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## SMITH, WALKER & CO'S. DRY GOODS AT COST.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THESE PRICES. OTHERS MAY TRY TO MEET THEM.

Positively we will sell ANY ARTICLE in our entire DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT at ACTUAL COST. Smith, Walker & Company have a Plains wide reputation for handling only first class goods and we are now offering in every particular as desirable stock as is shown by any firm in the Panhandle. For dates of sale and a few specimen prices see our ad on another page.

### THE STURGIS WAGER.

went to the accountant's assistance. He passed into this office, which he probably reached in time to see Chatham rush in from the secretary's room, closely followed by Arbogast. 'X' seized that chair over there in the corner and sprang between the hunted man and his pursuer as the latter raised his arm to fire. Our anonymous friend is probably a man of great strength; for with one blow of the chair he broke the bookkeeper's wrist. The hammer fell, but the weapon was deflected and the bullet, instead of reaching its intended victim, passed through the upper lobe of Arbogast's left lung and out at the back at an angle of about 60 degrees. The bookkeeper was standing not far from the mantelpiece yonder. Do you see that broad black line on the hearth? That was made by the bullet. Its direction and the angle enabled me at once to see that it must have ricocheted into the fireplace; and there, sure enough, I found it in the soot in the bend of the chimney. Here it is."

Dunlap had listened to this narrative with evident interest. But now recovering from the spell of Sturgis' persuasive conviction, his skepticism regained the ascendancy for a moment.

"Mr. Sturgis, you have missed your vocation," he said, laughing good naturedly; "you ought to have been a playwright. You have a most convincing way of presenting both your facts and your theories. While you are speaking, one is ready to admit the plausibility of every statement you make. But now that you have finished, I have become a hard-headed banker once more, and I beg to submit one or two facts—since we are seeking facts—which it seems to me are enough to demolish all your elaborate structure."

"Go on," said Sturgis; "it goes without saying that any theory is worthless unless it takes into account and explains every existing fact. If there are any in this case which have escaped me—a contingency which is quite possible, for I have no pretension to infallibility—I shall be glad to hear about them; and, naturally, if my conclusions do not tally with the facts, the conclusions must be altered, since facts are absolute."

"Well, then," said Dunlap, "assuming, for the sake of the argument,

## DON'T BE FOOLED.

WE ARE NOT running a so called clearing sale AT COST BUT WILL MEET ANY PRICES

made by any so called sale and we "go 'em a 'leettle' better" on many goods. Nor is our house the

## Dumping Ground For The Hard Stock

accumulated by other houses to run off at 20 to 25 per cent. below cost. If you want Good, Clean, Seasonable goods at prices that will satisfy you give us a chance to show you our goods and prices, and if they are not right don't buy.

### FOR CASH

We will sell you:

All Dress Prints per yard.....	.04	Men's Shoes.....	Former price \$1.50	Now	\$1.15
A Good yard wide Brown Domestic.....	.04	Men's Shoes.....	" " 3.50	"	2.90
Chambray.....	.08	Hamilton Brown's Shop Boots.....	" " 6.00	"	4.45
Plum Ties.....	.11	Men's Hats.....	" " 1.50	"	1.10
Fancy Outings.....	.08	Men's Hats.....	" " 2.50	"	1.70
Knights' Cambric.....	.08	Men's Hats.....	" " 3.00	"	2.20
Lonsdale yard wide Bleached domestic.....	.08	Stetson Hats.....	" " 5.00	"	4.25
Men's Suits..... Former price \$12.00 to \$12.50	Now	Stetson Hats.....	" " 4.50	"	3.35
Men's Suits.....	10.00	Stetson Hats.....	" " 4.00	"	3.10

The above prices are only indicators of the prices that apply all the way through our stock of

## DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, ETC.

Our

## STOCK OF GROCERIES

Is full and Complete at right prices.

No Goods will be Charged at cut prices. No trading Stamps allowed

This Sale holds Good until Dec. 25th,

Yours for Trade

## CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY

Canyon City, Texas, Nov. 18th, 1901.



