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WINNIPEG, MAN.

brought this with me," he explained, in case you required convincin'. It's a picture of your twin-brother Tom, taken in New York a while back. Ain't he as like you as two pins? Notice the fine Dook of Wellington's nose your mother brought into the family. We're proud of it an' it's a fine identification mark. It's got Tom into a sight of trouble though."

As I gazed on the portrait my hopes vanished. There was a coarseness about the features which I hoped was missing from my own, but the face on which I looked was the one that confronted me

every morning in my shaving glass.
"Tom an' Teddy, twin-sons of William an' Jane Morgan, born at 5 Chapel Street, 'Oun'sditch. August 21st, 1863," said the old man recitatively. "You'll said the old man recitatively. "You'll find 'em entered up in order at Somerset 'Ouse if you'd like to go with me in the mornin'."
"Very thin evidence indeed," I said

as I handed him back the photograph. "I refuse to discuss the point any further. You will leave this house at once. Naturally I do not want the world to know how you have fooled me, and for that reason I shall not hand you over to the police. You may be thankful you get off so easily. Now put those things back on the sideboard, and be off."

He laughed.

past and a still more brilliant future in prospect, should be publicly charged with being the son of a notorious criminal was unbearable. Better far be blackmailed for £4 a week. £200 a year was a mere fleabite if it enabled me to hold up my head as before. Anyway, I must end this infamous interview. "I agree," I said.

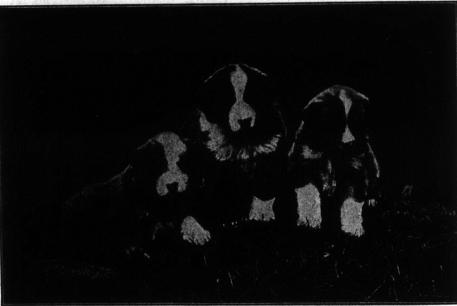
"I knew you would, Teddy," Bolland

replied.
"But only on the condition that you and your son lead respectable lives in future, and never breathe a word of what you allege to a single soul," I continued. "If you figure in the criminal news, or a hint reaches me that you have spoken of your supposed relationship to me, your pensions cease.'

Right you are, Teddy," he replied. "We've sufficient family pride to back you up. I allus buys my high-class grocery an' my billy-cocks at Jude's Hemporium, an' I shall continny my patronage. Cash down over the counter, an' never a word about Berkeley Square. You'll let us have twelve months' pay in advance?"

"I will pay you quarterly," I replied. "I'll send you £50 in bank-notes tomorrow, and you can rely on the same each quarter."

"Don't you forget it, Teddy," said Bolland. "If that fifty quid don't come "Teddy, my boy," he said. "You don't hink we're goin' to part that way —me an' my long-lost boy. Why, you're the rich man of the family, an' Mr. John Jude of the Hemporium is goin' to sup-



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port us, which is me an' your brother Tom, who's jest broke his leg for you an' risked his life in the Australian Bush." Here he stopped to snigger. Then he went on "Tom writes from Melbourne he's much obliged for the pleasant trip you've given him. His leg 'as mended nicely, an' he thinks of startin' life afresh as a squatter or a bush-ranger, n' he sends his love an' dooty, an' says that livin's expensive in Australia." Then the old man leaned forward and said menacingly, "It's two quid a week for life you're goin' to give us apiece, Teddy. If not, ring the bell, an' have me arrested. I shan't move for less. You can choose for yourself."

Was there ever such a situation in the world? A man to be blackmailed by his depraved father on behalf of himself and an equally depraved brother, for that they were really my father and my brother I could scarcely doubt. The obvious security in which the old ruffian felt himself was evidence enough. Once I remember the idea of my father being a member of the criminal class had crossed my mind, but I had promptly suppressed it. And now I learnt that my father was a burglar, and that at the age of twelve I, myself, was assisting at a burglary, as I had probably assisted at others. Happily all memory of this had disappeared with the concussion of my brain, but now I had been told of it in a particularly hideous fashion.

"Which is it to be, Teddy?" said Bolland. "Two quid a week apiece for both of us for life, or public exposture?"

He had calculated his words well. The thought that I, John Jude, proprietor Jude's Emporium, one of the captains of industry of the country, with a brilliant | ties are eliminated.

He empties the bag on the table, replaced the things on the side-board, and then got out of the window. I watched him as in a dream. Then I went upstairs to bed, but not to sleep.

Mary comes back to-morrow. Perhaps it is as well that she takes all the credit for that advertisement.

In Favor of Silence.

"Farmer Giles," said the Suffragette, sweetly, "won't you sign our petition?" The old man eyed the document suspiciously, and asked, after a while, "What is it for?"

The lady, noticing his look of semihostility, dared not say that it was in favor of female suffrage, so she replied, after some hesitation, "Oh, it's an address in favor of the women's move-

"Then I'm agin it!" answered Farmer Giles, with a firmness that suggested some domestic infelicity. "A woman who's allus a-movin' is allus a-gettin' into trouble! If you've got anything to keep her still, though," he added, "I'll allow it any line it and the still though." sign it an' welcome!"

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