POLICE GET FORGER GANG

For Months Band of Notorious Crooks Has Been Robbing Banks by Presenting Bogus Paper at the Counters.

ALL IN ROGUES' GALLERY.

Thorough Work by Detectives, Who Arrested Four Men, with Evidence Enough to Make Conviction Almost a Certainty

The last known gang of check forgers in this country has been rounded up by the Pinkerton Detective Agency, with the help of Capt. Titus's men. A fourth man was arrested to-day in addition to the three who were picked up last night. The Pinkertons think they have ample evidence to send them all to the penitentiary and thus successfully wind up a hunt that has lasted for three years.

The men under arrest are John Brush, sixty-two, of No. 635 Ninth avenue; George Ross, alias Milburn, and Alexander Stone, of No. 244 West Thirty-ninth street, and Al Hurst, alias Dan Edwards, of No. 259 West Twenty-ninth street. Hurst was the last of the quartet to be gathered in, being found early this morning while smoking opium with a woman known as Fannie Turner in his rooms. They were all arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day.

Led Fagin's Gang.

According to the Pinkertons, Brush is the leader of the gang. He has served time for forgery, having been one of a gang who passed a $12,000 check on the Garfield National Bank in 1887. Hurst is known to the police as a professional sneak thief. His picture is in the Rogues' Gallery. Ross is also in the Rogues' Gallery. Stone is a new one to the police. He is young and has been working as a bellboy.

Brush's house was the headquarters for the gang. When the place was raided last night by Assistant Supt. George S. Dougherty, of the Pinkertons, and Detectives Woolbridge and Wines, of the Central Office, they found over 1,200 checks on different banks in this city. Many of them had already been signed by the names of depositors and were ready for use. Two acid erasing outfits and a check-perforating machine were also found.

Many Banks Swindled.

The checks belonged to almost all the banks in the city. Many of these institutions have been victimized by the gang in the two years and a half they have been working. A full list of the forgeries has not been made public by the detectives, but it is known that among the banks which have suffered were the New Amsterdam, the Liberty National, the Fourth National, the Mechanics' National, the Lincoln National and the Pacific. The amounts obtained are withheld, but the sum total runs up to many thousands of dollars.

The Pinkertons, who are the detectives for the American Bankers' Association, had their attention called to a bogus check which was passed on the Liberty National Bank two and one-half years ago. Supt. Dougherty was put in charge of the case, with instructions to keep after the gang that turned the trick until he got them.

Honest Job a Blind.

After examining the check thoroughly he made up his mind that the forgery was the work of Brush, whose record was well known to the Pinkertons. A watch was set on him. It was found that he was living an apparently honest life. He was employed by Louis Berg, a real estate agent at Ninth street and Sixth avenue, and did the collecting. Month in and month out the detectives watched their man without getting any evidence that would lead them to connect him with the forgery.

Stone was the first man that was discovered. He was found to be laying down checks in different banks. He was allowed to keep it up in the hope that he would lead the detectives to the nest where the real work was being done. Last Saturday Stone appeared at the New Amsterdam Bank and presented a check purporting to be drawn by Miss Carolyn Hazleton to the order of H. N. Miller for $152.50. Dougherty signalled to the paying teller and the check was held up while a telephone message was sent to Miss Hasleton. She sent word that the check was a forgery. Meantime Stone had become suspicious and had left the bank, but he had been followed. He was traced about the streets for some time. He evidently suspected that he was being trailed, for he doubled about mysteriously. Finally he went to No. 244 West Thirty-ninth street, where he came out a little later with Ross.

Easy to Get Signatures.

The two then separated. Ross doubled about a bit and led one of the detectives to Brush's house and the game was up. The house was watched until last night, when, nothing having developed, it was decided to arrest the gang. It had been learned that Hurst was another layer down, so he was also gathered in. The Turner woman was taken into custody but was not charged with being implicated in the forgeries.

The search of Brush's house disclosed the cuteness of his scheme. While appearing to be doing honest work he was really in the best position to carry on his forgeries. Being a collector he was able to get at the signatures of all persons who rented through his employer and to find out what banks they deposited in. This enabled him to throw off suspicion, and as a depositor for Berg he also was able to get hold of a lot of blank checks from the different banks.