HE BROKE THE BOOKKEEPER'S WRIST WITH ONE BLOW.

that these various marks which you have called trails were made by the feet of three different people; admitting even that one of these individuals was Arbogast, who often stays here after banking hours, I do not see that you have established by any satisfactory evidence your assumption that the other so-called trails are those of Chatham and a stranger. For aught I know to the contrary, they may have been made by some of the bank employes in the discharge of their regular duties. Chatham's coat may have caught on a nail in the telephone closet last week, while he was here in his legitimate capacity of expert accountant. The change of the combination of the safe may be the result of an error;

for we have no direct proof whatever that Arbogast is a defaulter. And, then, when it comes to your interesting description of the alleged shooting of Arbogast, it strikes me that you are entirely carried away by your enthusiasm; for, in your minute description of the path of the bullet, at a certain angle, of which you seem to know the measure almost to the fraction of a second, you overlook several important things. Two shots were fired yesterday in or near the Knickerbocker bank. In, say you, because here is a revolver with two empty cartridge shells; here is a black mark, which may have been produced by the ricochet of a bullet, and here is a shapeless piece of lead, which may be that bullet. As, however, one bullet cannot account for two shots, you are forced at once to assume that Chatham has carried away the second one in the palm of his hand. This is ingenious, very ingenious, but—

"His blood is on the telephone receiver," observed Sturgis, quietly.

"Blood!" exclaimed Dunlap; "why, with the carnage that you have imagined here, there should be oceans of blood. Here is a man, running around with a wounded hand, who leaves a few drops of blood on the telephone receiver, and nowhere else. And here is another man, shot through the lungs—excuse me, through the upper lobe of the left lung—who does not bleed at all. And where is he now? Such a wound as you have given him must, I take it, be fatal, or, at any rate, serious. Yet here is a dead or, at least, a dying man, calmly walking off as if—as if the curtain had fallen at the end of your drama, and the corpse had hurried off to his dressing-room."

"You have forgotten something else," suggested the reporter, smiling.

Dunlap looked at him questioningly.

"Yes; you have forgotten the pistol replaced in the drawer after Arbogast carefully locked."

"True. No, my dear sir; your elaborate theory will not bear an instant's calm examination. "And yet," rejoined Sturgis, "my conclusions, as far as they go, are absolutely correct. Every objection which you raise is plausible enough when considered by itself; but we have not to deal with a lot of isolated facts, but with a series of connected events, each of which depends upon and supports all the others. Let me finish my story, and I think you will then be prepared to admit that what seems to you now a flight of fancy on my part, is nothing but a sober exposition of plain, unvarnished facts."

Dunlap, with a deprecating gesture, settled back into his chair once more.

"We left Arbogast shot through the left lung—fatally wounded, as you have just remarked. He probably fell like a log; while Chatham, weak from shock, leaned against the door jamb yonder. He had probably stanchied his wound with his free hand as he ran; I have been unable to find any trace of blood between the telephone and this spot. On the door jamb, however, the blood left a stain which has not been completely wiped out and which enabled me to judge of Chatham's height. 'X' was the only one of the trio who knew what he was about at this time. I have a genuine admiration for 'X'; he must be a man of marvelous nerve. Instead of flying panic-stricken from the scene, as any ordinary criminal would have done, he calmly proceeded to protect his retreat and to systematically cover his trail. His first step was to lock the wall street gate and the inside door. Quinlan had doubtless pulled the outer door to as he ran away, so that 'X' probably thought this also locked. He then, with Chatham's assistance, helped Arbogast, who was not yet dead, and who perhaps by this time had regained consciousness, into the cab which was waiting near by in Exchange place, where I found the blood stains on the curb, as you will remember. After starting off his two accomplices in the cab, he returned to the bank, put away the pistol in its proper place, which, by the way, he seems to have known, and washed up all or nearly all the blood stains. There is a sponge and bucket under the sink

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Miss W. Dunham, Mrs. Marchison, and others of 1425 Broadway, are among the many who are trading here.



# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Our store is the place you will want to visit as we have the largest and best selected stock of

## HOLIDAY GOODS

Ever shown in town. We have all the latest novelties in Medallions, Mirrors, Cuff and Collar boxes, Toilet sets, Games of all kinds Celluloid Souvenirs, Silverware and Albums. Our elegant line of Jewelry, and more to come yet...Dolls from 5c to \$2.50. Doll Beds

### WAVE CREST AND OPAL WARE

FINE LIBRARY STATIONERY IN FRENCH BISQUE, TERRA-COTTA, RICH ORIENTAL COLORINGS.

THIS LINE IS JUST OUT THIS YEAR AND IS A BEAUTY

### BOYS AND GIRLS GIFT BOOKS.

Birch Bark Series each.....40c  
Windsor Edition.....35c  
Cambridge Edition.....25c

## HADLEY DRUG COMPANY

THE LEADING DRUGGISTS.

PERFUMES AND PERFUME ATOMIZERS.  
PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT.  
YOURS FOR DRUGS.

