TRACING A STOLEN BANK-NOTE.

Some years ago I was resident in New York. One day a gentleman, who announced himself as the British consul at that port, entered my father's office, saying that he wished to speak with Mr. M——.

"That is my name," I replied.

"Pardon me," said the consul, "but I was under the impression that Mr. M——, whom I am desirous of seeing, was an older man than you are."

"Ah! it is my father, then, whom you want. Unfortunately he is confined to the house by indisposition. Can you communicate to me the nature of your business, and it may be in my power to attend to it in his absence?"

"I am obliged to you," said the consul. "Well," he added, after some slight hesitation, "I should like to speak with you in private for a few minutes, if convenient."

"Certainly;" and having shown the old gentleman into an inner room I requested him to be seated and waited for him to broach the matter concerning which he had sought the interview.

Without preface the consul took out from a pocket-book a £20 bank of England note, handed it to me, and said: "I believe this note passed through your father's hands about two months ago."

"Very possibly," I replied rather surprised at the question. "But I can ascertain for a certainty in a moment." Then summoning a junior clerk I desired him to bring me the rough cash-book. On looking over its pages I soon came across an entry regarding a bank of England note; the amount, date, and number of which corresponded with those of the one before me.

"I find," I said, "that this note was in my father's possession at the time you mention. But may I ask the object of your making the inquiry?"

"It is this: Some fourteen months since this note was abstracted from a letter posted at Glasgow for Aberdeen. Nothing was heard of the stolen money until two weeks ago, when the note was whipped on being paid into the bank of England by a firm of private bankers. They stated that it had been received by one of their customers in the ordinary course of business. The customer, when applied to, said that it had been remitted to him by a Mr. M——, of New York. I have, therefore, been instructed by my government to trace, if possible, the note during the period it was in this country. Can you inform me from whom your father had it?"

"Easily," I said, referring to the book before me. It was bought of a Mr. White, who had an exchange office in Wall street. "But I fear," I added, "you will find it very difficult, if not quite impracticable, to carry the matter further, since it is the usage with brokers to buy English bank-notes offered for sale without asking any questions, being aware that, even if they have been stolen, the innocent holder can legally enforce the cashing of them."

"That is true. I agree with you that it is most unlikely that Mr. White will be able to let me know who was the person from whom he bought the note; however, I shall call upon him without delay, since it is just possible that he may have it in his power to afford the information I seek." Then, after thanking me for my courtesy in the matter, the consul took his leave; and I presumed that I should hear nothing more of the affair.

However, some months later, I was dining one day when the consul entered the room. Recognising me, he came over to the table at which I was seated and took a chair beside me. In the course of conversation he said: "You recollect the circumstance of my calling upon you some little time ago with respect to a stolen bank of England note?"

"Perfectly."

"Well, after all, I was successful in tracing the note."

"How was that?" I inquired.

"When I left your office I went to that of Mr. White. He referred to his books and found that he had changed the note for the manager of one of the agencies of the Central railroad company. I then called upon the gentleman. He had no recollection of the individual from whom he had received the money, and, disappointed, I was leaving the establishment, when a clerk interposed, and, addressing his employer, he said: 'Mr. Snydam, we had the note in question from a man who bought a through ticket for Chicago. He came in to inquire what was the fare to that city. I told him. He said that he would go by our line, but that he must first change some English money at a broker's. I informed him that this was quite unnecessary, as I would take it in payment of his ticket at the current rate of exchange. To this he agreed, and thus the note came into our hands. Why I remember so clearly the transaction is that the man's name was a rather unusual one—Blenkiron, and I had to ask him how he spelled it. Mr. Blenkiron mentioned incidentally that he was going west to fill a situation in a large manufacturing establishment, but he did not say the nature of the business nor the name of the firm which had engaged his services.'

