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**A SAILOR'S KNOT**  
By EDWARD N. WENTWORTH

The president of the bank sent for me and said:

"Mr. Hemingway, we must send \$20,000 to the Third National bank of Coperton and get it there before 3 o'clock. I wish you and Williams to take it, dividing the amount between you. You will go by an automobile, for which I have sent to be here in ten minutes from Anderson's garage. You and Williams will, of course, go armed, but I don't think there is any danger since I see no reason why any one should know that you carry money."

It was very well for the president to say that no one would know we carried money, but the bank was continually sending out funds, and Williams and I were known as the bank's messengers. We didn't know who of the force employed in the bank might be dishonest and knowing when funds were taken to other places would supply information to crooks that would cause a robbery.

I had carried funds so often without getting into trouble that it seemed to me the pitcher that goes often to the well is at last broken.

However, Williams and I started, each with \$10,000 on our persons. Our chauffeur we had had often before and had every confidence in him. We rolled out of town and onto the road to Coperton, some twenty-five miles distant.

Some ten miles of the distance had been done, when, coming to a sharp bend in the road, our driver slowed up to make the turn and a man jumped onto the footboard on each side, each man holding a cocked revolver at our heads. A third man covered the driver and ordered him to stop.

Of course we had no time to draw and defend ourselves, and the chauffeur was unarmed. The first thing the robbers, who were masked, did, was to take away our revolvers and the next to go through us and relieve us of the bills. Then they took us into a thick wood beside the road and, whipping out a strong cord, proceeded to bind us so thoroughly that we could not move hand or foot. Then they put gags in our mouths and left the three of us to get out of the scrape as best we could.

Now I had been to sea from eight, on to twenty on a sailing vessel and knew something about the calling of a sailor. There was one circumstance and only one that told me the man who tied me had been a seaman. When he bound me he tied the cord in a knot that every sailor uses continually and no one but a sailor would think of using. Fortunately for me, I couldn't talk for the gag in my mouth, or I should have called the attention of the others to the fact. As it was, I soon thought myself that a large reward would be paid by the bank for the discovery of the robbers and, with the crew I possessed, I might more easily win the reward myself. So I determined to keep my counsel and as soon as we were released to hunt for a sailor or one who had been a sailor who was spending money freely.

The chauffeur, who had some false teeth in his head by dint of working his jaws contrived to loosen them which loosened his gag also and he soon got both teeth and gag out of his way. So when we heard the sound of wheels passing on the road he set up a shout, which brought a man into the wood. The chauffeur told him our story, and, taking his knife, he cut the cords that bound us. This enabled me to preserve the knot that was used in my case, and I stuffed it into my pocket for evidence.

I confess I didn't feel any special tenderness for the president of the bank, who I thought should have found better ways of sending money about than the one adopted. I not only had the obliquity of having been robbed, of having some suspicion cast upon me of being in league with the robbers, but I had run a risk of being murdered. Therefore I resolved on an effort to get something out of the occurrence.

I wrote or telephoned the police of the neighboring towns to look out for any one of a sailor cut who was spending money. I was soon notified of a man who was ashore temporarily, who had got a \$100 bill changed. I slipped away to the town where the fellow was darkened my complexion, met him in a saloon, pretended to be drunk and asked him to drink with me. We had not been long together before he changed another bill of large denomination, which I believed had been carried by either Williams or me. I left him at his boarding house, but returned when he was asleep and left him awakened from his drunken stupor had found \$10,850 of the bank's money.

When he got righted again I promised him light punishment if he would perch on his comrades. He agreed, and it turned out that the others were ex-convicts who had got hold of the sailor while ashore and led him into the robbery. All the money except a few hundred dollars was recovered and I captured a reward of \$3,000. As soon as I had received it, I left the service of the bank and do not intend to go back as messenger to that or any other institution. Their methods of exchanging funds I consider out of date and very dangerous. And I have no desire ever again to expose myself to the temptation offered to robbers. Since my retirement my wife says the ceasing from worry about me is delightful.

