

mately engaged in farming, was wealthy, and had been a counterfeiter for many years, keeping two first-class engravers constantly employed, and he warmly invited me to visit him, should I ever happen that way—although it was morally certain at that time, to him as well as myself, that it would be a very long time before I began travelling for pleasure—and I received all this for what it was worth, but fervently promised him a call, while mentally observing: "Ah! my man, if everything works right, maybe that the call will come sooner than you are expecting it!"

What chiefly interested me, however, was what he told me concerning his mode of operations.

He said that he never carried any quantity of counterfeit money upon his person. This twenty dollars which he had shown me was the largest sum he ever had about him. This was simply and only a sample for use, as it had been with me. Should he be arrested, not one piece of paper would be found which would not bear the most rigid inspection, although he had always upon his person about two thousand dollars in genuine money, chiefly in eastern bank bills. No person understanding the condition of things at that time, could be persuaded to condemn a stranger in a new country, and unfamiliar with its money, for having twenty dollars of spurious money in so large a sum as two thousand dollars.

I asked him why he did not pad his saddle with the bills and carry them with him, in this manner, for convenience. I made this inquiry, more than anything else, to draw from Craig his manner of supplying parties, and I was successful, for he immediately replied:

"No, that wouldn't do. To begin with, the horse would sweat the pad and badly discolour the bills, and, in the next place, somebody might be as curious as yourself and rip open the saddle. Oh, no, no; I've got a better scheme than that. I've got a fellow, named Yelverson, as true as steel and as shrewd as a man can be made. He follows me like a shadow, but you will never see him. He is never seen by any living person with whom I have business. I simply show my samples and make the trade. I receive the money agreed upon from the buyer, and then tell him that I *think* he will find the