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From the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Edward H. Johnson, who has several aliases, was arrested here yesterday afternoon and taken to Covington, where later he was put on board a Louisville and Nashville train, in irons, to be taken to the Nashville Penitentiary to serve out an unexpired sentence. The story of this man Johnson's career reads like a detective romance, and proves, moreover, the truth of the old saw that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

As early as 1865 Johnson made his debut in criminal life, being one of several engaged in an express robbery in St. Louis. He turned State's evidence, "peached" on his "pals," and was released. He was next heard of in connection with anything at all "brilliant" in 1873. In that year he was the hero of a cleverly-planned and boldly executed robbery of the Southern Express Company in Memphis, in which he and Mat Morris, known to the police of the country as "Pittsburg Mat," and another pal named Eggleston, secured a "[illegible] strick."

The plan, which has furnished the model similar robberies since, had a touch of genius in it. The operators secured an office on Madison street, between Main and the river, in the line of the heavy money deliveries, and then one of the gang went out of town and sent "the firm" a small money package. When the messenger entered to deliver this real or bogus money envelope all was in readiness—a sack was thrown over his head, his cries were smothered, and when he had been overpowered his satchel was taken from him. It contained, as said, over $10,000. The messenger, who had been badly hurt, was left for dead and the gang crossed the Mississippi to Hopefield, Ark., in the outskirts of which town the robbers divided their booty and scattered.

The elder Pinkerton was then in the prime of his faculties, and on being given charge of the case laid his plans shrewdly. Johnson had a wife living at Cairo, and there Pinkerton established himself and made Mrs. Johnson's acquaintance. In two weeks he had his "pointer," and Johnson was soon afterward captured in Missouri and taken to Memphis for trial. The State made a clear case, and the sentence, twenty-one years in the Penitentiary at Nashville, fairly stunned the dashing criminal. He was equal to any emergency almost, however, and had served only six months of his long term when he escaped in a furniture wagon, whose driver he bribed with a bogus check for $[illegible] to hide him under the load of furniture which had been manufactured in the prison. He almost immediately went to Caseyville, Ky., and robbed the Post Office there. He was arrested again, and was identified by the sheriffs as having been engaged in the famous Memphis job. He was returned to Nashville, where, after several bold but ineffectual attempts to escape, he had, through friends, a "good conduct" time law passed by the Legislature, and after having served in all thirteen years, was taken out and discharged under a writ of habeas corpus, heard before Judge Reid. This law was afterwards found unconstitutional, and a reward of $[illegible] was offered for the return of the prisoner to serve his unexpired term.

Chief Whalen, of the Louisville police, obtained a photograph of Johnson about a year ago from Chief Corrigan, of the Nashville force, and has since then been on the out look for the celebrity. This week Johnson was spotted in an Abigail street boarding-house, this city, being recognized through his picture. Col. Whalen came here and calling to his aid Detective Wappenstein, several boarding-houses were searched in vain. The officers did not give up the chase, however, and finally ran up against their man in a hoop-pole commission house on the Public Landing. He was told that he was wanted and waited. On being given his choice of going to jail here and awaiting a redistricting or going back with Col. Whalen to Nashville, he chose the latter.

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