

had the reputation of not being as sincere in the performance of police duty as he was expected to be.

This officer was stationed at one of the railroad depots in the city, and Papes, desirous of working upon the crowds there with as much freedom as possible, and knowing the character of the officer in question, approached him from behind. Placing a twenty-dollar gold piece in each hand, he laid them gently over the eyes of the guardian of the law, and asked:

"Can you see anything now?"

The officer, somewhat surprised, but realizing the situation at once, replied:

"Not a thing!" and raising his hands the gold pieces dropped into them, and were immediately transferred into his pocket.

Papes walked off laughing, but had not proceeded far when he felt a gentle tap upon his shoulder, and turning around beheld the officer whose optics he had just succeeded in closing so metallically.

With a serious inexpressive countenance, and in a solemn voice, the officer addressed him:

"If you will put another one into my mouth, I cannot even speak."

Finding it useless to argue with such a rapacious individual, the coin was forthcoming, and the indefatigable Papes plied his calling successfully, without let or hindrance from the doughty officer, who had been rendered blind and speechless by the influence of the "Mighty Dollar."

In July, 1878, a man stepped into the office of the Receiver-General in Toronto, Canada, desiring to purchase a draft. Behind him came another man, deeply intent in reading the newspaper. While the first gentleman was being attended to—the second spreading his paper in such a manner that the view of the surroundings were obscured—a sneak thief entered, and crawling upon his hands and knees behind the desk, quietly abstracted a package containing twenty-five thousand dollars, which lay immediately alongside of the absorbed and unsuspecting accountant.

A few days afterward a jewellery store in the same city was entered, and in almost the identical manner was robbed of thirty-six valuable watches.