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HUNTING AN ASSASSIN.

Incidents in Billy Forrester's Life—Giving the Nathan Murderer no Rest—Parasit of the Sapped Villain.

The name of William Forrester having been brought before the public quite frequently of late in connection with the Nathan murder, it may be that the following facts will answer the query as to who William Forrester really is.

Billy and Frank Campbell, alias Frank Livingston, alias Frank Harding, alias Frank Howard, alias William Dunbar, alias William Brown, alias Johnson, really is this man in the disguise of New Orleans. He made his debut before the public in the character of an escaped convict from the Joliet, Illinois, penitentiary, to which institution he had been sentenced to thirteen years imprisonment.

Forrester came East and one of his earliest adventures was a robbery near Boston, Massachusetts, in November, 1851. For this he was captured and sent to the State Prison at Andover, Mass., where he remained until November 26, 1852, when he was "colored" by Detective Dearborn, of Boston, who concluded to bring him to New York and turn him over to Pinkerton's office.

Forrester was again arrested by Detective Dearborn at New Haven by jumping from the train after it had started. Dearborn fired at him, but was unsuccessful. Forrester then made his escape from the clutches of the law. He was next heard of at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where, on February 7, 1870, in company with James Elliott, alias Cook's Eye, he committed a robbery before the public as a six-foot fire-fighter, Walter Dunn, alias Walter Davis, William Fox, alias Riley, and last, but not least, George Ellis, alias George Wilson, alias George F. V. Rockefeller, but before they had commenced operations upon the safe, in which about four hundred thousand dollars awaited them, they were arrested and sent to the State Prison at Philadelphia while on route to Wilkesbarre.

He then turned up in the Crescent City, where, on June 13, 1870, he was arrested by Chief of Police Badger, who, cognizant of the fact that he was a convict from Illinois, and knowing that he was wanted for the Wilkesbarre robbery, telegraphed to Pinkerton's agency in Chicago and New York, the fact of his arrest, and he was ordered that he would be held until the papers could be forwarded for his return North.

Mr. W. A. Pinkerton at once left for New Orleans, from Chicago, and on the 15th of June he was arrested by New York to Harrisburg to procure a requisition from Governor Geary upon the Governor of Louisiana, for Forrester.

Forrester had only been ten days in New Orleans when he was arrested, and public attention was at first directed to him by his riotous conduct and fast living. He was gambling heavily, and it is said had lost about \$10,000. He was arrested on the 15th of June, at the time of his arrest he was driving a buggy out of a livery stable, and upon the horse being stopped by the officers, he took to the situation at a glance, threw a back seat over the rear of the buggy, struck on his feet, and started to run away. He was, however, seized by the officers, and after showing a pretty good fight, succeeded in getting away.

On being taken to the station-house he acknowledged his identity, but intimated that he would prefer to "shuffle off the mortal coil" by venturing to Illinois.

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CITY CEMETERIES.

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SUMMARY. Of the cash expenditures of this department during the month, which includes salaries and all other expenses: Administrators' office—\$143.25

City Workhouse—1,546.02 Boys' House of Refuge—1,508.11 Recorders' Courts—3,402.28 Public pounds—566.96 Public squares—107.72 City Park—60.00 Burying dead and conveying sick to hospital—126.30 Parish Prison (medical supplies)—39.07

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