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ORIGINAL sin had shown its fruits early in the case of the Charlottetown post office messenger boy. A despatch tells us that during the past year between 700 and 1,000 letters containing a large aggregate amount of money have been stolen from the post office of that city. All efforts to catch the thief were unsuccessful. Finally suspicion fell on a messenger boy, Charles J. Mitchell, and he was charged with the crime. Upon receiving a guarantee that he would not be prosecuted, he confessed that he was the thief. How the authorities came to give such a guarantee in the case we are not told.

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