The prisoners were arraigned before Magistrate Deuel, in the Jefferson Market Court, and held without bail. Brush collapsed at Eighth and Macdougal streets, and an ambulance took him to St. Vincent's Hospital.

GANG OF BANK CHECK FORGERS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE.

FANNIE TURNER. JOHN BRUSH.

GEORGE ROSS. AL HURST.

HOW WOMAN LAWYER FAILED

"Corrected" Mistake in Copy of Complaint and Latter Is Dismissed

"It may be a lay woman's prerogative to change her mind, but as a lawyer, she may not change a line or a letter of moment in a paper purporting to be a copy of a verified complaint, and I must dismiss the complaint."

Justice MacLean, of the Supreme Court, thus disposes of the suit of Menashe Hochman for absolute divorce from his wife, Itta Hochman, whom he left behind at Besarabia, Russia, two years ago.

The testimony from a number of Besarabians was that Mrs. Hochman and one Scholum Uzner had been living together ever since Mr. Hochman left for America.

He retained a woman lawyer, Alice Serber, who noticed that a mistake in dates had been made in the complaint. She corrected it in the copy served on Mrs. Hochman by mail, and it was this to which Justice MacLean referred.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS

A Few Here in Reference to Your Health and Happiness.

Never be careless about your health.

A neglected cold leads to grip, bronchitis and pneumonia. They lead to the grave.

Never allow a cold to wear off—it wears away your lungs instead.

Avoid the patent medicines, "cough cures" and so-called "immediate relief" remedies.

What you mistake for relief is deadening of the nerves by the opium and other poisonous drugs they contain.

That weakens your body—the disease remains and gets a stronger hold.

If it is a cold or grip, it turns into pneumonia, because the drugs have robbed your body of strength and vital force—the only power by which you can fight off and overcome disease.

We again remind you that Father John's Medicine is not a patent medicine, and that it is all pure nourishment, free from opium, morphine or other poisonous drugs.

It builds you up and makes strength at the same time it cures the cold and all throat and lung troubles.

As we have said before, an eminent specialist prescribed it for the late Rev. Fr. John O'Brien, of St. Patrick's Parish, Lowell, Mass., fifty years ago.

Because this reverend clergyman recommended it to his friends and parishioners, the people named it Father John's Medicine.

And so it became known and advertised, all with the knowledge and approval of Rev. Fr. O'Brien, because he knew of its purity and wonderful power to cure, and desired that all might benefit by it.

It prevents disease, cures disease and restores the strength lost through disease. We refund the money for any cough or cold it cannot cure.

If your druggist does not have it, send $1 for a large bottle, express prepaid—Carleton & Hovey Co., Lowell, Mass.

Cascarets

CANDY CATHARTIC

THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

ANNUAL SALE 10,000,000 BOXES Greatest in the World

A MILLION AMERICAN BOUNCING BABIES are kept crowing with the delight of living, because their mamas have learned to use CASCARETS Candy Cathartic. You all know how neighborly neighbors tell each other of the really good things they have learned from experience. CASCARETS are one of those good things, and the kind words said for them has created a sale of nearly A MILLION BOXES A MONTH. It is easy to protect infants against children's complaints, because all these perils have their beginning in stomach and bowels, and we have in CASCARETS a perfect medicine that will always keep the delicate machinery in a child's body clean, regular and in working order. Children like the little candy tablet, and are kept safe from all stomach, bowel, blood and skin diseases. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Genuine tablet stamped CCC. Sample and booklet free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Speeding the Departing Year with Great Values

THE BIG STORE — A CITY IN ITSELF

SIEGEL COOPER Co.

SIXTH AVE. — FOURTEENTH TO FIFTEENTH STS.

Bidding a Good Friend Farewell.

THE year is waning. Its sands are almost run. Twelve months of wonderful prosperity at the Siegel Cooper Store are slowly merging themselves into a new year of accomplishments. And while the calendar still says 1902 we are busy as bees with 1903 merchandise and attractions. We look ahead; we leap forward.