### A GOOD THING

German syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boesche, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures coughs, colds and all lung troubles of the warmest nature, removing as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its increasing sale every season confirms.

Two million bottles sold annually. Boesche's German syrup was introduced in the United States in 1886, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. For sale by Hadley, the leading druggist.

This St. Clair, Peeler Lumber yards has again changed hands.

Any of Hadley's Remedies can now be had at the Canyon City Pharmacy.

A G. Richardson spent Sunday in town visiting his best girl and incidentally seeing his mother.

J. A. Wansley & Co. handle the old reliable Meyers flour, Albacross and Supreme. Every sack guaranteed.

Misses Ona Seyler and Ona Long made us a pleasant call Monday. Come again girls, your sweet smiles and pretty faces are always welcome.

Oscar Hunt is showing a beautiful line of pictures for Christmas presents. Be sure to see them before deciding what you want to give home one.

Mr. Pott, of Happy, was in trading this week.

Nothing will please wife or mother like a fine piece of furniture or a handsome picture for Christmas. Oscar Hunt has them both.

See those lovely tea sets at The Hadley Drug Company.

Z. G. Ferguson, J. F. Blockley, J. T. Prie and others of Silverton were in town since our last issue. Mr. Ferguson says that he came up here to learn if the burglar published in the Stayer were real. He found them just that way. Canyon City has the best burglar in dry goods, clothing and coal that is to be found that is to be found on the plains.

International Stock Food guaranteed to make hens lay, at Canyon Drug Company's.

Wright, Texas, Dec. 7th, 1901.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a bugle, knife, rubber ball, raisins, candy, lemons. I am two years old.

Yours truly, Tom Rice.

**WANTED.**

A Wipe. A young gentleman of Canyon City desires a wife, she must be kind, affectionate, gentle, obedient and a good cook, first class patcher and darning, must have some money, not necessarily a beauty as the advertiser is handsome enough for both. She must not be more than 150 pounds, not particular as to color of hair or eyes, provided eyes are straight and hair is not red, must be under twenty years of age. References and photos exchanged.

Address: Stephen Howatson, Care The Stayer.

M. C. Chamblee, the jeweler, has on hand a large stock of watches, Gull and get his prices when you want a watch or clock.

Nothing will please wife or mother like a fine piece of furniture or a handsome picture for Christmas. Oscar Hunt has them both.

# TAKE NOTICE!

## SMITH, WALKER & CO'S. SALE

### DRY GOODS AT COST.

Will positively close December 25, 1901.

Have you seen that lovely new silverware at Hadley Drug Company's. It is great and at prices that will surprise.

Judge and Miss Mae Lair gave a dinner party Monday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lair.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, nervous, and perhaps seriously sick. Wilcox's Worm Expeller is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and obedient. Price, 25c at Hadley Drug Co.

Mrs. W. E. Broyles, J. A. Baker, F. W. Dunham, Sam Mills, Will Minshon, and others of Floyd county were among the many people trading here.

Go to the Canyon City Pharmacy for new cigars.

W. H. Harle, J. R. Hunt, F. W. James and others of Cass county were in town this week.

In Billions. Herbage, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative process, purifies the blood, and cures indigestion, constipation, nervous system, etc. Price, 25c at Hadley Drug Co.

Marshal Pettit, lecturer and traveler, assisted by Lillian Lewis, Pettit, vocalist and dramatic interpreter, will commence a five nights course of humorous and scientific lectures and high class musicals at the K. of P. Hall in this city, Monday, Dec. 10. Secure a course ticket and attend a week of music, mirth and instruction.

**Try Secretary Gage cigar** at Canyon Drug Company's.

The K. of P. Lodge of this city have secured the services of Dr. Marshal Pettit, the distinguished lecturer and entertainer, for a course of high class musicals and lectures. Every body should encourage this enterprise with their attendance.

In sluggish liver, Hepatitis, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tract, restores the life more fluid, and purifies the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arises from disorders of the liver. Price, 50c at Hadley Drug Co.

Wright, Texas, Dec. 7th, 1901.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a silk handkerchief, roach comb, nice gloves, some nice books, a nice handkerchief box, toilet set and a celluloid picture frame. I am 10 years old.

Yours Truly, Cora and Mary Ross.

Home Comfort coffee is the best. J. A. Wansley & Co. If you can get same by applying at the Methodist parsonage, Canyon City one large turkey, owner can get same by applying at the Methodist parsonage. If the owner does not call in side of 15 days from above date, the further will be sent to the dead letter office, at the parsonage.