**HUMOROUS QUIPS**

**College Bred.**  
For caramel and chocolate  
She held a high degree.  
Each evening she would demonstrate  
The newest chafery.

The contours of her bosom form  
As she the stuff did stir  
Stirred up a youth with ardor warm  
To woo and marry her.

A week the loving lad had fed  
On fudge and Ruffy cake  
Till in his dreams he dreamed for bread  
"Like mother used to bake."

With noble purpose Ross she throned  
And raised a pan of dough—  
Yes, figured out with pad and pen  
How every loaf should go—

Being college bred, she donned her gown  
Her cap set on her head,  
And—well, 'tis told in Reno town  
The cause was college bread.  
—New York Times.

**Wonderful Recovery.**  
A vaudeville performer broke a finger one day and immediately hunted up a surgeon. When the finger had been set and bandaged the vaudeville performer began to worry over the question of whether or not it would be deformed.

"Say, doc," he said, "that finger is pretty badly broken. Do you suppose the bones will knit?"

"Suppose I know they will," replied the surgeon.

"And they'll knit properly?"

"Yes, indeed."

"And the finger will be just as good as ever?"

"Just as good."

"Will I be able to play the piano?"

"You bet you will."

"That's funny," said the vaudeville performer. "I never could before. I'm a juggler."—New York Telegraph.

**A Bad Opening.**  
Impeccuous Suitor (endeavoring to make himself agreeable to Miss Angela's papa)—What a charming place you have here, Mr. Oldman! Does it go all the way to that grove over there?

Unsympathetic Papa—It does.

I. S.—And all the way to that stone wall in the distance on this side?

I. S.—It does! And it goes all the way to the creek on the south and all the way to the state road on the north; but, Mr. Youngman, it does not go with my daughter Angela.—Lippincott's Magazine.

**Almost as Bad as Boils.**  
"Who was it who was sorely afflicted?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Samson," replied the boy promptly.

"Why, no; it was Job."

"Well, I know Job was, but so was Samson."

"Why, how was Samson afflicted, Tommy?"

"His wife cut his hair"—Yonkers Statesman.

**Revenge.**  
"Say, alderman, I wish you'd get me a job as dog catcher."

"Are you out of work?"

"No, but I'll quit the work I'm doing now if you'll get me that job."

"Ever had any experience as a dog catcher?"

"I don't need any experience. I've got the incentive. I'm a letter carrier."—Chicago Tribune.

**Popular Prescriptions.**  
Doctor—I want you to look after my office while I'm on a vacation.

"But I've just graduated, doctor. I have had no experience."

"That's all right, my boy. My practice is strictly fashionable. Tell the men to play golf and ship the lady patients off to Europe."—Washington Herald.

**Perhaps Not.**  
"We bear," said the mere man, "a whole lot about self made man, but never anything about self made woman."

"Well," said the president of the Female Beauty club, "you see—er—well, perhaps—er—it isn't necessary to discuss that question."—Browning's Magazine.

**Extravagance.**  
Mrs. Styles—Is that a new silk hat, Henry?

Mr. Styles—Yes, dear.

"How much was it?"

"Why, it was \$8, dear."

"What! Eight dollars and not a bird or ribbon or a feather on it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

**A Thought of Vengeance.**  
"How are you getting on with your wife?" asked one London policeman.

"Not very well," replied the other.

"Sometimes I wish she'd join the militant suffragettes and let me catch her in one of these street demonstrations."—Washington Star.

**Putting Him In His Place.**  
First Old Park Lounger—I wonder what's become of the old fellow who used to always occupy this bench?

Second Ditto (acidly)—He died yesterday, and, what's more, he left this bench to me.—Puck.

**Proof.**  
Commercial Traveler (in country hotel)—Are these sheets quite clean?

Chambermaid—I should say so. They're only just come home from the laundry. Feel 'em; they're still wet—Satire.

**At the Bottom of It.**  
"What made you become a member of the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Birds?"

"The milliner's bill for my wife and my three daughters."—London Tit-Bits.

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