews had purchased tickets for Springfield, and started for that city on conductor McMillen's train. They very modestly occupied a seat together, and King, drawing his hat over his eyes, doubled himself up in the end next the window for a nap, while Mathews, taking good care to attract no notice, fell in with the fashion of the tired passengers about, and leaned forward, resting his head on the back of the seat in front.

Travellers on the New York and New Haven road will remember that this particular train is usually very crowded, and as it stops frequently, the conductor is compelled to use the greatest expedition in the collection of tickets and fares. Coming hurriedly through the car in which the professionals were meekly ensconced, Mathews gave him his ticket, receiving a check, and King, who had fallen into a heavy drowse, put his hand in his vest-pocket and took something from it, which he handed to conductor McMillen, who, with the remark, "I'll attend to you shortly," passed rapidly on.

A passenger leaving the seat next behind the "bank-sneaks," Mathews at once occupied it, and seated himself comfortably