The Gigantic White Sale Now in Progress

is graphic evidence of the completeness and excellence of The Big Store's preparations. Each day, each week, each month supplies its own features here. At no time is it ever dull or commonplace. While the snows of mid-winter chill and whiten the landscape we leap into the very heart of spring. Cotton plants blossom on the Second Floor, picturesque reminders of the fragrant, sunny South. The evolution of Muslin Underwear is adequately depicted.

In the Housekeeping Linens sections we are showing the products of the world's foremost manufacturers. Stocks are prodigal; they are overflowing with generous values for our customers. Up on the Fifth Floor we are featuring Office Furniture, while on the Third Floor business men are buying office supplies of every needed description.

Yes, busy all over the store. If you were here the day AFTER Christmas you must have thought it was the day BEFORE.

Women's Cloaks, Suits, Waists and Furs.

Great January Clearance Sale Continues.

No wonder we did an enormous business yesterday, despite the disagreeable weather. No wonder that every woman who came and saw bought unhesitatingly. Such values! Such assortments! Any woman, particularly the most discriminating, would be immediately persuaded to avail herself of this most admirable of opportunities.

Velour Jackets, blouse shape, stitched satin collarless neck-band, bishop sleeves, fancy buttons, lined in light gray, at **13.25**

Velour Jackets in blouse shape, with high rolling collar, postilion skirt; new, large bishop sleeves with cuffs; piped all around with satin, fancy buttons, light gray satin lining, at **14.50**

ALSO

Velour Jackets in a variety of styles; odd sizes; made to sell at $32.50, $35.00 and $37.50, at **17.50**

Blouse Jackets, of best MONTAGNAC, heavy satin lining, made to sell at $15.00, at **8.90**

Long Garments of Crush Velour, sable collar and revers, $50.00 qualities, at **29.50**

3-4 Kersey Garments, with best linings, a number of excellent styles, regularly $16.50 to $32.50, at **7.50, 9.75, 11.75**

Long Kersey Coats, with collar and revers of mink and beaver, $50.00 qualities, at **25.00**

Novelty Full-Length Garments of unfinished Worsted, $35.00 quality, at **25.00**

Cravenette Garments, full length, a number of newest styles, at **8.90, 12.50, 17.50**

Evening Capes, in light blue, Nile green, pearl gray and red, lined in white and trimmed with white Thibet, at **11.75, 14.50**

Cloth Jackets

OF KERSEY, in the popular Monte Carlo shapes.
OF MONTAGNAC, 30 inches long, semi-fitted.
OF KERSEY, with satin straps and shoulder capes.
OF KERSEY, collarless, with double capes.
OF MELTON, in Oxford gray, satin piping.
OF UNFINISHED-WORSTED, suitable for elderly ladies.

To choose from at **$10.00** Variously worth from $15.00 to $19.50.

Crush Velour Blouses, at **9.75**

Crush Velour Monte Carlos, regularly at $25.00, at **15.00**

Silk Monte Carlo Coats, $29.50 grade, at **19.50**

(Second Floor, Front.)

Wright's Bust Forms for Slender Women.

The well-gowned woman is necessarily the well-corseted woman. The dressmaker who fits a gown for a naturally angular figure is delighted as much as the customer herself with satisfactory results obtained by the use of WRIGHT'S BUST FORMS. No stuffy, injurious padding; no undue pressure, and yet an elegance and graceful effect.

These WRIGHT BUST FORMS are made in French Sateen and Jean; white, drab and black; originally sold at $1.50 and $2.75; special, at **98**

Also in pink, blue and white Sateen; original price $3.75, **1.50**

(Second Floor, East, 19th St.)

Great Shoe Sale

And Its Strong Special Attractions.

That's the only way we can explain the popularity of this great sale. Crowds came here eagerly and went away highly satisfied with their purchases. Never before such high-grade footwear at such low prices. There are plenty left still, but the rapid sales make early buying desirable.

MEN'S SHOES—Good quality and style, with cushion insoles; better than the average shoe that retails at $3.50 and $4.00; they are to be much appreciated at
WOMEN'S SHOES—In all the prevailing styles; good Winter Shoes; regularly sold at $5.00 and $6.00; mostly samples, in sizes 3 to 4½; a wonderful bargain at } **2.25**

Also These Bargains.
SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN retailing at $3.00 and $3.50; an exceptional offer at } **1.95**

(Men's Store, Main Floor, East; Women's Store, Second Floor, East.)