**BABIES WANTED.** I want fifty babies, right away, to have their pictures made at prices that are very reasonable. Get a picture of baby while it is well and happy.

M. S. Linsay, Photographer, December, 5th, 1901.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a pair of kid gloves, a piano, a handkerchief, a little tub, and little sandals and all kinds of nuts. Now Santa Claus, be good and be sure to bring them all. I can't write, so I just printed it. Good by. GEORGE LONG.

**CITY VIEWS.** Your friends back east would appreciate a picture of our city. Our picture would give them a better idea of the town than you could by writing to them about it for a whole year. I have ten different views, have you seen them? M. S. Linsay, Photographer.

Messrs. M. Blockley and C. T. Bedard, of Canyon, were in town shopping this week.

The best stationery at the Canyon City Pharmacy.

T. B. Crabtree and Sam Wright of Emma, were in town this week.

### Great Combination Sale of Registered Herefords.

To be held in the Northern Division of the Ft. Worth Stock Yards, Ft. Worth, Texas, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17th and 18th, 1901, by Gudgeon & Simpson, Scott & March, C. A. Stannard of Sunny Slope Farm and others.

**150 HEAD OF REGISTERED HEREFORDS 150** Will be sold at public auction, consisting of 100 bulls and 50 heifers, from eight months to three years old; 40 head of them having been inoculated by Dr. Connoway of the Missouri Agricultural College, as a preventive against Texas fever, and a certificate to this effect will be furnished with each animal so inoculated, signed by Dr. Connoway, giving name, and tattoo number.

The cattle to be sold in this sale are in thrifty breeding condition, and every animal is a guaranteed a breeder. They have been carefully selected and every animal offered will be

**A GOOD ONE** and a fair representative from the herd of the breeder selling it. Among them are prize winners at the leading State and National shows of 1900 and 1901.

As these cattle will be sold in the Northern division of the Ft. Worth yards, buyers from North of the quarantine line can safely buy them.

Sale commences at 10 o'clock each day. For catalogue, address Gudgeon & Simpson, Independence, Mo. Auctioneers, Scott & March, Belton, Mo. Col. R. E. Edmondson, Gudgeon & Simpson, Independence, Mo. C. A. Stannard, Emporia, Kansas. J. W. Sparks.

## ROGERSON HOTEL

REFURNISHED THROUGHOUT. Tables supplied with the Best the Market Affords. Neat, Clean, Polite Cooks and Waiters.

It is Best Furnished Hotel on the Plains—Superb Beds.

**MRS. I. N. HIX IN CHARGE.**

To Solicit Your Trade.

## CANYON DRUG COMPANY

Carries in stock a Full and Complete Line of Pure, Fresh Drugs and Druggists Sundries. PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, BRUSHES, ETC.

Give us a trial order and be convinced. We are the only people in the drug business.

There are few ailments so common, formidable as piles that they can easily be cured by using Tabber's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Kofler follows its success, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 25c in bottles, 75c at Hadley Drug Co.



Messrs. W. G. Marrs, J. V. Matlock, Joe Simpson, Dave Hamner, B. H. Hupnly and others of Running Water, were among the many people trading here this week.



# Roeloffs Fine Hats

Are made of the finest beaver and nutria fur in all the modish shapes and in all the fashionable colors - soft and stiff.

Ask your dealer for them. If he is out of them he will order for you.

HENRY H. ROELOFFS & CO.  
Philadelphia.

# U. S. GOBER

DEALER IN

Coal, Grain and Field Seeds of all kinds.

The Cleanest and Best Wagon Yard and Camp Houses on the Plains. Your patronage solicited. Give us a call when you come to Canyon City.

# CANYON LUMBER CO.

DEALERS IN

LONG LEAF YELLOW PINE LUMBER  
OUR SPECIALTIES ARE

Upper Grades of Flooring, Ceiling, Drop Siding, Beveled Siding, Finishing, Etc.  
Redwood Siding, Doors, Windows, Etc.

Send to us for Prices Before Buying. **CANYON CITY, TEXAS.**

## COLD DRINKS.

We desire to call your attention to the beautiful display of Cold drinks - soda pop, malt tonic, cherry phosphate, etc., ice cold and suitable for sale at reasonable prices.

## LEWIS BENTLEY'S

Next door to the restaurant. Messrs. W. H. Brasher, J. A. Baker, F. W. Dinsmore, Sam Mills, Will Mitchell, and others of Floyd county were among the many people trading here.

Mrs. Poor has a girl, both in the 9th inst. Mother and babe doing well.

