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THE CLOSED DOOR

Its Secret Is Finally Revealed

By CLARISSA MACKIE

The landlord of the Foxboro inn drew aside the heavy curtain and looked out into the gathering dusk. He dropped the drapery and turned back into the pleasant, fire lit smoking room, where Frank Landis was enjoying an after dinner pipe of tobacco.

"I advise you not to set out tonight, Mr. Landis," warned the landlord as he went back to his chair.

"It's only ten miles to Riverbank. I can make it in half an hour," protested Landis, knocking the ashes from his pipe and placing it in his pocket.

"You don't understand this clay soil, Mr. Landis. I'm apparently trying to retain a very popular guest here overnight; but, on the contrary, I'm actually worried about you."

"Thanks, Smith; I believe you," said the other heartily, "but I've promised to be in Riverbank tonight, and I'm going to try for it if I have to walk part of the way."

"Very well, then. I'll try to make you as comfortable as possible. Do you want Joe to bring your car around?"

"If you please." Landis was shrugging himself into a heavy motorcoat and tying a leather cap over his ears. The storm was plainly audible now. The wind howled dismally, and the rain poured against the windowpanes in a drumming accompaniment.

"I may be making a mistake," he hesitated, sotto voce, "but I promised Robinson I'd get that money to him tonight. No one could have suspected that I started forth with ten thousand in cash in my pockets to help my old friend out of a tight squeeze, so why should I be afraid of a holdup? Brace up, Frank, my lad! I believe this confoundedly comfortable room has softened you against braving the storm. If my reaching there tonight will save Robinson a few hours' worry I'll do it."

Ten minutes later his little runabout moved swiftly down the bluestone driveway from the Foxboro inn.

The lamplights cut the darkness like a knife. The directions were simple enough. "Straight ahead," Smith had said, and straight ahead the road led between high wooded banks. The trees groaned and creaked as the wind and rain lashed at them; the heavy rain swished against the protecting hood and drowned the noise of the motor.

For a short distance the road was comparatively smooth and hard. Then it grew softer, and the machine labored heavily. Beyond the triangular points of light on the sticky soil ahead of the car all was midnight blackness.

"If I've got to stick fast I hope it will be in front of the halfway house," muttered Landis as the little machine bumped and tottered over the rutty road.

For awhile the way lay smoother, and then again it became impassable. All at once the runabout seemed to sink up to the hubs in mud, grunted helplessly and at last was silent and motionless as Landis shut off the power.

"The devil!" quoth Landis, thrusting his head from beneath the apron and surveying the blackness all about him. "What am I to do?"

He climbed out of the machine and stepped down into the oozy mud. It was over his shoe tops. He detached one of the lamps and threw its white glare into the blackness.

What he saw was far from reassuring. On either side of him tall trees bent their heads to a wild gray sky and a downpour of rain. A little beyond him there seemed a break in the trees, and after turning the light steadily upon it for a few minutes he could discern the ruins of an old house.

There were a broken backed roof and a sagging porch across the front, gaping windows and from somewhere the rushing roar of a river.

"The halfway house!" ejaculated Landis in dismay. "Well, I guess I better tramp back to the Foxboro inn or else spend the night in the car"—

He turned swiftly, suddenly aware that something was happening to the car. There was a strong smell of gasoline and then a roar and upward rush of flames from the stalled machine. The heavy rain partly extinguished the flames as fast as they found new foothold, but there were plenty of protected parts that furnished fuel for the flames.

The glare lighted up the dark roadway, and as Landis stared, for the moment stunned by the unexplained happening, a dark figure appeared on the other side of the car, scrambled and slipped up the embankment and melted into the darkness beyond the circle of flame.

Then was Landis aroused to action. He was about to climb the embankment in pursuit of that mysterious fleeing form when he saw that it had dropped down to the road once more a hundred feet beyond and was crossing rapidly over to the ruined halfway house.

As he looked the flames that enveloped the car were extinguished by the steady downpour of rain, and all was dark again.

