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January Clearance Sale
Began Wednesday, Jan. 4, and lasts until
Saturday, January 14th.

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True Detective Stories

BOLAND, ALIAS GARDNER

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WHEN Hyman and Hess, dealers in cloaks and suits on State street, Albany, N. Y., sent a check for \$38.77 to Reis and Blum, garment manufacturers in New York city, they didn't have the slightest idea that they were starting a chain of evidence which would land one of the cleverest crooks in America behind the bars.

A few days later, before the New York firm had had time to report the nonarrival of the check and thus permit Hyman and Hess to look into the matter, a young man came into the National Commercial bank in Albany and presented a check for \$380, made out to "Bearer." The date on the check, filled in with a rubber stamp, corresponded to the day on which it was presented, and the man who handed it to the paying teller mentioned casually that the check "was to cover an option" and that he had to hurry back to New York in order to complete the transaction. The paying teller, feeling certain that the signature was genuine, cashed the check, and the man who had presented it walked out of the bank with \$380 in his pocket.

When Hyman and Hess had their account balanced they found that they were exactly \$380 short—for the original check had never reached its New York destination, but had been lifted out of the mail box by one of a gang of clever criminals, the body of the check erased with an ink eradicator and the date and amount filled in on top of the original signature.

"Only one man in the country could have done that and gotten away with it," growled George A. Fuller, assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton Detective agency, when the bank called the details of the case to his attention.

"It's Boland's work!" "Yes, Boland," replied Fuller. "Or Gardner, as he sometimes calls himself. He's got a regular organization for this sort of thing. Trains boys to loot the mail boxes, washes the checks with an acid preparation of his own invention, writes in a higher amount, makes them payable to 'Bearer,' and then another of his tools cashes them."

"If you know so much about the man," asked the amazed banker, "why hasn't he been arrested long before this?"

"It's easy enough to arrest a man," was Fuller's reply, "but it is sometimes very difficult to convict him. So far as the actual check-raising goes, Boland plays a lone hand. What's more, he pays his men well, and takes care of them if they happen to get caught. So far, none of 'em has turned state's evidence, and until they do—or until we catch Boland red-handed—there's nothing to do but be careful. We've got our eyes on him. He can't move without our knowing it."

Warned by Hyman and Hess check that the Boland outfit was once more conducting operations in New York state, the Pinkerton man kept close watch on all persons suspected of belonging to the organizations, with the result that three men were arrested and sentenced to terms in prison. But all of them steadfastly refused to implicate the "man higher up."

Finally Boland and three of his associates were arrested in Boston, after Fuller had shadowed a boy whom he suspected of robbing a mail box. Dano, the boy, and Devine, another of the organization, drew short terms for petty larceny, but Boland escaped on account of a technicality, and moved to New York where he tried to continue his operations. But the New York police and particularly Commissioner George S. Dougherty, made things so difficult, that he was soon reduced to the expedient of securing checks wherever he could—a necessity which led to the fatal slip which Fuller had predicted.

Out of the mail box of an up-town apartment house, one of Boland's apprentices secured a check for \$50, made out to a real estate company in payment of the rental for one of the apartments. It was child's play for Boland to wash off the original name and amount and to write in the words "Bearer" and "Two Hundred and Eleven Dollars." Once that was done, he had a perfectly good check (apparently) and he sent one of his men down to the bank on which the check was drawn, with minute instructions as to the cashing of it. But the cashier, being suspicious of a check of that size being made out to "Bearer"—particularly as he knew that the woman whose signature appeared upon it was very careful in her financial dealings—declined to cash it, and Boland's man returned with a story of having been watched and therefore very fearful to approach the paying window.

Boland, in a spirit of bravado, again altered the check, this time making it out in the name of "William Hath" and set forth to cash the check himself, something which he had never before attempted. One glance at the odd amount—\$211—and the recollection that a check of similar size had been presented that morning, payable to "Bearer," was enough to convince the paying teller that something was wrong. The Pinkertons were immediately notified and Boland was caught, red-handed.

Fifteen minutes after his case came up in the County court in Brooklyn, Boland was on his way to Sing Sing.

Good Resolutions
 by Mary Graham Bonner

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"WELL, what about some good resolutions for the coming year?" asked daddy.

"I have one or two—that is I have made one or two which I think are good ones," said Nancy.

"So have I," said Nick. "Let's hear them," said daddy, and he settled back in his chair.

"Nancy first," said Nick. "All right," agreed daddy.

"In the first place," said Nancy, "I have made a resolution to get up when I am called in the morning and not make mother or you try to wake me so that you get all tired out. I get lazy in the morning, so lazy, and I think I cannot possibly get along without another little nap."

"It isn't that I haven't slept enough, or that I want to be late to school, for I don't. I love school. It's lots of fun and I like even the work, for I think it is very interesting. But there is something else about my resolution."

"What is that?" asked daddy.

"I know perfectly well that I can go back to sleep for a little while and that some one will see that I really get up in time though it often means that mother has to hurry the breakfast or that Nick has to get my books ready."

"I have known that someone would get me up and look after the things I hadn't time to do, so I have grown selfish about it. That's all. That's resolution number one."

Nick smiled, for he knew how often he had gotten Nancy's books ready. Not that he minded, but still he thought it was fine of Nancy to try to do something which would be hard for her to do. He knew that she loved a "few extra moments" in which to sleep.

"And my second resolution," said Nancy, "is to save half of every penny I get and—"

"That would be hard to do," laughed Nick. "Would you divide the pennies in half really?" he added after a moment.

"No, don't laugh at me," said Nancy. "We aren't really laughing at you at all," said daddy.

"I know it," said Nancy, smiling. "Well, I mean, as Nick knows quite well, only he is such a tease, that whenever I get some money I will

"All Right," Agreed Daddy.

"I thought perhaps you were trying to save a million pennies instead of a million dollars so you would be a millionaire of pennies."

Nancy and daddy laughed. But Nick said:

"Go on, Sis, I want to hear."

"I'm going to put my pennies in a bank and when the summer comes I'm going to give them to some farm for city children. Daddy gave to one last year for both of us. But I'm going to try to do my own share this year. We have a country home but there are lots of children in the city who can't have the country unless someone helps to pay their expenses."

"Great!" said Nick. "That's the right idea. Well, my resolutions don't sound so fine beside yours. But here is one: I've been thinking that sometimes there are children in the hospital here, and that it would be nice if once a week we went to see them and showed them our story books, and took them some of our toys, played games with them—quiet games like Jack Straws. In the springtime we could take any sick children we knew of some flowers, for it must be awfully hard to be sick in the spring. And at Easter time we could take them chocolate bunnies!"

"I've planned to save some of my pennies for the bunnies and sometimes for an extra treat we might take the sick children. And I've also made a resolution to never tease anyone or anything smaller than myself, for that's mean."

Daddy smiled and said, "Two resolutions to be kept are better than dozens of them forgotten the day after New Year's."

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