"Furnished with these particulars, continued the consul, "I met the difficulty of putting myself in communication with the man in this way. I wrote to him, stating the information I sought, and addressed my letter to him Poste Restante, Chicago. At the same time I caused advertisements to be inserted in two of the leading daily newspapers in that city, notifying Mr. Blenkiron that there was a letter for him at the head post-office. Well, some days afterward I had a reply to my communication, informing me that the writer had received the bank-note from an uncle in Bombay, whose address he gave me. This information I forwarded to the postal authorities in England, to whom, of course, devolved the duty of pursuing all further inquiries with respect to the matter; and for some little time thereafter I heard nothing more about the business. However, subsequently I learned the sequel of it. The Mr. Blenkiron resident in Bombay, when communicated with, stated that the note had been sent to him by a merchant in Glasgow. That merchant had received it from a tradesmen in the same place; that individual in his turn, had taken it from a clerk in one of the branch postoffices in that city, in payment of his account. Thus, finally, the theft of the money having been brought home to the clerk in question, he was duly tried and convicted of the offence."

This was the consul's story, which struck me as a rather curious one. It is said, with justice, that the strength of a chain is simply the strength of its weakest link. In this case some of the links of the chain of circumstances which had rendered it possible to trace the people through whose hands the stolen bank-note had passed had been of the slightest, and had threatened on more than one occasion to part. Yet, by a concurrence of purely fortuitous events, they had not done so; but, on the contrary, the chain had held together so strongly as to bring an offender to justice after so long a period had elapsed since the commission of the crime that the criminal doubtless supposed himself quite safe from detection.

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Customer.—"Married."

Tailor (to cutter)—"One pocket concealed in lining of vest."

Customer.—"Eh! What?"

Tailor (explaining)—"To hide your change, you know, at night. I'm married myself."

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	Closes.		Due.	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
G. T. R. East	8.00	3.45	9.20	10.35
O. & Q. Ry	8.00	3.45	8.40	10.00
G. T. R. West	8.20	3.00	12.00	7.30
N. & N. W.	6.30	4.00	10.10	3.10
T. G. & B.	8.00	3.45	11.30	8.05
Midland	6.00	3.30	12.40	4.30
C. V. R.	7.00	3.15	11.45	5.25
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	7.00	11.30		2.00
G. W. R.	7.00	3.30	8.40	4.40
	2.45	6.30	11.30	7.30
				11.30
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
U. S. N. Y.	6.00	3.45	8.40	
		9.00	10.35	4.40
U. S. Western States	6.00	9.00	3.30	4.40
				7.35

British mails depart as follows: January 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28.

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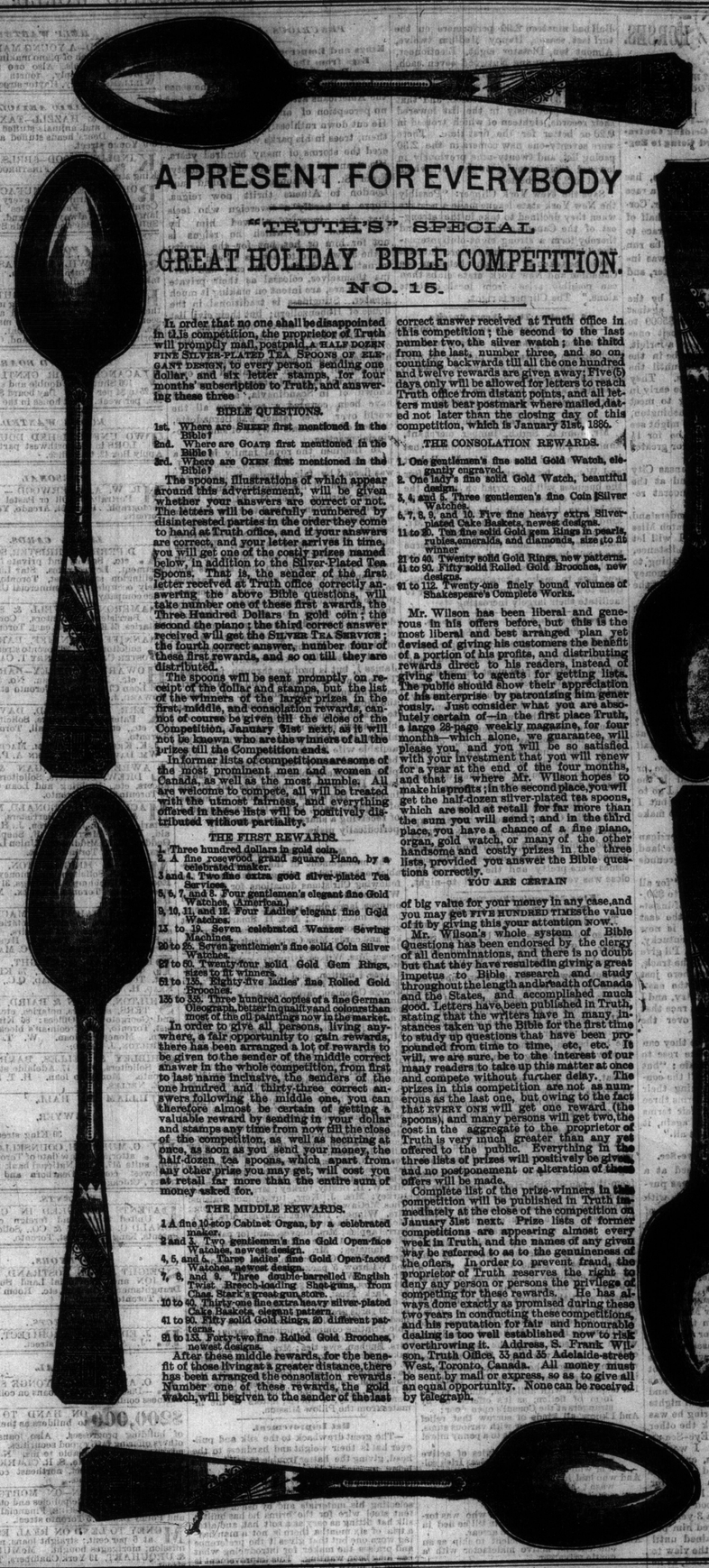