"I guess it won't be a dull night if I can lay my hands on that individual!" he muttered as he plunged through the mud toward the halfway house.

Ahead of him other feet hurried toward the house. They were always in advance of him—up the broken steps to the sagging porch—within the creaking door into the mysterious gloom of the deserted house.

Landis hesitated there in the hall.

Tiptoeing up the stairs was a man's tall, lean form. Landis only saw his spare back and thin legs clad in black trousers with a loose raincoat flapping about his feet.

As the beam from the pocket lamp shot athwart the wall at his right the man leaped upward out of range of it.

Although danger and perhaps death lurked there at the head of the stairs, Landis was determined to end the mystery that had come upon him with the burning of the car. He extinguished the lamp, and, with his revolver ready, he crept silently up the stairs, alert for a sound from the man waiting above.

He saw nothing, heard nothing.

As he reached the head of the stairs something rushed at him out of the gloom—something that twined long arms about him and tried to throw him backward down the stairs.

"Let go or I'll shoot!" warned Landis as he struggled with the man.

There was no reply, only his assailant took a fresh hold. Lean fingers strove to catch at the motorist's throat, but the heavy fur coat served Landis a good turn now. He was enabled to wriggle out of its folds, which he left in the man's hands, while he plunged recklessly into the darkness. He banged into a solid wall, followed it down to an open doorway and turned into a room just as the man came running lightly after him.

Landis snapped on his light and saw a square room with a closed door in the rear wall. The door must lead to another room, and there was a wooden bar fitted into a socket that secured it. Two windows in the room were without glass, and through them the rain beat relentlessly, and the roar of the river was very plain.

Landis saw this in one sweeping glance before his assailant appeared in the doorway—a tall, lean form of a man with glaring black eyes and fierce smile.

"Robinson!" yelled Landis. "You? Why, man, what are you doing here? I was on my way to take the money to you."

"I know it," laughed the other fiendishly. "I know it. I've tracked you from Foxboro. I'll take the money now—now, Landis! Hand it over or by heaven you'll never leave this house alive!".

Landis stared. Was his friend mad? This Robinson was the man he was going to serve—to lend him $10,000, for which he had the cash in his pockets.

"You'll get the money in proper form in Riverbank tomorrow morning, Jim," he said calmly.

"I'll have it now. I shall never go back to Riverbank. I'm going to South America, and I need it to start afresh with. If I make a pile you'll get it back. If I don't, you won't be bothered with me again."

"You're crazy," said Landis, turning to the other door. "Come with me, Jim, and forget your worries. You've had a lot of trouble, and I guess you're pretty nervous. Come along, and walk back to Riverbank"—

"Never!" yelled the crazed financier, leaping at Landis, who ducked and ran for the closed door.

Robinson was upon him instantly, curved his long fingers around his benefactor's neck and choked him into half consciousness. Then when Landis sank limply to the floor, powerless to check his assailant, the other's fingers searched his clothing for the $10,000 in cash.

He snatched at Landis' leather wallet, and the fallen man watched him in helpless anger as the robber opened it and saw the thick mass of banknotes. Still holding it in his hand, Robinson kicked Landis away from the closed door, thrust up the bar, opened the door, passed through, slamming the door behind him.

Landis thought he heard Robinson yell once after that, but the wind and rain and rush of the river deadened all other sounds.

The electric pocket lamp lay on the floor, its white glare lighting the bare boards and throwing the upper part of the room in deep shadow. Landis lay there for several hours before he could arouse himself from the stupor which had resulted from Robinson's brutal attack upon him.

Then the first gray light of dawn gave him courage to rouse himself and investigate. The first thing he did was to open the closed door to find where his assailant had fled.

As it swung inward Landis uttered a startled cry and stepped back.

The door opened into empty space. It overhung the rushing river, and the balcony that had once adorned that second story room had fallen off no one knew when.

Jim Robinson, his false friend, had stepped through that door into eternity.

