A COOL SCOUNDREL

My profession is not a pecular one. There is considerable prejudice against it. I don't think myself it is much worse than a good many others. However, that's nothing to do with my story. Some years ago, me and the scentleman who was at that time connected with me in business—he's met with reversion since then, and at present isn't able to go out—was looking around for a job, being at that time rather hard up, as you might say. We struck a small county town. I ain't goin' to give it way by telling where it was or what the name of it was. There was one bank there. The President was a rich old duffer; owned the mills, owned the bank, owned most of the town. There was no bank there. The President was arit no other officer but ithe cashier, and they had'a boy who used to sweep out and run their errands.

The bank was on the main street, pretty well up one end of it—nice snug place—on the corner of a cross street with into my up to say and we hook hands, and he went up the street. I saw Jim, so-called, in the sate with the watchman. "I'll well," says I to the bank, and tituff them bonds into the bag. There was an old fashnoned Bacon lock, any gentlemon on their hands, do considerable reading, and are peculiar fond of a neat bit of writing. In fact, in the way of literature, I have found among 'em—however, that's says it was fitted, I was or outside door was since the min job again.

This was our plan:—After the key was fitted, I wasn't to go into the bank, and Jim that wasn't his name, of course, but let it where the luck we'd had. I looked at my tools and set was a quarter past twelve was a quarter past twelve, it toked by tools and set it of light was a don't fall asleep and forget it. The vault had two doors; the sound is the profession who chances to read this article, will know just how easy that job.

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Probably a great many of our readers are not so well posted as me about banklocks, and I may say for them that a three, wheel combination lock has three wheels in it, and a slot in each wheel. In order to unlock the door, you have to get the three slots opposite to each other at the top of the lock. Of course, if you know the number the lock is set on, you can do this; but if you don't you have to depend on your ingenuit. There is in fach of

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these wheels a small hole, through which
you put a wire through the back of the
lock when you change the combination.
Now, if you can bore a hole through the
door, and pick up those wheels by run
ning a wire through these holes, why you
can open the door. I hope I make my
solf clear. I was boring that hole. The
door was chilled iron; about the neatest soil clear. I was boring that hole. The door was chilled iron; about the neatest stuff I ever worked on. I went on steady enough; only stopped when Jim—which as I said, wasn't his real name—whistled outside, and the watchman toddled by. By and by. when I'd got pretty near through, I heard Jim so to speak, whistle again. I stopped, and pretty soon I heard footsteps outside, and I'm blowed if they didn't come right up the bank stens, and didn't come right up the bank steps, and I heard a key in the lock. I was so dum founded when I heard that that you could have slipped the bracelets right on me. I picked up my lantern, and l'll be hanged if I didn't let the slide slip down and throw the light right onto the door, and there was the President. Instead of call ing for help, as I thought he would he took a step inside the door and shaded his eyes with his hand and looked at me. I knowed I ought to knock him down and cut out, but I'm blest if I could, I was

"Who are you?" says he.
"Who are you?" says I, thinking that was an innocent remark as he commen-ced it, and a-trying all the time to collect

'I'm the President of the bank," says he, kinder short; "something's the mat-ter with the lock?" By George! The idea come to me then. "Yes sir," says I, touching my cap;
"Mr. Jennings, he telegraphed to me this
morning as the lock was out of order and

he couldn't get in, and so I'm come on to open it for him."

"I told Jennings a week ago," says he, "that he ought to get that lock fixed.
Where is he?" "He's been a writing letters, and he's

gone up to his house to get another letter he wanted for to answer." "Well, why don't you go right on?" 'I've got almost through," says I;

"and I didn't want to finish up and open the vault till there was somebody here." "That's very creditable to you," says he; "a very proper sentiment, my man. You can't," he goes on, coming round by the door, "be too particular about avoid ing the very suspicion of evil."
"No, sir," says I, kinder modest like.

"What do you suppose is the matter with the lock?" says he. "I don't rightly know, yet," says 1;
"but I rather think it's a little worn on
account of not being oiled enough. These
'ere locks ought to be oiled about once a

year."
"Well," he says, "you might as well go right on, now I'm here; I will stay till Jennings comes. Can't I help you? Hold your lantern or something of that sort?" The thought come to me like a flash, and I turned around and says:—
"How do I know you're the President.

I ain't ever seen you afore, and you may be a trying to crack this bank, for all that "That's a very proper inquiry, my man," says he, "and ishows a most remarkable degree of discretion. I confess I should not have thought of the position is think I was a large the same than the same

in which I was placing you. However, I can easily convince you that its all right.

Do you know what the President's name "No, I don't," says I, sorter surly.
"Well, you'll find it on that bill," said

he, taking a bill out of his pocket; "and you see the same name on these letters," and he took some letters from his coat. I suppose I ought to have gone right on, then, but I was beginning to feel in-terested in making him prove who he was, and so I says:

"You might have got them letters to

put up a job on me."

"You're a very honest man," says he,
"one among a thousand. Don't think
I'm at all offended at your persistence.
No, my good fellow, I like it, I like it,"
and he laid his hand on my shoulder.
"New here," says he, thing a hundle." "Now here," says he, taking a bundle out of his pocket, "is a package of \$10, 000 in bonds. A burglar wouldn't be apt to carry those around with him, would he?" I bought them in the city yesterday, and I stopped here to night on my way home to place them in the vault, and I may add, that your simple and manly honesty has so touched me, that I would willingly leave them in your hands for safe keeping. You needn't blush at my praise."

I suppose I did turn sorter red when I Are you satisfied now?" says he. I told him I was, thoroughly; and so I was. So I picked up my drill again, and gave him my lantern to hold, so that I could see the door I heard Jim. as I call him, outside once or twice, and I like to have burst out laughing, thinking he must be wondering what was going on inside. I worked away and kept explaining to him what I was trying to do. He was very much interested in mechanics, he said, and he knowed as I was a man as was up in my business, by the way I went to work. He asked me about what wages I got, and how I liked my business, and said he took quite a fancy to me. I turned arrived ed round once in a while and looked at an Clover Seed him a setting up there as solemn as a biled owl, with my dark lantern in his blessed hand, and I'm blamed if I didn't think I should have to holler right out.

AND I got through the lock pretty soon and put my wire in and opened it. Then he took hold of the door and opened the

"I'll put my bonds in," said he, "and go home. You can lock up, and wait till Mr. Jennings comes. I don't suppose you will try to fix the lock to-night?" I told him I shouldn't do anything more with it now, as we could get in before

"Well, I'll bid you good night, my man,"

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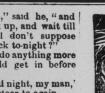
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