

pleasure, he would be asked to call again; the banker would be quite unprepared to receive it, put in three days the doors would be closed to keep out the drafts; it would be right in a day or so, as they had closed for some repairs quite necessary to the bank; but come in at the side door. Now, you would not let that man stop you and attempt to rob you, and have not had half the chance to resist it, because he has the law on his side, to rob you. Is not that obtaining money under false pretences? The banker pretended he had gold to meet the amount, the bill bears the promise to pay the bearer, and he only expects one dollar out of the three, possibly two, but never all three; that would never do; there is no money in that, the bankers say. But when the bank breaks down, that is where all three are made clear; so honor is all gone. Then is the row outside of the bank; it is a wonder they do not lock the up building and punch the president and directors; no, they are protected by the law; you allowed your Government to make it so; you must grin and bear it, or alter the law. But you have a much better chance and power over the man who met you on the road, who put the revolver to your head and said, "Hands up," and tried to steal openly, either at night or in broad daylight. Perhaps you shot at him and killed or wounded him; not so with the bankers; at any rate it was the most manly, open way of the two, only not legal way of robbing you. But he did not deceive you; he gave you to understand that he wanted your money, and he was going to try and