

Tom O'Brien, Esq., Thief

Worried English and French Police—Once De-fended Pinkerton and Earned His Gratitude—The French Did Him Honor.

"Getting Dunlap, the safe burglar, out of Joliet, and promising to stand good for him, is not the only kind-hearted thing Bill Pinkerton has done in his life," said a former member of ex-inspector Byrnes' staff yesterday. "Perhaps the story I am going to tell may not illustrate kindness of heart as much as some other incidents I might relate, but this one shows that he has got his own ideas about making good, anyway."

"You may remember the last time Tom O'Brien, who is supposed to have died in the French hulks in New Caledonia a couple of years ago, where he was sentenced for life for the murder of Waddell in the Gare du Nord, in Paris. As I was saying, the last time Tom was arrested in this country he escaped and got to England; he was arrested there and brought home; escaped again and got to France, where he was arrested by the French police on his arrival at Havre, on telegraphed instructions from New York."

"He escaped from the Frenchmen somewhere between Havre and Paris, and was next heard of in Buenos Ayres a couple of months later. It was supposed at the time that O'Brien left France the day after his escape and got to England by the Havre-Southampton steamer."

HAD TO DECLINE.
"Well, Bill Pinkerton was in London at that time, and Sir Edward Bradford, head of the London police, called on him and asked his assistance in capturing the desperado, as O'Brien had sworn to kill Inspector Froest, of Scotland Yard, who had arrested him in England a short time before. Pinkerton said to Bradford:

"There is just one crook in the world in whose capture I will take no part, and that one happens to be this same O'Brien."

"If you have no objection to telling, may I ask why?" inquired Sir Edward in some surprise.

"For this reason," said Pinkerton. "Twenty years ago I was engaged on a case in Memphis, Tenn., where a job was put up to kill me. I walked into the trap all right; and, if it had not been for O'Brien there would have been no Bill Pinkerton the next day. O'Brien had got wind of the job, and he arrived with a couple of revolvers just in time to save my life. Do not blame me for declining to assist in his capture?"

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While the men were standing around wondering what to do the rancher's sixteen-year-old daughter came out of the house and calmly walked up to the excited animal.

When he saw her he ceased rearing, whinnyed and stood still. She just put her hand on his mane, stroked his nose and then vaulted lightly on his back and rode around the yard, to the amazement of the men.

"How do you manage it?" one of them asked her. "Before you tackled him he was as savage as a tiger."

"It is simple enough," the girl replied. "Any woman can handle a horse better than a man can. See this"—showing the man a small round object she had in her hand—"this is horse castor. Horses love the smell of it and will go up to any one who has it."

"Any horse has sense enough to know the people who love it. That stallion began to quiet down as soon as he saw me. When I got near him he smelled the musty horse castor in my clothes, for I always carry a little piece in my pocket."

"That pleased him so much that I was able to stroke his head. While doing so I rubbed his nose with a few drops of oil of cumin, which I had poured into the palm of my hand. Horses positively love that scent. Then, did you notice that I put my hand into his mouth? The object of that was to pour a few drops of oil of rhodium on to his tongue from a tiny vial which I always carry."

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The first step toward being wise is to know that thou art ignorant.

Envy not the appearance of happiness in any man, for thou knowest not his secret griefs.

Indulge not thyself in the passion of anger. It is whetting a sword to wound thine own breast.

Consider and forget not thine own weakness, so shalt thou pardon the failings of others.

The heart of the envious man is gall and bitterness. The success of his neighbor breaketh his rest.

This instant is thine. The next is in the womb of futurity, and thou knowest not what it may bring forth.

As a veil addeth to beauty, so are a man's virtues set off by the shade which his modesty casteth upon him.

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OLD HIGHGATE.

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The name Highgate originated from the erection at the summit of the hamlet (350 feet above Thames level) of a gate for the Bishop of London's tolls, the prelate having allowed a road to be cut through his park for traffic between the metropolis and the Northern and Midland counties. Although centuries have passed the circumstance has a memorial in the sign "The Gatehouse Tavern," at the entrance to North road. Within recent memory a toll bar stood outside the hotel, notwithstanding the abolition of levies.

One of the most interesting architectural vestiges of Highgate is Cromwell House, now the Convalescent Home for Sick Children on the hill leading to the town from Upper Holloway. Much altered in the exterior, the red brickwork edifice yet bears witness that it once must have been a stately and commodious mansion. It was built by the Lord Protector for Ireton and his wife, Bridget Cromwell. The stairways, with balustrades full of rich and quaint design, are most handsome, and the gardens and pleasure walks very beautiful. Equally noteworthy is the picturesque building on the opposite side; known as the Andrew Marvell House. There resided the celebrated Puritan gentleman, the friend of Milton, and a statesman, satirist, and political writer. To his many accomplishments Marvell added poetry, and some of his most elegant verses were written at Highgate.



THE GROVE, HIGHGATE.

Other old-time landmarks are Church House, once the home of Sir John Hawkins, who wrote "A History of Music," and the Wollaston almshouse in Southwood lane. In the same thoroughfare the Baptist chapel has interesting associations. It was in long past times Presbyterian, and numbered among its ministers Dr. Williams, founder of the library of divinity and philosophy bearing his name, and the husband of Mrs. Barbauld, Dickens, so often a rambler over the Northern Heights, remembered Highgate in "David Copperfield." There the novelist placed the residence of Dr. Strong.

Canadians often make pilgrimage to Highgate to see the house in which Coleridge lived. It is in the Grove near St. Michael's Church, a peaceful spot with old houses and a row of elms that must remind New Englanders of nooks in their own Concord and Salem. The poet put himself under the care of a doctor, Mr. Gilman, and Charles Lamb in a letter on the subject wrote: "I think his essentials not touched; he is very bad, but then he picks up wonderfully another day, and his face when he repeats his verses has all its ancient glory: an archangel a little damaged." Coleridge was buried in the old chapel, the site of which is covered by the handsome Cholemeley school. Hard by is the green, a pretty little quarter, with a tavern that knew Hogarth and Morland.

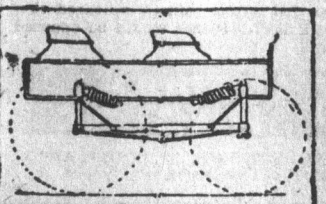
The great mansions have gone like the frolicsome local ceremonial of "Swearing on the Horns," mentioned by Byron. James I. was a guest at Arundel House, and there Ben Jonson produced his masque, The Penate, and the great Bacon died in 1626. Lauderdale House, a residence of Nell Gwynne, stood on ground now part of the delightful park given to the district by Sir Sydney Waterlow.

Highgate, in addition to its lofty situation, is fringed with great natural beauty, whether Millfield lane, picturesque in the chain of ponds and view over Caen Wood; or the woods towards Hornsey, opened to the public for ever by the Duchess of Albany in 1898.

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