A Special Sale of Suits and Overcoats at 3.50

Boys' Store--Second Floor.

It is saying a plain fact very deliberately to assert that better values for the money than these were never offered by any store anywhere.

Mothers who want good and stylish clothing for their boys at an extraordinarily low price will realize their ambitions in this very exceptional event.

OVERCOATS of every description, including Russian, Long, Medium and Box Coats, all colors and styles, 2½ to 16 years.

Every style of SUIT, including the popular RUSSIAN BLOUSE, SAILOR, NORFOLK, DOUBLE-BREASTED JACKET, in all the best-wearing fabrics and designs. Sizes to fit all ages from 2½ to 17 years.

New Year's Cards and Fancy Calendars

In wide and varied assortments. Most artistic in design and colors. A showing far better than that of previous years in every respect. Prices, too, are more attractive.

(Second Floor, Centre, Take Escalator.)

Attractive Photograph Offer.

ONE DOZEN OF OUR BEST $3.00 CABINETS, THIS WEEK AT **2.00**

Sittings till satisfied. Maid in attendance.

(Photographic Studio, Seventh Floor.)

Choice Candies.

New Year's Confections at Very Special Low Prices.

We have made a special selection of the most popular confections so indispensable at New Year's festivities. Whether as sweetmeats or as relishes or dessert, the purest is always desirable. We have marked our prices so low that every one can have the best.

VANILLA CHOCOLATE } FUDGE; lb., **12**
CREAM ALMONDS; regularly 25c., **15**
ASSORTED FRUIT TABLETS; regularly 20c., **15**
BUTTERCUPS, LEMON COCOANUT, MOLASSES CREAMS, PEPPERMINT STRINGS, WINTERGREEN CREAMS, PEPPERMINT CREAMS, ASSORTED MOLASSES CUTS, SALTED PEANUTS, ASSORTED FIG PASTE, } Special at **12c** Pound.

(Main Floor, East, 18th St.)

Men's and Boys' Linen Collars.

Sizes 12 to 18. Each, **5c**

Yesterday's announcement met with overwhelming response. The Men's Furnishing Store was a scene of activity from store opening until the closing hour.

Almost every style of standing or turn-over Collar made. Collars that were made to be sold at 15c. and 20c.

The usual clear-up of two big manufacturers in Troy. Broken assortments and "seconds." But the imperfections are so minute as to be practically indistinguishable.

ALSO

PLAIN or LINK CUFFS, fine linen, made to sell at 20c. per pair; all sizes; SIX PAIRS FOR **50**

(Main Floor, East, 19th St.)

Wines and Liquors.

Pure and Old, Choicest Table Qualities.
Very Special New Year's Price Inducements.

New Year's Day is marked by genial social functions. For these pleasant occasions we have selected a fine representation of the very pure and old wines and liquors pre-eminent in table qualities. And as for the prices—such inducements have seldom been named before.

IMPERIAL PORT, SHERRY AND MUSCATEL; per gallon, $1.65, full quarts, **48**
QUEEN QUALITY TOKAY AND MADEIRA; per gallon, $2.25; full quarts, **67**
NORMANDY RYE, 10 years old; per gallon, $3.50; full quarts, **1.00**
GOLDEN WEDDING RYE, 7 years old; per gallon, $3.00; full quarts, **87**
CABINET RYE, 6 years old; per gallon, $2.75; full quarts, **75**
OLD CROW AND MT. VERNON WHISKEYS; per gallon, $2.50; full quarts, **65**
MARYLAND PURE RYE; per gallon, $2.00; full quarts, **55**
HENNESSY IMPORTED COGNAC; per gallon, $4.50; per bottle, **1.10**
RAMSAY'S SCOTCH WHISKEY; per gallon, $3.50; per bottle, **85**
KUMMEL, very fine quality; per gallon, $2.35; per bottle, **65**
EMERALD PURE IRISH MALT WHISKEY; per gallon, $3.00; per bottle, **75**
BOLLMAN'S IMPORTED HOLLAND OR REGAL BRAND LONDON TOM GIN, per bottle, **69**
PORT, SHERRY AND SWEET CATAWBA, very choice qualities; per gallon, $1.35, $1.20, $1.10, 95c. and **85**
CLARETS AND RHINE WINES, excellent table qualities; per gallon $1.25, $1.10, 90c., 75c. and **65**

(Fourth Floor.)

