

in the air, it was found that the Bank of England alone had nearly 11,000 of these dormant accounts. Forty of them had more than \$50,000 apiece to their credit; one balance was written in six figures,—907,990. The total at the bottom of the long list was \$39,248,875. This amount was very largely made up of unclaimed dividends on government stock.

Scottish banks have, it is said, \$45,000,000 of this overlooked gold. English banks at least double this sum. How does it come there? And what becomes of it?

It seems inconceivable that so much money, for all of which there must have been owners at some time or other, should be thus lost to sight. A score or more of simple causes account for the seeming impossibility. A man may for private or business reasons, have accounts with more banks than one. He dies, his executors know nothing of any but his usual banks; the balance at the others remain unclaimed.

He may die abroad, or disappear, leaving no clew to his banking affairs; he may even forget that such an account is not closed. In these and many similar ways—mostly the result of carelessness—money is left in the hands of bankers to swell the dormant funds.

For seven years the bankers keep the accounts open, prepared to pay over the balance to any who can prove a title to it. This term expired, they regard the forgotten gold as their own. Five million dollars of such ownerless money went to build London's splendid law courts. The city, it is said, has more than one magnificent bank building reared from the same handy material. The Bank of England, one learns, provides pensions for clerks' widows out of such a fund.

But, whatever becomes of it, these millions of "mystery gold" are always growing, fed by man's carelessness or forgetfulness, their secrets hidden away in thousands of musty bank ledgers.—*London Tit-Bits.*

CARRIERS.—A street railway company is held in *Lewis v. Bowling Green R. Co.* (Ky.) 39 L.R.A. (N.S.) 929, to be liable for the death of a boy whom the motorman in charge of the car has received for transportation to the police station, where he refuses to permit him to leave the car, and in attempting to restrain him from doing so the boy falls under the wheels and is killed, since the boy, being a passenger, is entitled to treatment as such, and to have the car stopped at his request to give him an opportunity safely to alight.