**A Good Cough Medicine.**  
Wright, Texas.  
Dec. 7th, 1901.

Dear Santa Claus:-  
Please send me a nice doll, cradle, doll go cart, revolving medical toy, toy doll wash stand, tin toy cooking stove, a set of dishes, a mug, broach comb, apples, candy or rings, all kind of nuts and a ring.  
Ruby E. Ross.  
Mr. Simpson of Castro county was in trading this week.

### Notice to Contractors.

The Commissioners court of Randall county has decided to make a change in the public road running south from town, said change will extend from the bridge on the Tierra Blanca to the north end of the first lane south. It will necessitate considerable grading besides either bridging or filling the two crossings on the slough or old creek bed. Proposals to make a first class road on the ground of the proposed change by either of the plans suggested together with bids to do all or part of said work are open until Monday Dec. 16th, 1901. The court reserves the right to reject any and all plans and any and all bids as it may deem proper.  
L. C. Lair, County Judge.

Dear Santa Claus:-  
Please bring me a store, set of dishes, dressed baby doll, carriage, toy laundry set, toy piano, tin toy furnished kitchen set, candy, apples, nuts of all kinds, oranges, pecans and two yards of ribbon and a ring.  
Yours truly,  
Josie E. Ross

Mr. J. M. Vankant is now in the real estate business and solicits the patronage of the public. Give him a trial and be pleased at the results.

Nice line of Paint Brushes, now at the Canyon City Pharmacy.

Mr. Payne, Leonard and Jim Harrell, Bill and Charlie Shemley, Left Harlen, J. G. Hardy, Fitz Hudgins, D. B. Mullins, J. Y. Dingler, N. S. West, B. B. Hugley, and Mr. Tomlinson of Hale Center have been in after coal and supplies, since our last issue.

**For Sale.**  
Extra good residence in West Canyon. Several others close by, also unimproved residence lots in different portions of town.  
B. Frank Baile.

**Beautiful Silverware for Xmas presents at The Hadley Drug Company.**  
Wright, Texas.  
Dec. 7th, 1901.

Mr. Jack Carr, of Castro county was in trading and received a fine E. H. buck. Mr. Carr has a fine bunch of sheep.

Your Prescriptions Carefully Compounded, Day or Night at Canyon City Pharmacy.

Mr. R. W. LeMond son of Col. Robert LeMond of Hull county, was in town last week - returning home from the Masonic Grand Lodge at Houston.

Until a suitable place can be secured, Christian Science services will be held in the parlor of the Stayer office every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

Messrs Horton Tracy, son of the Hon Harry Tracy, John Eckert and others of Wright were in town this week.

Go to the Hadley Drug Company for cheap and pretty jewelry for Xmas presents.

**DR. GEO. J. PARSONS,**  
GENERAL PRACTITIONER  
Answers all calls day or night in the Canyon City Pharmacy.  
CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

**H. T. CLARK, M. D.,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
GENERAL PRACTITIONER.  
Cases of women and children a specialty. Calls promptly answered. Office and residence at Fanchon, Swisher county.

**O'DELL & STEWART,**  
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.  
Office over Hadley Drug Company's. Calls promptly answered night or day.

**DRS. PATTON AND CRAWFORD,**  
PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS.  
Office at drug store, next door to Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co.  
CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

### PHOTO'S

for Christmas gifts are very appropriate, or if you wish to give a nice present, but one of your pictures in the package and the gift will be doubly appreciated. I am now prepared to get photo's finished promptly - if the weather will permit - and am still making them at 35 cents per dozen and up. The next larger size is \$1.00. Twelve different positions if you wish.

### PHOTO'S.

of baby can be had on this size and other people too, up to one hundred and forty nine years old. You will like this size when you see samples.  
Send to your friends pictures of our city and they will be surprised at the beauty of Canyon City (the gem of the Plains). The day after Thanksgiving I took several views and I believe these

### PHOTO'S

are the largest ever taken here. One view from the Rogerson wind mill tower, looking west, gives a fine birds eye view of the town. Several who have seen the negative are delighted with it. In it is a photo of the 10 o'clock train away out on the prairie, almost half way to Hereford. I have other town views, also pictures of the canyon and some reunion

### PHOTO'S

Why not have the family taken in a group this Christmas time? I can make you button pictures in electro, sterling silver, rolled plate or solid gold frames. Come this winter time if you can between the hours of eleven and three as you will get better photos by so doing. I want to spend several weeks with some folks this winter, but will take orders till Christmas and will finish them up before I leave. All work guaranteed.