World's Greatest Grocery.

Choicest New Year's Necessities and Delicacies.

Everything in abundance for the festal board—the staff of life, with all those delicacies that add zest and relish to the repast. Purity and freshness is the main note. But we have not forgotten the important matter of the purse. And so prices have been made a matter of the most pleasing moment.

MILLAR'S BELFAST WILD STRAWBERRY OR RASPBERRY JAM, nothing better; 1-lb. Stone Jar, **20**
CAKE—Fresh city-baked Fancy New Year's Cake; 3 lbs. for 25c.; per lb., **10**
PIES—Special Home-Made Mince and Pumpkin Pies, finest quality; light, flaky crusts, best fillings; large family size, **25**
CAKE—Steel Drake Pound Cake; plain, raisin, citron and marble; per lb., **15**
SMELTS—Large, Selected Boston Smelts; 3 lbs. for 25c.; per lb., **10**
Extra fancy dry-picked, freshly dressed SPRING TURKEY, from the farms of N. Y. State, Rhode Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Also a FANCY LINE of POULTRY, GAME, etc., at the market's LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.
ROAST BEEF—Extra fancy Native Prime Rib Roast Beef, per lb., **16**
LAMB—Leg of Extra Fancy Canada Spring Lamb, per lb., **14**
CHEESE, finest qualities Herkimer Co. American full Cream Cheese, per lb., **15**
CHEESE, new arrival "Societe" Roquefort Cheese, exceedingly choice quality, very dainty and delicious, per lb., **38**
CIDER—FINEST QUALITY ORANGE COUNTY GOLDEN RUSSET SWEET CIDER, double clarified; per gallon (including jug), **35**
CHEESE, the genuine imported Swiss Cheese, per lb., **27**
ORANGES, large, juicy, thin-skin Jamaica Oranges, doz., **25**
LEMONS, fancy, large, juicy Messina Lemons, doz., **15**
TABLE RAISINS, Garrett's famous Malaga Clusters; richest and finest flavored fruit; 5½-lb. box, **1.10**
Garrett's famous Malaga Clusters, per lb., **20**
BUTTER—Extra Fancy Creamery Butter, fine flavor, color, and very sweet. 5-lb. Stone Crock, **1.53**
NUTS—Best quality, new mixed Nuts; per lb., **15**
PEEL—Fancy glace Leghorn Citron, Lemon or Orange Peel; per lb., **15**
GRAPES—Fancy large fruited Malaga Clusters; per lb., **20**
ONIONS—Very choice Connecticut white boiling Onions; per qt., **10**
TURNIPS—Choice Yellow Turnips; 3 lbs. for **5**
MILLAR'S BELFAST BITTER ORANGE MARMALADE, packed expressly for us; 1-lb. Stone Jar, **15**
BEETS—Fancy new Southern Globe Beets; large bunch, **5**
PINEAPPLE—Fancy large, smooth Cayenne Indian River Pineapple, direct from the groves, each, **50**
SEEDED RAISINS—"Fountain" Brand fancy 3-crown coast seeded Raisins, 1-lb. pkge., **12**
CURRANTS—"Fountain" Brand fancy new Amalia cleaned Currants, 1-lb. carton, **9**
PLUM PUDDING—"Fountain" Brand English Plum Pudding, 1-lb. can, **15**
TOMATOES—"Shiloh" fancy red ripe meaty Jersey tomatoes, can, **10**
SQUASH—Romain's dry-packed marrow squash, 3 lb. can, **11**
COFFEE—"Guadarali" blend of fancy Padang, Java and Arabian Mocha, 3 lbs. for $1.00; per lb., **38**
TEA—Highest quality first spring pickings, Formosa Oolong, Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Japan, English Breakfast, India, Ceylon teas exceptionally choice cup qualities, 5 lbs., $2.25; per lb., **48**
PUMPKIN—"Vacation" brand dry-packed Golden Pumpkin, can, **10**

(Fourth Floor.)