Landis leaned forth, faint and sick with apprehension.

There was no sign of Robinson, but caught among the rocks below was Landis' leather wallet, containing the little fortune.

Hours afterward, when Landis arrived in Riverbank with a farmer's wagon towing what was left of his little runabout, he found the little town in an uproar of excitement.

James Robinson, its principal citizen, had fallen, and his dead body had just been washed up on the banks near the railroad bridge.

They said it was a clear case of suicide, but Landis had seen his false friend walk through the door that separated life from death, and he knew the truth.

"Comparisons Are Odious."

When little Amy was three years old she was taken to visit her maternal grandmother. During her stay the entire household made much of her, and on her departure she was hugged and kissed and wept over by each member of the affectionate family in turn. The scene made a deep impression on her young mind.

A visit to her father's home followed. At the conclusion of it her paternal grandmother and her Aunt Mabel stood smilingly waving their adieus to the little one until the carriage was out of sight.

Amy's mother was beginning to wonder what made her so unusually quiet when a solemn little voice rang out from her corner of the carriage:

"Not a tear shed!"—Youth's Companion.

Famous Pens.

The collecting of pens that have been owned by or associated with famous personages is a hobby that has attracted some collectors, though the pursuit is an expensive one. A well worn gold pen used by Charles Dickens brought $200 at a sale of his effects. A pen made out of wood from a box owned by George Washington, the box having been made from a desk brought to America by the Mayflower, is valued at $2,500.—Exchange.

The Dead Revived.

In a scientific weekly we read the headline, "Can the Dead Be Revived?" They are revived every performance at the Metropolitan Opera House. It is a most encouraging symptom to see corpses arise from the stage after the curtain falls and bow their appreciation of the applause.—Musical Courier.

Sarcastic.

Hawkshaw Holmes—I wish to be vaccinated. Doctor—What's your business? Hawkshaw Holmes—I'm a detective. Doctor—Stand out of line, please, and give somebody else a chance. There is no danger of your ever catching anything.—Boston Globe.

Public Local Laws

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CHAPTER 555.

AN ACT to repeal Section 26 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1902, entitled An Act to repeal Article 6, Sections 116 to 134, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Caroline County," sub-title "Federalsburg," and also "Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1894," and to re-enact said Section 26 with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 26 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1902, entitled An Act to repeal Article 6, Section 116 to 134 inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Caroline County," sub title "Federalsburg," and also "Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1894" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SECTION 26. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners may pass such by-laws and ordinances as they shall deem necessary and for the good government of said town and the inhabitants thereof; also for the prevention, removal or abatement of nuisances; to prevent swine, geese, and other fowls and animals or stock from going at large; for controlling the erection and location of buildings, fences, stock-enclosures, and for prohibiting and controlling the use of powder, firearms, firecrackers and other explosives; for the protection of public property, sidewalks, shade, or ornamental trees from destruction and injury; for the paving of sidewalks and assessing and taxing the expenses thereof in whole or in part upon the respective owners of property fronting thereon; for a license or tax on public exhibitions or amusements of all kinds, billiard, pool or bagatelle tables, and ten pin alleys, and for the collection of the same; for a tax on persons for each dog kept by them, and to cause any dog to be killed; for the promotion of morality, health, convenience and safety of the inhabitants of said town, and for the locating, opening, constructing, straightening, widening, extending, improving, draining, paving, repairing, closing or sewering of streets, lanes and alleys of said town, whether done exclusively by said Commissioners, or in conjunction with, or under the supervision of, the State Roads Commission; and all damages done and all benefits received by the locating, opening, constructing, straightening, widening, extending, improving, draining, paving, repairing, closing, or sewering of said streets, lanes or alleys shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town; to be appointed by said commissioners, who shall, within a reasonable time after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a Justice of the Peace for Caroline County, that they will faithfully fairly and impartially, without prejudice, value and assess in money the loss or damage to be suffered and incurred, as well as benefits to be received, by any person interested in property, over, through and near the said street, lane or alley to be located, opened, constructed, straightened, widened, extended, improved, drained, paved, repaired, closed or sewered, and they shall return the same in writing under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualification, before a Justice of the Peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the said commissioners, which said valuation and assessments shall be ratified or rejected by the said commissioners as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners in ratifying or rejecting said award or return, or in the amount of compensation awarded, benefits assessed, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days after ratification or rejection, to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury, and the judgment of the said Court shall be final among the parties to such appeal; provided, that the person taking such appeal shall within ten days apply to the said commissioners for the same in writing, and within twenty days thereof cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid a copy of said award filed with the said commissioners, together with a copy of the order of said commissioners, ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto, and the said corporation shall be liable for and tender the damages thus assessed and determined by the said court, if such decision is rendered against them, to the persons entitled, or, if rejected, to hold the same to his credit and for his use, or shall collect or receive any amount to which the decision of the said Court may entitle them, and the said commissioners shall have full power to assess and levy, either generally on the whole assessable property of said town, or especially on the property of persons so assessed to be benefited thereby, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expenses that they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, constructing, straightening, widening, extending, improving, draining, paving, repairing, closing or sewering, the whole or any part of any street, lane or alley in said town, and to collect the same in the manner hereinbefore provided for the collection of the general tax levy.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11th, 1912.
P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH,
Governor.

