PATHER AND SONS BY LILLIE E. BARR.

he snow was so deep," the farmer said, That I feared I should scarce get through e mother turned with a pleasant smile: Then what could a little had do t" trod in my father's stops," and Jack; Therever he went, I kuph his track."

If it be firm, and clear, and straight, The feet of my son will find.

Oh! fathers leading in life's hard road, Be sure of the steps you take; The sons you love, when grey-haired men. Will tread in them still for your sake, hen grey-haired men to their sons will say: We tread in our father's steps to-day."

### THE MYSTERY OF THE BANK

One day the directors of the Bank of England were much puzzled, and not a little amused, when the secretary read to them,

"Two Gentlemen off Bank England: Yoo think you is all safe hand you're bank his seafe, but I knows bettur. I bin hinside thee banck the last 2 nite hand you nos noffin abowt it. But I um nott a theaf, hif yoo will meet me in thee gret squar rom wahr arl the money is, at twelf 2 nite I is kxplain orl to yeaw, lett ony I hor 2 com alown, and say nuffin 2 noboddy.

Turnot a coward, I have the state of the st

was to put the letter, with proper instructions, into the hands of the detectives especially employed by the bank.

immensely thick, and secured by the best of modern locks and bolts, while a sentinel is stationed in front of it sill night through.

No one from outside could enter; but of course the nolice, well understood the trick of the effects of the gentlemen who had been all night in the vault. They The door, the only means of access, is darkness. course the police well understood the trick.

There must be some confederacy within the bank, and one of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the rest had some content of the conspirators being more coverable than the coverable than the

and heard nothing, with the exception that some said they heard, about one or two and it ran as follows:

Of course no one ever thought of heard, about one or two ge noise which they could not account for.

The next night was the same, and the

next, and the next; and when the 'boardsourse I did not come, as I mite ave dun. I give yeou another chance. Come to-nite.

I give yeou another chance. Come to-nite.

If 2 or 3 gentlemen are there aloan hi will be directors would have treated the affair as an idle attempt to frighten them, had not their attention being more strongly to their attention being more strongly.

This extraordinary communication was

which it had been delivered, the directors after a long consultation, agreed upon a plan of action. There were two things perfectly evident: one, that the writer of the letter really had access in a constant of the letter really had access in a constant of the letter really had access in a constant of the letter really had access in a constant of the letter really had access in a constant of the second of the letter really had access, in some mysterious way, to the room; and the other that put upon his track, instead of his suggestions being attended to. So it was determin-

expected, the directors were not alone. The police had advised them too well for gentlemen, and mingled in such a way that
anyone would have supposed that they
formed one group, and were now at last
literally fulfilling the requisitions of the
mysterious letter.

They waited until nearly twelve, and

gentlemen, and mingled in such a way that
ceeded, he exclaimed:

Well, we'll put out the light again; only
come quickly and make an end of this
bother.'

So saying he put out the light again.
A peck of lime, air-slaked in fine powder
may be scattered about each apple or pear
tree for a distance of ten feet in each direc-

The detectives looked grave. There was a plot at work, they saw, and with their usual penetration they at once saw through the deepest depths of the iniquity. Every we that a file of soldiers march four in the morning-it was now midwinter,

overy night from the Tower to the bank, to keep watch and ward over the vast treasures there; but they signify guard the outside from attack. All within is calm and still when business hours are over.

