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MEMOIRS OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES,

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

THE MYSTERY OF THE

STOCKBROKER'S CLERK wost in thinking from con

"He suspects that we are detectives."
I suggested.
"That's it,' cried Pycroft.
Holmes shook his head. "He did not turn pale. He was pale when we entered the room," said he. "It is just possible that window and hand me the was represented in the room and the room, and the room is the room, and the room is the room is represented in the room is represented in the room and hand me the was represented in the room and hand me the room and hand me the

His words were interrupted by a sharp rat-tat from the direction of the inner door.

"What the deuce is he knocking at his own door for?" cried the clerk.

Again and much louder came the rattat-tat. We all gazed expectantly at the closed door. Glancing at Holmes, I saw his face turn rigid, and he leaned forward in intense excitement. Then suddenly came a low gurgling, gargling sound,

and a brisk drumming upon wood-work Holmes sprang frantically across the room and pushed at the door. It was fastened on the inner side. Following his example we threw ourselves upon it with all out weight. One hinge snapped, then the other, and down came the door with erash. Rushing over it we found ourselves in the inner room. It was empty. But it was only for a moment that we were at fault. At one corner, the couner near est the room which we had left, there was a second door. Holmes sprang to it

a hook behind the door, wath his bruces round his neck, was hanging the managing director of the Franco-Midland Hardware Company. His knees wer drawn up, his head hung at a dreadfu angle to his body, and the clatter of his heels against the door made the noise which had broken in upon our conversation. In an instant I had caught his round the waist and held him up whill Holmes and Pycroft untied the elast bands which had disappeared between the livid operases of skin. Then we carried his

into the other room, where he lay with clay-colored face, puffing his purple in and out with every breath—a dread wreck of all that he had been but fi minutes before.

"What do you think of him, Watson usked Holmes.

I stood over him and examined him. This pulse was feeble and intermittent, to

piles. See testimonials in the press and your neighbors about it. You can use it.

"Yer set eyes upon you."
"Not a soul," groaned Hall Pycroft.
"Very good. Of course it was of the nost importance to prevent you find inhicing better of it, and also to keep from coming into contact with any tho might tell you that your double it work in Mawson's office. Therefiely gave you a handsome advance our salary, and ran you off to the hands, where they gave you enough w

"But why should this man pretend to be his own brother?"

"Well, that is pretty clear also. There are evidently only two of them in it The other is personating you at the office This one acted as your engager, and the found that he could not find you an employer without admitting a third partimo his plot. That he was most unwilling to do. He changed his appearance as fa as he could, and trusted that the like

mees, which you could not fail to observe, would be put down to a family resemblance. But for the happy chance of the geld stuffing, your suspicions would probably never have been aroused."

Hall Pycroft shook his clinched hands in the air. "Good Lord!" he cried, "while I have been fooled in this way, what has the other Hall Pycroft been doing at Mawson's? What should we do, Mr. Holmes? Tell me what to do."

"They shut at twelve on Saturdays."
"Never mind. There may be some door-keeper or attendant."

"Ah yes, they keep a permanent guard there on account of the value of the securities that they hold. I remember hearing it talked of in the city."

"Very good; we shall wire to him, and see if all is well, and if a clerk of your marging, there. That is clear

stantly walk out of the room and many himself."

"The paper!" croaked a voice behind us, The man was sitting up, blanched and ghastly, with returning reason to his eyes, and hands which rubbed nervously at the arbicle still engintled him

throat.

"The paper! Of course!" yelled Holmes, in a paroxysm of excitement. "Idiot that I was! I thought so much of our visit that the paper never entered my head for an instant. To be sure, the secret must lie there." He flattened it out upon the table, and a cry of triumph burst from his lips. "Look at this, Watson," he cried. "It is a London paper, an early edition of the Evening Standard. Here is what we want. Look at the head-lines; "Crime in the City. Murder at Mawson & Williams's. Gigantic Attempted Robbery. Capture of the Criminal." Here, Watson, we are all equally anxious to hear it, so

It appeared from its position in the per to have been the one event of impeance in town, and the account of it in this way:

""A desperate attempt at robbery."

SCHOOLS IN GERMANY

Strict Medical Inspection--How Poor Children Are Cared for --Example to the World.

Last April two delegates were sent from England to investigate the conditions of life and labor in other countries. Their special mission was to inquire into the physical and industrial life of brassworkers. While in Berlin the delegates visited a school in the parish of Riger Strasse. The Schoolmaster (London) prints the following interesting extract from their re-

clad or untidy children, either in the streets or in the school. The children of needy parents receive shoes and clothee from the municipal poor guardians and so cieties. They must come clean and well dressed. There are thirty-six official school doctors in Berlin, each having a group about seven schools to attend to. Every new scholar is examined by them, and doubtful children are thoroughly examined in the presence of their parents. It needful they are kept under medical super vision, and special sats are provided where defective vision or hearing render is advisable. Spectacles or instruments are

"The school we inspected was one of the most recently built schools and had the latest improvements, with accommodation for 1000 boys and 1000 girls. The director has funds to supply needy children with food, but the sum required was practically nothing, for it only amounted to £4 per annum among the 2000. In the basements were extensive bathing accommodations, principally warm showerbaths. Each of the 2000 children received a shower bath weekly. Soap was provided, but they brought their own towells. The classrooms were large, about 28 feet by 17 feet and 15 feet high, for classes of forty to fifty scholars. The floors were of wood, and were swept every day and oiled four times per year. The desk with seat is hinged to the floor, so that it lifts up for cleaning pur-

floor, so that it lifts up for cleaning purposes, but it cannot be displaced. The desits are washed every day with water.

"The attendant looks through a glazed porthole into the classrooms from the pasages, so that he can see a good large thermometer inside, and regulates the temperature. On the top floor is a large symmasium about 80 feet by 40 feet, and 15 feet high, and there is a hall for feet tivities about 40 feet by 20 feet; also two conference rooms are provided for the teachers. We saw a class at work drawing flowers and plants from nature; and other class was drawing the same objects from memory and doing excellent work. On our entering all the scholars rose from their seats and remained standing until y told to sit down.

according to Evangelical-Lutheran tene
(three or four hours weekly are given
this subject); other denominational ch
dren, except Jews, must prove that the
attend their own religious classes.
"The timetable shows that for childr
between six and seven the school comences at 9 a. m. in winter and 8 a. m.
summer, and closes between 12 p. m.
1 p. m. in winter and between eleven a
twelve in summer. For scholars above th
age school begins at 7 a. m. in summer a
8 a. m. in winter, closing about noon
the former and about one in wister. T
hours spent in instruction vary accordi
to the age of the children from twen
hours a week to thirty-two hours; a
they have to bestow from six to twel

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milk of an approved quality.
If children desire to work at any emperation in the afternoons they must get mission from the police. In this school in fifteen to twenty boys are so occurs, mostly on errands; and from ten to be little girls as minders of children, child venders of newspapers are seen the streets. No young girls are perted by the authorities to stand in the ters selling flowers. Schoolboy smokis not allowed. The boy would have cigarette knocked out of his mouth if a hy a workman in the street, and the termined at where nearly

COMMENT ON BANK MERGER

What a Montreal Man Says of the Bank of New Brunswick.

P. Eckhardt in Boston Transcript.)
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ak of New Brunswick for the merthe beginning of next year has acconcluded, but apparently it is well
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Rev. Father Savage, of Moncton, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Boston. New York and Baltimore.

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