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"LORD COURTENAY."

A Sketch of the Clever Swindler's Career in America.

People He Has Imposed Upon
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And Canada Since 1874. Reaping a Rich Harvest at Times.

In Inspector Byrne's book, "Professional Criminals in America," Courtney's picture is reproduced with a brief history of his crimes and adventures. He is described as Hugh L. Courtney, alias Lord Courtney, alias Lord Bessford, alias "Sir Henry Vane, of the Majesty's Light," swindler—a bogus lord. He was 34 years old in 1886. Born in England. Claimed to be married when arrested, which is not a fact. Looks and assumes the air of an Englishman. Has a poor education, and is a poor writer. His right name is supposed to be Clinton, and he is the clever son of a former judge-keeper of the Earl of Devon, in Devonshire, England. Lord Courtney is well known in New York city since 1874, and, in fact, all over the United States and Canada. He was arrested in New York City on Dec 3, 1886, and delivered over to Salt Lake police authorities for forgery on the London Bank of Utah. He was tried there and acquitted, again arrested in Salt Lake by the New York police and brought to New York, charged with forging an acceptance of the National Bank of the United States, and was delivered to the police authorities of Liverpool, England, and taken to London, where he was credited with five years' sentence. The fact is, he was sentenced to three months at hard labor in Clerkenwell prison, London, on Oct 17, 1881, under the name of Marcus.

There was a reward of \$1,000 offered for him in Montreal, where, under the name of Charles Pelham Clinton, he played a confidence game on a merchant. In 1876 he made his debut as a swindler in Baltimore under the name of "Sir Hugh Leslie Courtney, of the British Royal Navy." A young Baltimore belle described him as a most fascinating personage, and says that he was the first who ever "fired her soul with love." The elegant uniform of the British Royal Navy which he always wore at the fashionable balls delighted and fascinated the young ladies, who out the buttons of his waistcoat and saw the medals and decorations on his breast. He was known in Baltimore, and ran on his credit there, for months, wondering "what could be the matter with his stupid banker in England." His male friends grew suspicious and made excuses for not being able to accommodate him with loans. Then he

changed his tactics, and by different devices managed to extract from his female friends small amounts from their allowances for pocket money. It is said that the daughter of a prominent citizen of Norfolk, Va., gave Courtney \$500. Finally he was obliged to decamp, and did so just in time, as the evening before he took his leave he was recognized as a fugitive by one of his former victims. Before his departure from England he undoubtedly studied up thoroughly the pedigree of many English families of noble title for the sole purpose of swindling unsuspecting Americans or marrying some silly American heiress. This shows the record of Inspector Byrne's book.

Another story of Courtney's exploits is as follows:—He came to this country first in 1874, and travelled under the name of Arundel. Just after his arrival here the police received a description and photograph of the youth from the Scotland Yard detectives. He registered to pay one or two bills in this city, but did something worse, and next heard of at Toronto, where, as Lord Courtney, he got into trouble. He was found later at Detroit, as Lieutenant Dennison, of Her Majesty's Sixty-Fourth regiment, and late in 1875 he had some adventure in Buffalo, where he was goal.

In 1879 he stepped from the steamer "Wyoming" as she arrived from England. He was then Hugh Leslie Courtney, Lord Courtney. On the voyage he made the acquaintance of a Mrs. Floyd of Philadelphia, and, it is alleged, he politely relieved her of her satchel, which was containing money and jewelry worth several thousand dollars. He went to the Hotel Clarendon, stayed two days, and then started West.

In 1880, on August 10, under the name of Marquis La Pierre Bessford, he presented at the London Bank, Salt Lake City, a draft for \$250 on the firm of Hauman, Bouverie & Co. He got \$200 in money and a draft for \$470 on Morton, Dille & Co., the agents in New York. He was identified by Capt. McArthur, and the First National Bank cashed his draft. It was soon discovered that this cheque on Hauman, Bouverie & Co. was a forgery, but he had left the town, and was not heard from until November 20 when one of Inspector Byrne's men arrested him on Astor place. He was locked up to await the action of the Salt Lake City authorities. At the same time a charge of obtaining money under false pretences was brought against him by Mr. Albert G. P. Speyer, a broad street broker, from whom he obtained \$100 on the pretence of being an English lord about to return to England. His name was then G. Pelham Clinton. On Dec 2, 1886, he was taken to the Jefferson Market court, where he was identified by several people as the man who had swindled them under different aliases. It came out that he was known in San Francisco under the name of Sir Harry Vane Tempest, and at Portland, Me., by the name of Lieutenant Dennison, E. N.

he was Fitz Hugh Courtney. At all these places he played the same game, borrowing money whenever he got the opportunity. In Richmond, Va., he was Pelham Clinton, and the chief of police in Galveston, Tex., has his photograph taken when he was Charles Claude Montague Bortie.