Call and see the pictures whether you intend to buy or not.  
Yours for  
**PHOTO'S.**  
M. S. Lushby.

### IN MEMORIUM.



### JUDGE W. B. PLEMMONS.

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps." William Blufford Plemmons, was born in North Carolina in 1844, enlisted in the army of Virginia and served with distinction throughout the entire war until surrendered with his illustrious commander, R. E. Lee, at Appomattox. Judge Plemmons came to Texas after the war and has occupied various positions of honor and trust ever since. The home of his adoption never owned a heart more loyal or a brain more devoted. If any thing ever remotely promised to benefit the Panhandle, Judge Plemmons was the first and last man to push it. His whole heart was always in the upbuilding of Amarillo first and the entire Panhandle next. It was the writer's pleasure to know and honor him as a noble and gallant gentleman in every sense of the word, a true-hearted southerner, broad-minded and with a nobler charity than almost any other man we ever knew. He could uphold the weak and help the erring. Camp Stonewall Jackson has lost one of its most illustrious members. He is at rest from his labor; but his memory will long remain green.

# CANYON GRAIN AND COAL CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

# GRAIN AND COAL

All Kinds of Field Seeds.

The Largest and Best Wagon Yard and Sheds on the Plains

Your Business Solicited.



In the clerks' room, which were used in this operation. After, as he thought, completely obliterating all traces of the tragedy, he quietly walked off by the Exchange place entrance, locked the door and threw away the key. All this, while Policeman Flynn was chasing Quinlan. You will note that 'X,' knowing nothing of the Quinlan episode, was quite justified in believing that the shots had failed to attract any attention outside of the bank. Very likely he was disturbed by the return of the policeman and Quinlan; I cannot otherwise account for his having left the gas burning. Had he had the time, I feel confident that, with his customary thoroughness, he would have turned it out. As to my minute description of Arbogast's wounds, there is nothing remarkable in that. I know that the weapon used by 'X' was a yonder chair, because I found particles of the bookkeeper's epidermis upon one of the legs, which was considerably lessened by the blow. But I know exactly what the wounds were, because I have examined them. I told you that I had seen Arbogast yesterday.

"What!" exclaimed Dunlap, "you mean after he was wounded?"

"Yes," replied Sturgis, "his body is at the morgue now. You might call there this afternoon to identify it, if you choose; but, everything considered, it might be as well not to make the identification public until we are well on the track of Chatham and our friend 'X.'"

CHAPTER XII.

THE BOOKKEEPER'S CONFESSION.

Late that same evening Sturgis returned to his lodgings, after a busy day spent in working upon the Knickerbocker bank case. He was tired and he was perplexed; for, with all his undaunted energy, his quick intelligence and his plodding perseverance, he had come to a standstill in his investigation. The Evening Tempest had appeared with no further mention of the Quinlan case, and with only a perfunctory report of the cab mystery, no attempt having been made to connect the two, for Sturgis would not consent to publish his evidence until he was sure of complete success in his undertaking.

As he approached the house the reporter saw a light in his window, and inferred that a visitor was awaiting his coming. It was Mr. Dunlap, who, pale and careworn, was striding nervously back and forth in the room, with his hands behind his back and his head bent forward upon his breast.

"Ah, there you are at last!" exclaimed the banker, eagerly. "I have been waiting for you for over an hour."

"Has something new turned up?" asked Sturgis.

"Yes; read that."

At the same time Dunlap handed the reporter a letter.

"Let me tell you about it first. After leaving you this morning I went to the morgue and saw the body. You were right; it is Arbogast's. I had been only half convinced by your evidence; but I now saw that you were perfectly right in all your other indications, and I became anxious to learn something definite concerning the amount of Arbogast's defection. As I could not reach the books for some time, I called upon Mrs. Arbogast, thinking I might be able to learn something from her. You had not been to see her, had you?"

"No," answered Sturgis, gravely. "I did not think it likely she knew as much about this matter as we do, and I shrink from the ordeal of revealing to her the fact of her husband's crime and tragic death. I wished, at any rate, to exhaust all other means of obtaining information before resorting to this one."

"Of course, of course," said Dunlap, somewhat impatiently; "the woman is naturally to be pitied; but I could not allow any sentimental consideration to stand in the way of the discharge of my duty to our depositors."

"What did you learn from her?" asked the reporter.