JESSE D. PRICE,
President of the Senate.
JAMES McC. TRIPPE,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Sonate.

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JOHN R. SULLIVAN,
Secretary of the Senate.

CHAPTER 604.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments certan sections of the Code of Public Local Laws Article 6 title "Caroline County" sub-title "Denton."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that Sections 81, 82, 86, 91, 93 and 94 of article 6 title "Caroline County" sub-title "Denton," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

81. They shall meet at such place as they may appoint within said town on the second Monday of every month ensuing their election and as much oftener as they shall deem necessary.

82. That the said Commissioners shall elect a President of their Board and appoint a Clerk, a Bailiff, a Treasurer, one or more assessors of taxes, and one or more policemen. The said Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person.

86. The Treasurer shall be appointed from among the Citizens of said town qualified to vote for the Commissioners and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give bond to the State of Maryland with two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the said Commissioners in such penalty as the said Commissioners shall prescribe conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Treasurer to the said Corporation of Denton, and that he will well and faithfully receive, account for and disburse all monies placed in his hands or received by him for the use of said corporation, and shall well and truly pay over to his successor in office or to the order of said Commissioners, signed by their Clerk and countersigned by their President all said monies and shall perform all other duties of his office according to law and the ordinances of said Commissioners; he shall keep full and correct accounts of all monies received by him with the sources from which the same were received and the dates of such receipts and of the disbursements made by him with the dates of such disbursements, and the persons to whom and on what account the same were made.

91. The taxes to be levied on the property so made liable to be valued and assessed shall be liens on the real estate of the person so indebted from the day on which the tax lists shall be delivered to the said Treasurer or person appointed and authorized to receive and collect the same; but no sale of real estate shall be made until after the personal estate of said tax payer, within the limits of said Town, shall have been first taken and sold for the payment thereof.

93. As soon after the expiration of the time for hearing appeals as is practicable they shall proceed to ascertain the amount necessary to be levied for the use of the said corporation and the rate of taxation; and shall cause to be made and delivered to the Treasurer a book containing an alphabetical list of the taxpayers in said town, together with the aggregate assessment of each and the rate of taxation and the amount of taxes due and owing from each taxpayer under said levy and assessment.

