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Stories of the Bank of England.

There is much that is romantic in the history of the Bank of England. Had it not been for a clever director the bank would have probably suffered a fatal reverse about a century ago. A panic occurred among the bank-note holders, and spread to an alarming extent almost before the bank people became aware of what was going on. One morning, just after the opening of the bank, an angry and excited crowd thronged the street demanding cash for their notes. There was, it is said, actually double the money in notes in the hands of that mob than there was gold in the coffers of the institution, a circumstance that, naturally enough, presented a predicament of a bad sort. Gold must be got for every claimant, and that would take time. The directors sent employees with notes into the crowd, whose claims were met first, each being paid in sixpences and shillings. Many men walked away with sacks of shillings over their backs, satisfied; and the time gained by this method of payment saved the bank, every claim being paid.

It is said that but one person has ever succeeded in breaking into the bank. One day, rather more than thirty years ago, the directors received an anonymous letter stating that the writer thereof would meet any person the bank might designate in the bullion-rooms at midnight, upon condition, however, that the individual so designated be not armed. At first, of course, it was thought this unique suggestion was a hoax. But, as a precaution, officers searched the bullion-vaults thoroughly to satisfy themselves that nothing had chanced that would enable any man to enter these rooms. They waited throughout the night, but beyond hearing a peculiar scraping sound that they attributed to rats, nothing of a suspicious nature was heard or seen.

A week later, however, the directors were staggered at receiving a box in which lay several securities from the bank vaults. There was also a note stating that if the directors would send a man to the vaults at midnight the writer would meet him there, after having broken in from the outside.

So a number of bank employees went down into the vaults at the appointed hour and waited. Finally the scraping noise was again heard, and a light appeared at one end of the vaults. The light, however, vanished on their approach. Then a man's voice, issuing, as it seemed, from the ground right under their feet, commanded them to put out their lanterns, and the speaker would reveal himself. The lanterns were extinguished, and a man carrying a dark lantern came on the scene. He explained that he was a sewer-cleaner, and that he had discovered a disused drain that ran directly into the bank vaults. He had taken nothing

so the bank gave him a reward, it is said, ran into the thousands. When one enters the Bank of England, no matter by what door, four pairs of eyes watch him, though he is unaware of the act. Situated close to the doors are recesses in which are seated four guardians of the institution. One cannot see them, but they can watch one closely with the aid of reflecting mirrors, affording a view of both one's entrance and one's exit as well as of every movement made from the time of entrance to the time of departure.—Harper's Weekly.

The Cities' Debt to Judge Gantt.

With the reorganization of the Missouri Supreme Court today, Judge James B. Gantt retires from the bench. In the twenty years of his supreme judicial service Judge Gantt has done a great work for the cities of Missouri.

His opinions construing the powers of cities, notably his opinion in the Kansas City Park Law case, have been singularly forceful and progressive. Of course, in reaching and pronouncing judgment, Judge Gantt had to have the co-operation of at least a majority of the other members of the court. But it is not an invidious distinction to say that the leading mind in the decisions was his. And the forward position taken by the court Judge Gantt fortified by such able reasoning that it is a part of the unquestioned and unquestionable jurisprudence of Missouri.—Kansas City Star.

Money in Pecan Culture.

The owner of an eighty acre pecan orchard in south Georgia recently refused an offer of \$1,600 for an acre of it. This orchard is twelve years old. It has probably been bearing from five to six years. It is estimated that pecan orchards can be brought to bearing age at a cost of \$40 or less an acre.

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Dr. Williams to Preach.

Dr. Z. M. Williams, of Lexington, the president of Central College for Women, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Williams is a fine preacher and has many friends in Richmond who will welcome him on this occasion. Special music at both services.—Richmond Conservator.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Traders Bank of Lexington, Mo., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting will be held in the banking room of Traders Bank in Lexington, Mo., on Monday, January the ninth, 1911, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon.

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