"When I reached the house she said to me that Mrs. Arbogast had spent the previous evening at her sister's house in the country and had not yet come back. I was about to leave, intending to return later in the evening, when the lady herself arrived. Upon learning who I was she seemed somewhat surprised, but invited me in. As we passed into the parlor the maid handed her mistress a letter, stating that it had come by the morning's mail. Mrs. Arbogast glanced at the envelope, but did not open it. At my first cautious questions she seemed to be very much surprised. Arbogast had announced to her by telegram the previous day that he would be obliged to go out of town for a few days on business. He allowed her to infer that he would soon return, and that his business was connected with the affairs of the bank. She could not understand how it happened that I knew nothing of this trip. 'But,' said she, 'I have just received a letter from him, which will doubtless explain matters.' She evidently knew nothing of her husband's defection. Thereupon she opened the envelope and took out this letter. I observed her closely. Ah, the first words I saw her cheeks blanch and a look of agony pass over her features as she instinctively pressed her hand to her heart. I knew then that the letter contained some important revelation, and I became anxious to obtain possession of it. When she had done, I could see that she was laboring under a strong emotion; but she controlled herself, replaced the letter in its envelope and said, merely: 'This does not tell me my husband's whereabouts; but I shall doubtless have further news of him in the course of a few days.' I saw that she was attempting to shield him in the supposition that he was still alive. I therefore broke the news of his death to her as gently as I could. The first shock seemed to utterly un-

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"My Darling Wife: When you receive this letter I shall be far away—a disgraced criminal—and you will be worse than a widow.

"I dare not ask your forgiveness for the trouble I am bringing upon you, for I realize all too clearly the extent of the wrong I have done you. But I feel irresistibly impelled to lay before you in all their nakedness, as I do before my own conscience, the circumstances which have led to my downfall. A knowledge of these may perhaps enable you to understand, in a measure, the temptation to which I have succumbed; although I find it hard myself, now that all is over, to realize how I came to yield to it.

"Perhaps you may remember the celebration of my fiftieth anniversary. We were having a most enjoyable evening in the company of the friends whom you had invited to participate in the festivities, when a caller was announced. I was obliged to leave our guests in order to receive him in the library. This man lost no time in stating the nature of his business with me. His name was Thomas Chatham; he was an expert accountant, who had been employed at the Knickerbocker bank to examine the books, and he coolly informed me that he had just discovered a serious error in my books—one that had enabled a depositor to overdraw his account by a large amount. At first I refused to believe him, although he submitted copies from the books showing exactly how the blunder had been made. When he intimated that it only rested with me whether the error should be reported to the bank, I indignantly refused to listen to him. He remained perfectly unruffled during our interview and left me at last with the statement that he would wait 24 hours before handing in his report to the president.

"My first step on reaching the bank the next day was to verify Chatham's statements. Alas! they were only too true. There was the terrible blunder staring me in the face. I could not understand how I had come to make it; but there it was, and nothing could explain it away. I had hoped against hope up to this time, now I saw clearly that I was a ruined man.

"There was only one honorable course open to me—to frankly confess my respon-

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sibility for the blunder and take the consequences, whatever they might be. I hesitated, and I was lost.

"I hesitated because I felt that my position was at stake. Would not my error appear inexcusable to the officers of the bank, since I could find no palliation for it in my own eyes? I was 50 years old. I shrank from the necessity of beginning again at the foot of the ladder which I had so laboriously climbed after a lifetime of conscientious plodding. It would be no easy matter for me to find another position.

"The more I thought the matter over, the more I became convinced that there might be another way out of my trouble. Was it not probable that the depositor who had profited by my mistake had done so innocently? If so, would he not be willing to repay the amount overdrawn? At the worst, if he should refuse to do this, might it not be possible for me to scrape together and borrow enough to make good the deficiency? In this way I could correct the blunder and no one would be the wiser for it. But what of that man Chatham? Would not his report betray me? I recalled his intimation that the nature of his report depended upon myself. What did he mean by that? Probably he would state a private opinion on his silence. This would add considerably to the amount I should have to raise; but would not this be better, after all, than the loss of my position? At any rate, I should not have any reason for listening to his proposal, whatever it might be.

