TRUE DETECTIVE STORIES



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worked exclusively as a bank borgier. Hence the name, "Gopher Bill," which was bestowed upon him by his Tedends in token of this persistency. As long as Gopher 8 ryeight was keen and his muscles and the copher bill, and the second of the second

isali.

Bot there came a day when he could no inderecals an iron fence at a bound nor work a drill while necessary. And on that days he began to do what any bither moneyless old man must do—pick up odd jobs, but Gopher lesser tasis were like his greater onea-priminal. He predicted counterfeft money, run errande and sojentimes were through a house if the windows were low, unlocked, and he was sure no one was at homs.

and sopicitimes' went through a bone if the windows were low, unlocked, and he was sure no one was a filt now more a particular occasion when Gopher, to making \$2\$ for himself, made an ecornous amount of krouble far others. While I was in charge of the Kribadephia division of the Secret Service and of companion of Gopher came into my office one day and told mae he had some news. It is equivalent to the mean in a key store buying keys. He questioned told me he had some news. It is said he had seen the old man in a key store buying keys. He questioned the Newcasta (Delaware) pitton and give them to "Big Frank" McCoy, who was serving time for the robbery of a bank in Wilmington. Gopher told my informant that he was going to run over with the keys the next morring and that on the night of the same state of the same same states, and I knew the Information was more than likely to be correct. Bol wrote to the Warden and selegarsphed the postmater at Wilmington a request to deliver the letter in person immediately. Two days that I was supprised to peak the morning newspapers that "Big Frank" had escaped from Newcastle prison the night Gopher and he would go. I yha assounded. My letter should have reached the warden in plenty of time to warm him, and him referration to the Postmaster I had told him of McCoys what was the matter.

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"Did you get a letter from men? I asked.

"Yes, I did," be said; "but when the Postonaster delivered it to me I was how at something else, put it in my pecket and did not not it until to-dey."

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A proposition which I advocated further investigation. Phylodian love furth to may and after I returned. Phylodian overruide, on the ground that the matter concerned the Batte of Delavare rather than the training of the latter of the proposition which is advocated further investigation. In this if was sever captured and the latter of the latter

"Well, old Jim was a great friend of mine, and when he was about to die he sent for me. He was high in bed, herdly able to this chore a whisper, but when I sat down beside him he put his hand out from under the covers and clasped mine. Gopher, sid he, you're always been on the square with me, and now that I am about to the I want to will you my card he, you're always been on the square with me, and now that I am about to the I want to will you my card on the square with me, and now that I am about to the I want to will you my card on the square with me, and now that I am about to the I want to will you my for counterfeit money all over I remaylvahile. When they want any stuff they write to me. Part of them know me by my own name and send their letters in care of a salcon in Filbert street. The others know me as Jim Martin and send their corders in care of a salcon in Filbert street. The others know me as Jim Martin and send their corders and affilt the orders yourself."

"By good rights, you see, I should have had all of Jim's business—but I haven't had it. One of the salcons has held out on me, The fellow who runs it self. That's how I know this Pennsy hand farmer is coming. I've got what that he wrote to the other salcons has held out on me, The fellow who runs it conting. I've got what that he wrote to the other salcons has held out on me, The fellow who runs it could not start the salcons and the salcons has held out on me, The fellow who runs it could not start to the other than the salcons has held of Jim's business—but I haven had all start to the other their salcons and the salcons has held of the salcons and t

when I'll not point out the man to you," and Gopher, and further negotiations were off, as I expected they would be.

When I went back to the office I wrote a letter to the chief of the series easing him to send M. W. Hall to Towanda, I'a, to await orders from me, which would be to the series as string him to send M. W. Hall to Towanda, I'a, to await orders from me, which hall and Bates I forwarded the draft of a letter, which I saked them to copy and mail, one letter to be directed to Jim Rogers and the other to Jim Martin. The letter was a follows—to down to the city next week. I what you would let me know whether you have any high grade stuff, either paper or divisor. I am analous to get hold of a little If it's the kind I want."

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The letter was copied and sent, Hall alguing his note "Emory Powers," and directing it to Jim Rogers, and Dates signing his letter "William Stark," and directing it to Jim Martin,

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In each intance a reply was received almost by return mail. Bates received a letter from old topher Bill Minuself, as I knew from the handwriting. Bill, however, merely told his correspondent to come and see him when, her eacher Philidelphik.

Hall's letter was apawered by a man whom I shall call Morn, since I understand be is now isading a computatively decret life and has reputable related to the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the men of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know who here are the seed of Riogers, but I know here the seed of Riogers are the seed of Riogers and Riogers and Riogers are the seed of Riogers and Riogers are the Riogers and Riogers are the seed of Riogers and Riogers are the Riogers and Riogers and Riogers are the Riogers and Riogers are the Riogers and Riogers and Riogers and Riogers are the Riogers and Riogers a

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THE CAPTURE OF " "GOPHER BILL,"

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deckre they knew well, was tall and lean, while the men who came to deat, in his name were tho opposite. Bates carried out his latitudies to the letter. Playing the part of a sceptical old farmer, he resed for some time to do bustness at all. Bill at first attempted to reasure him with general, satisfart ments, and finally told the story of how old Jim had died and willed him his customers. This explanation satisfied Bates and he bought two bundred trade statisfied Bates and he bought two bundred trade

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It is a sease of Morean I thought I saw an opportunity to see his incripinating letter to Hall as evidence sgalant him. Li order to do so, however, it was necessary, to devise a way to get him to identify, it without knowing he was doing so. After, photographing he letter I therefore to row out he words in write the contract of the sease of the seas

Tom Marple, the chief deputy, and he put the old man under arrest.

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Marple and I then started for Moran's saloon. As
we drew near the place Moran came out and walked
down the hitreet to our direction. Moran knew Marple
well, as he tild me, and when he met us he extended
a hand to each in salutation. Each of our graened a
hand and shook it. Each of us hedd the hand we
grapped. As the duration of the greeting seemed to



William H. Robinso

Moran to be a little prolonged, he looked first at Mar-ple, then at me, in a startled nort of way. He tried to pull his hands sway. They were fast.

"Come with me," said Marple. "You are under streat."

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