94. That immediately upon the receipt by him of the book specified in the preceding section, the Treasurer shall proceed to collect all taxes levied by the said Commissioners; and if any person shall neglect or refuse to pay said taxes on demand then the Treasurer shall furnish to such person an account showing the aggregate of his tax, or if he be absent, deliver the same at the place of his last residence, and unless the same be paid to the treasurer within thirty days after such account shall be delivered the Treasurer may seize and sell the property assessed or any other of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the person so refusing or neglecting to pay within the limits of said town after giving at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale by written or printed handbills set up in two public places in said town or by advertisement in some newspaper published therein. And whenever real estate is sold as aforesaid the Treasurer or the person making such sale shall report the same to the Circuit Court for Caroline County which shall take and exercise jurisdiction over said sale and cause such proceeding to be taken and had looking to the ratification thereof as is or may be hereafter provided by law for the ratification of tax sales in this State; provided, however, that no sale of real estate as aforesaid shall be ratified to the purchaser thereof, his heirs or assigns, if the person against whom said tax was assessed, his heirs or assigns shall within six months after said sale pay into Court to be paid to the purchaser thereof, the whole amount of the purchase money, together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum per annum and cost.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11th, 1912.
P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH,
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CHAPTER 579.

To The General Assembly of Maryland, January Session, 1912:—

Whereas, The present iron bridge, generally known as "Denton Bridge," spanning the Choptank River, for the purpose of free travel to and from Denton, the County seat of Caroline County, may be said to have outlived its usefulness and is inadequate for the accommodation for the present and constantly increasing movement of teams and traffic thereover, (largely because of its only being a single track bridge), and,

Whereas, The present Board of County Commissioners for Caroline County have determined to remove the same, and are arranging for the construction of a modern up-to date double track bridge for travel for both teams and pedestrians, numerous citizens and taxpayers of Caroline County are asking that the old "one track iron bridge" now spanning the Choptank River at Denton, when removed, be taken further up the said River to a point on the West side thereof known as "Downes Wharf" and there to substantially re-construct the same across the said Choptank River, connecting it by causeway, etc., with the mainland of the East and West sides of said River. This will benefit a large and fertile agricultural section steadily increasing in population and wealth on both sides of the River and thereby place those of the West side of the River together with the citizens of the thriving and progressive town of Ridgely, approximately close to the State Road which is already constructed on the East side of said Choptank River, and,

Whereas, The facts as above set forth would be a benefit not only to the people of the section specifically referred to, but because the increased assessable basis made by the impetus thus given, would be a lasting benefit to Caroline County as a whole. To this end the General Assembly of Maryland for 1912, is respectfully asked to empower and require the County Commissioners for Caroline County to raise money, by levy or otherwise, to so locate and construct the old "one track iron bridge" (when they remove it from its present location) by the passage of the following bill:—

A Bill Entitled An Act to empower and require the County Commissioners of Caroline County to move and re-construct the old single track iron bridge (known as Denton Bridge) further up the Choptank River at or near a point on the West side of said River known as "Downes Wharf," and to provide for free travel between the East and West sides of said River at or near said "Downes Wharf" in Caroline County, and build such roads as are necessary to connect same with other public roads necessary to properly open said bridge to public travel.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to move and re-construct in a substantial manner the old single track iron bridge now spanning the Choptank River, at Denton, (when removed and supplanted by a new bridge at Denton) to or near a point further up the River known as "Downes Wharf," on the West side of said River, the object being to connect in the most direct and practical manner with the County road on the West side leading from the old brick mill site to Denton, and known as the "River Road," and on the East to connect with the public road leading from "Passipees Landing" to the State Road, the exact position to be determined by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, provided, however it shall not be higher up the River than "Passipees Landing" nor further down the River than "Downes Wharf," and the said County Commissioners of Caroline County are hereby empowered and authorized to acquire by condemnation, purchase or otherwise, all the lands and materials necessary for the removal and re construction of said old single track iron bridge, and its abutments, causeways and connections for the convenience of public travel, and said bridge when so removed and re-construced shall be maintained and be kept in proper repair by Caroline County as a free bridge. In the event of the acquirement of lands and materials as aforesaid by condemnation, the procedure shall be the same as that presented by Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland for the condemnation of property by Corporations (that is to say by Section 360 to 365, both inclusive, of said Article as contained in the Code of 1904, together with all amendments thereof or supplements thereto).