There is a very large room underground, where the huge wealth of the bank is deposited—millions and millions of English sovereigns, bars of gold and hundred-weights of silver, with notes to a vast amount. The detectives knew of course that this room must be the place which the writer of the note had designated as the level of the bank is the place which the same of the only beef on a fool's errand. The detectives also, convinced that their work for the same and silver, with notes to a vast amount. The detectives knew of course that this room must be the place which the same and silver, with notes to a vast amount. The detectives also, convinced that their work for the note had designated as the least of the note ha

ed in the room; but they saw nothing in the ordinary way. The mystery in-

'You kin do ass yeou like. Lars nite I to the stone pavement, which was supposed herd some one speek to Mr. Felden, who I know is an hosifer of the perlice, sow of that there were no vaults below, sithough sourse I did not come, as I mite ave dun.

and likely attention being more strongly achief to the subject by the following instance of the following instance of

perhaps, after all, it was only a clever trick, cried out:

'You ghost, you secret 'visitor, you midaight thief, come out! There is no onehere but two gentlemen and myself. If
you are afraid, I give you my word of
honor as a gentlemen that the police are
to be held, another
the table of the strong.

I was more in est than in carnest that

More and more astonished than ever at the receipt of this extraordinary letter, and more puzzled still at the strange way in which it had been different and a revolver, and the other held the the acre. It has a very beneficial effect

'Are you there alone, sure?' laugh.

this plan was carried out. But as might heard, saying:

body to come forth, and again a voice was difficult matter to get a good catch of heard, saying: 'How can I trust you now?'

of course every eye was directed to the table where the letters had been placed; but though every precaution was taken, there was not the least sign of any living the state of the letters had been placed; but though every precaution was taken, there was not the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living the state of the least sign of any living th

fined society to enter the sewers, to search long; one end is noosed around one leg; for any articles of value which may have the other is passed around the other leg and

more cowardly than the rest, had resolved to betray his fellows in order to save him had been found on the table in the strong self. The bad writing and spelling were of course only feigned. Their plans were taken accordingly.

All the night long detectives were sta-

the iron walls and doors had been mo

The mystery was now cleared up; and

room: How it got there, considering the room was guarded day and night, was a sugreey. Its contents were still more mysterious. They were as follows:

'It was for your own good that you were some of the bank is not really safe. At any time anyons can eater it. If we writed to stank, we see that one preparented, and he had begun to anspect that after all the salt in the cosan has been derived not really safe. At any time anyons can eater it. If we writed to stank, we see that the strong room, and the stank is the police of the cosan has been derived by the raise into the rivers. The reason why the sea is so salt is that most of the rain and the vapor while forms the cloud conse from the ocean by evaporation, and of course is free from salt, while the rivers are continually corrying call into the same and then I'll come.'

If you have kept your word I will kep min. Put out your light, for I have one has been derived as ettings voice, saying the many of getting into your strong room, but most likely someone else will let you know that we have told the truth, when they help themselves to what is there. We are honest and will not steal, but if the police are honest and will not steal, but if the politic of the same has been derived by the land, and the room of the course of a long a rise of ourse is free from salt, while the rivers are continually corrying call into the same into the rivers are continually corrying call into the same are down that the same is always becoming more salt as the water in course of a long are rise of boling down, and some seas are so full of white the same was politic. If it is like a very sliw and long process of boling down, and some seas are so full

The major, who cared for nothing in would be well to harrow the ground well a crash was heard, and a low, smothered clover. It is more than probable that the grass failed as much from want of fertility when the match was lighted nothing on the directors who could conveniently do so, should visit the strong the major called upon the mysterious something around the grass gets well rooted and will the major called upon the mysterious something around the grass gets well rooted and will stand considerable dry weather. It is a grass now as compared with years ago, and the trouble is almost universally due to that, and half-a-dozen of the best English detectives were dressed up in the garb of gentlemen, and mingled in such a way that

thee banck the last 2 nite hand yow nos nominabows it. But I um not a theaf, hit yow will met me in thee great squar rom wehr arl the money is, at twelf 2 nite I is implain orl to yeaw, lett only 1 hor 2 com alown, and say nuffin 2 noboddy.

JON SMIPP.

The letter being duly read, was, as might be expected, the topic of conversation and suggestion for some little time. Some of the directors thought it was hoax. Others thought that under the apparently ignorantly written letter a deeper mystery was hidden. But I a greed that the safest way

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