In the spring of 1886 a young Englishman appeared in Pittsburgh with letters of introduction from the South. As Reginald Talbot he obtained a situation in the office of one of the leading national gas companies. Just how the story got out nobody ever knew, although Talbot never denied it, that he was an English blue blood in distress. With this passport he grew rapidly in the graces of the gloriolans and certain society women in Pittsburgh. On the occasion of the great Homosopathic Charity fair, Talbot was the lion of the hour. He was wine and dined and danced at rose balls and other swell society affairs. But one unhappy day a man closely resembling Talbot was discovered by a gentleman in the office of introduction from the South. It was that of a clever British forger and swindler. The coincidence was remarkable, and the Chronicle-Telegraph published the portrait. Then Talbot disappeared, but not before he had borrowed some snug sums of money from an iron manufacturer and several prominent business men. His departure was followed by a fuller exposure, and certain society people received a crushing blow. For weeks after his departure confiding friends of the young Englishman received letters from him stating that he intended returning to Pittsburgh to institute libel suits against the offending newspaper. He never came, and all trace of the man disappeared. It is known that his harvest of Pittsburgh gold amounted to at least \$2,000, of which \$1,000 was received in a lump from one man.

A SHOCKING CONFESSION.

A Suicide Letter.—An interesting notice that is published in the New York Times, is that of a man who had been married three times. I killed my first wife with a club. Her name was Catherine. I buried her in the garden, dug her up and buried her in the graveyard. She had six children for me. My second wife's name was Mary. I killed her with a brick by hitting her on the head. I will not tell what I did with her body. She had one child for me—a boy. My third wife's name was Sallie. She was unfaithful to me for a long time. My wife and I had not been on good terms for three or four weeks. One day I lay in wait for her in a footpath, and as she came along I hit her in

the head with an axe and killed her, and dragged her body into the bushes until that night. Then I sent my boy to the yard for a wheelbarrow, and when he came I set him back to the house. Then I put the body in the wheelbarrow and carried it about a mile and put it in the furnace at sunrise. I started the fire and about 8 or 9 o'clock it was found out. Sallie had seven children for me. In making his confession Bailey evinced no repentance for his inhuman murders, and so hardened had he become in crime that he had forgotten the details and dates of his former misdeeds.

MALE'S MONSTER MOOSE.

James Fates Into Insanities.—FARMINGTON, Nov. 29.—The "Jumbo" moose, recently shot near the Canadian line, pale insignificantly when compared with one just shot at Spencer's River in the Dead River region, by A. R. Douglas, a noted hunter and guide. It was tramped on the stream, chased across the line into Canada, thence back into Maine, two days before the fatal shot was fired. Conductor Fred Road, of the Sandy River railroad, informed a reporter that the monster was nine years old, measured nine feet from base of horns to end of tail, stood 12 inches high, girth nine feet and four inches, and stretched out measured 18 feet from end of nose to end of toes. The horns spread four feet and the width of the palm was four and a half inches. A crew of men have gone after the carcass. The horns have been sold to gentlemen in New Jersey.

A BIG RUN.

Dever Bros' Holiday Sale Going On.—Dever Brothers' twenty-second annual holiday sale is now going on, and immense quantities of goods are being disposed of at their special cash rates. The stock is simply, in every department, and is one of the largest and most varied in the city. Special attention is invited to their silk and dress goods department, hosiery, gloves, lace, ladies' underwear and fancy wool goods department, all of which are being sold at the special rates. Their Christmas goods are certainly exquisite. Their pianos, silks and velvets, Scotch and Canadian tweeds, West of England cloths, flannels in white and grey prints, gingham and cottons have been cut down to hard bottom prices. See the next weekly GLEANER for the special enumeration of their immense stock.

AT 124 QUEEN ST.

Intending purchasers of staple or fancy dry goods will do well to inspect the various lines being shown by Fred B. Dever, who has just opened, in addition to very large fall importation, some fifty packages of new goods imported for Christmas trade and marked at extremely low prices. And while at his establishment don't fail to go up stairs and see the fancy goods and specialties displayed there. As a young lady remarked coming out of the store yesterday, "They are just too lovely for anything."

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