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That the abutments of said bridge, and pier and foundation for the support and action of the draw connected therewith shall be built in a most secure and substantial manner; the present draw to be removed with, and considered as a part of the old bridge and to be so placed in re-construction as to afford convenient passage to boats up and down the River which shall at all times be open on the apppoach of vessels so as not to delay or interrupt their passage.

SECTION 3. Be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy on the assessable property of Caroline County such sums of money as may be necessary to carry out and secure the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. Be it enacted, That there shall be appointed annually by the County Commissioners of Caroline County some competent person to act as bridge keeper, whose duty shall be to attend to the opening and closing of the draw of said bridge when so required, and also to attend to such other duties in regard to keeping said bridge in safe and proper condition for public travel; and the said bridge keeper shall receive for his services such compensation as the said County Commissioners of Caroline County shall deem just and proper, to be provided for in their annual levy.

SECTION 5. And be it further enacted, That the said County Commissioners of Caroline County shall open and construct a suitable county road on each side of said bridge to intersect roads hereinbefore mentioned, to be paid for as other county roads are opened and paid for under the road law of Caroline County.

SECTION 6. And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15th, 1912.
P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH,
Governor.

JESSE D. PRICE,
President of the Senate.
JAMES McC. TRIPPE,
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JOHN R. SULLIVAN,
Secretary of the Senate.

CHAPTER 566.

AN ACT to repeal Sec. 3A of Chap. 388 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of the January Session of 1910, authorizing the County Commissioners of Caroline County to borrow on the credit of said County for the permanent improvement of the public roads and bridges of said County, and to purchase equipments therefor, and to issue bonds for the payment thereof, and to levy taxes on the assessable property of said County to redeem said bonds and to pay the interest thereon.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Sec. 3A of Chap. 388 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of the January Session of 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2 .And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11th, 1912.
P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH,
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Information for Contractors.

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Commissioners of Caroline County, and endorsed "Proposals for building a section of State Aid highway in Caroline County," upon or along the Denton-Willow Pond Road between Denton and Willow Pond, for a distance of about 1.63 miles, will be received by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, at their office, Denton, Md., until 12 o'clock, noon, of the Twenty-first day of May, 1912, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

All bids must be made upon blank forms to be obtained of the State Roads Commission at its office, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Md., must give the prices proposed both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00), payable to the County Commissioners of Caroline County, said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him.

Plans can be seen and forms of specification and contract may be obtained at the office of the State Roads Commission, Baltimore, Md. The County Commissioners of Caroline County reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

By order of the County Commissioners of Caroline County.

WM. H. ANDERSON,
(5-4-3t) Clerk.

Winfield R. Wright--Department Store

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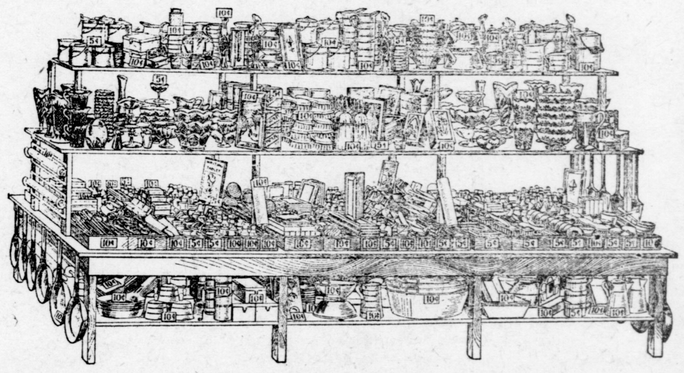

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Number Nine

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Here is a New Jersey method; we quote from a government bulletin:

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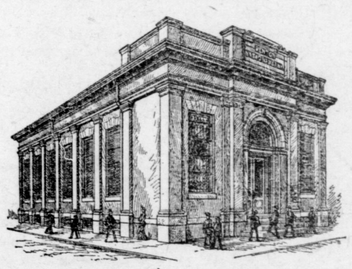

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