"That afternoon, as soon as the bank had closed, I called at the address Chatham had given me. He evidently expected me. With him was a man whom he introduced as James Withers, the depositor in whose favor my blunder had been made. Had I not been laboring under great excitement, it is likely that my suspicions would have been aroused by the strange presence of Withers' presence in Chatham's room. The two men received me pleasantly, and the alleged Withers, even before I could broach the subject, expressed his regret at hearing of the error which had been committed, and assured me of his willingness to reimburse the bank out-of-pocket there was an expense. But he was short of ready money just then; everything he had was tied up in a promising enterprise which was liquidated to bring in a magnificent profit in the course of a few days if only he could raise a few dollars. He wanted to call on him to hold out a little longer. If he failed to scrape together this small amount, all would be lost. Indulgently and reluctantly they drove me toward the trap they had prepared, and I was weak enough to fall into it. Before the interview was over, I had consented to allow Withers to still further overdraw his account, and I had received his solemn promise to reimburse me before the end of the week, the entire amount he owed the bank. Then Chatham suggested that it would be wiser to let the second overdraft come from another account. Withers agreed with him and stated that the check could be made in the name of Henry Seymour, a relative of his, who had recently opened a small account with the Knickerbocker bank. I strongly objected to sharing the secret of my infamy with any others; but I finally allowed myself to be overruled by the plausible scoundrel into whose clutches I had fallen.

"The next day I took my first step in crime, by making such entries as would insure the honoring of Seymour's check. After that I was completely in the power of these two men. It was not long before I discovered that I had seen their faces in Chatham's accomplice was not the true Withers; for this man, a few days later, made a large deposit, which more than covered his previous overdraft. The false Withers was Henry Seymour himself.

"As soon as I had committed a felony, it became unnecessary for Seymour to keep up any further pretense of a desire to reimburse the money I had helped him to steal. I was now in the meshes of crime as deeply as my accomplices; and, from that time to this they have forced me to act as their cat's-paw. During this period of two years the bank has been robbed in this way of over \$250,000, every cent of which has gone to Chatham and Seymour.

"You can perhaps imagine what a hell my life has been that time since I was in prison and disgrace staring me in the face; and with the absolute conviction that exposure must inevitably come sooner or later, I have suffered the torture of the damned. At the bank, I have been in a perpetual state of suspense. I have started at every word spoken to me; I have seen suspicion in every glance which has met mine; I have trembled and paled at every approach of one of the officers of the bank. And yet I have not dared to absent myself from my desk for an hour, lest an examination of my books during my absence should reveal my crime. I have been the first to reach the bank in the morning, and the last to leave it at night; I have not even taken the few minutes during the day which would have been required to enable me to obtain a brief meal. On one pretext or another, during the last two years, I have had to forego my annual vacation. I have dragged myself to my post when I was so ill that I could hardly stand, because I could not afford to have anyone take charge of my books for even an hour. And all that time, with its full realization of my degradation and infamy, I have been forced to continue my frauds, knowing that each one brought me nearer to the inevitable final exposure; but knowing equally well that a refusal on my part to continue my stealing would result in an instant betrayal by my accomplices.

"At last further concealment became impossible. A week ago the yearly examination of the books took place. The expert accountant employed was, as usual, Thomas Chatham, and of course, as usual, his report was entirely satisfactory. It seemed, therefore, as though discovery could be postponed a little longer, when suddenly, this morning, we were informed that a change in the system of bookkeeping would be adopted after the 1st of January. I saw at once that all was over. The discovery of my crime is now a matter of hours. I could be out of the way before the crash comes or I am doomed. I can already see the felon's stripes upon my back; the clang of the prison gates ring in my ears.

"I am so tired to think, but I feel that my only escape is in death. And yet I cling to life. I know that the happy days of the past are gone forever; and yet I feel a sort of numb relief at the thought that the worst is now certain to come, and to come at once.

"I have carefully prepared my flight, so that I shall have plenty of time to reach a place of safety. Once there, I shall be free from pursuit; but I shall be ill, and I shall carry with me to the grave the burden of my sin.

"The most bitter pang in my remorse is caused by the thought of the great wrong I have done you, dear wife. You will now be forced to face the world not only unprotected by the one whose duty and whose desire it was to smooth the way for you; but, what is worse, oppressed by the burden of his sin.

"What little money I have left in the savings bank I have transferred to your name. You may use it all with a clear conscience; for every dollar of it was honestly mine. I swear I have never had a single cent of the money I have stolen. It has all been drawn by Henry Seymour, and used I know not how.

"As soon as I am settled in the place to which I am going I shall try, as far as lies in my power, to redeem my past by a life of honest labor; and I hope to be able to contribute to your support in the near future.

"Oh! my wife, my darling wife! Would that the past could be blotted out, and that I could once more place my hand in yours, an honest man. Though you may find it hard to forgive me now, perhaps in time you may be able to think gently of him who through all his crime and degradation has remained

"Your devoted husband,  
JOHN W. ARBOGAST.

"My safety depends upon your keeping the contents of this letter secret for at least three days. After that time please