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3rd. Where are OXEN first mentioned in the Bible?

The spoons, illustrations of which appear around this advertisement, will be given whether your answers are correct or not. The letters will be carefully numbered by disinterested parties in the order they come to hand at Truth office, and if your answers are correct, and your letter arrives in time, you will get one of the costly prizes named below, in addition to the Silver-Plated Tea Spoons. That is, the sender of the first letter received at Truth office correctly answering the above Bible questions, will take number one of these first awards, the Three Hundred Dollars in gold coin; the second the piano; the third correct answer received will get the SILVER TEA SERVICE; the fourth correct answer, number four of these first rewards, and so on till they are distributed.

The spoons will be sent promptly on receipt of the dollar and stamps, but the list of the winners of the larger prizes in the first, middle, and consolation rewards, cannot of course be given till the close of the Competition, January 31st next, as it will not be known who are the winners of all the prizes till the Competition ends.

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After these middle rewards, for the benefit of those living at a greater distance, there has been arranged the consolation rewards. Number one of these rewards, the gold watch, will be given to the sender of the last correct answer received at Truth office in this competition; the second to the last number two, the silver watch; the third from the last, number three, and so on, counting backwards till all the one hundred and twelve rewards are given away; Five (5) days only will be allowed for letters to reach Truth office from distant points, and all letters must bear postmark where mailed, dated not later than the closing day of this competition, which is January 31st, 1886.

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Complete list of the prize-winners in this competition will be published in Truth immediately after the close of the competition on January 31st next. Prize lists of former competitions are appearing almost every week in Truth, and the names of any given way be referred to as to the genuineness of the offers. In order to prevent fraud, the proprietor of Truth reserves the right to deny any person or persons the privilege of competing for these rewards. He has always done exactly as promised during these two years in conducting these competitions, and his reputation for fair and honourable dealing is too well established now to risk overthrowing it. Address, S. Frank Wilson, Truth Office, 33 and 35 Adelaide-street West, Toronto, Canada. All money must be sent by mail or express, so as to give all an equal opportunity. None can be received by telegraph.

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COAL & WOOD

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE WOOD.

During the Christmas and New Year's Season commencing to-day will sell delivered to any part of the city at following low rates.

Best Hard Wood, Beech and Maple,	4 feet long	$4.50	per cord
" "	cut and split	5.00	"
2d Quality "	4 feet long	3.50	"
" "	cut and split	4.00	"

Will also sell the Celebrated Scranton Coal at lowest prices.

YARDS AND OFFICES { *Cor. Bathurst and Front streets, Yonge street Wharf.*

BRANCH OFFICES { *51 King street east, 534 Queen street west, 390 Yonge street.*

Telephone Communication Between all Offices.

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