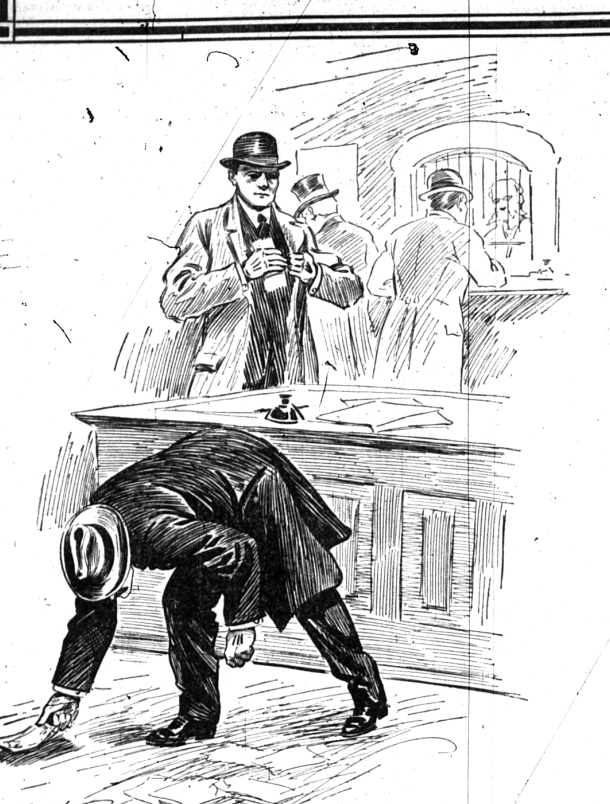


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# The Great Detective

By George Barton

## Frank Macy, Born in Freeport, Ill., Is Doubtful Hero of One of Superintendent Froest's Investigations.



### How the Bulging Genius of This Lad Became Too Large for His Home Town—How He Spread It Out and His Ultimate Downfall—This Is a True Story.

Good, comfortable, old-fashioned home with 50 feet front on Main Street. Fine location, plenty of room, and fine price only \$12,500.

One set on Baginaw street, just south of lead street, 100 feet front on Baginaw street, 100 feet deep, with a fine view of the city. This is a fine home to purchase will find this bargain.

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THIS is a fragment from the biography of a versatile rogue—a man whose adventurous career leaps at a bound from Chicago to Cape Town, Vienna and whose criminal history is a part of the police archives of New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin. Beginning as a prototype of the Artful Dodger, he has gone from pocket-picking to bunco steering, and then ran the entire gamut of crime, stopping only provisionally, perhaps—at murder.

Frank Macy, the doubtful hero of this queer story, was born at Freeport, Ill. There are many old residents in this place who still recall in their very precious baby, a smart boy, and a clever youth. Freeport soon proved to be too small to satisfy his boiling genius, but even before he had his birthplace made little excursions from the paths of virtue which, in the boy, are so often prophetic of the man's career. When he reached his estate he was tall and as straight as an Indian. He had coal-black hair and a sallow complexion, which lighted up brightly whenever he was in humor to be affable with his fellow-man.

It was in Chicago that Frank Macy first distinguished himself in crime. A little more than a dozen years ago an advertisement appeared in the Chicago papers stating that a wealthy widow, about to take a long trip abroad, was willing to sell her favorite horse, "Dobbin". After the money had been paid and within 24 hours, Dobbin began to undergo a most curious transformation. What had been a magnificent specimen of horseflesh began to show strange signs of decrepitude. He shriveled up, as it were; it seems almost impossible to properly describe this marvelous transformation in mere words. It was necessary to be seen to be fully appreciated. Anyone who has seen the tall, erect form of the Jekyll gradually sinking into the personage of the shapeless and miserable Mr. Hyde can get some faint glimpse of the change that occurred when the noble "Dobbin" became a spavined, knock-kneed and degenerate nag that would have made an old street car horse blush for its shame. The instance of the first Dobbin was duplicated, not once, but a dozen times, and after many of the wealthiest men of Chicago had been victimized the police began to investigate. They were stimulated and assisted in their work by John E. White, who, at that time, was in charge of the criminal department of one of the leading papers in Chicago. After a short time it was discovered that the "Gyp" game, as it was called, was being headed by a gang of confidence men, known by Frank Macy. A warrant for his arrest was issued, but before the next chapter in the history of this curious rogue occurred at the

watering place of Margate. A musical instrument dealer of London was taking his holiday at this resort and was enjoying himself in a manner such as is possible only to a London tradesman. As he was strolling along the promenade, he was approached by a man who was following him. The man, who was following him, was a fugitive from justice. He grasped him by the coat. "Mr. Macy," he exclaimed, "I am so glad to see you. You would not let a poor man, would you?" "Fate away," said the versatile character. "I'm having no holiday now and I can't be disturbed by vulgar tradesmen."

When the musical dealer made a thoughtful appeal for his money, Macy refused to give it. He acted with characteristic disregard of conventionalities. He summoned a fisherman and hired him to take him out in a small boat. Macy managed to get ashore and strolled about the African city, admiring the botanic garden and the astronomical observatory and disappearing in the depths of a lowly with the theft of the bank in Leadland street. He walked up and took Macy by the arm and said, "I would like you to go down to the office with me and have a talk over old times."

Tracy made no resistance, and the moment an officer of the law touched him he surrendered without a struggle. The two men proceeded to Scotland Yard and Tracy, when searched, was found to possess the £200 which had been stolen from the depositor in the bank that morning. He was tried for that offense, convicted and served his time.

The versatile rogue is at liberty once again and for the time being is honoring the United States by his presence. This brief sketch is not offered as a panegyric, but as a fragment of the life of a versatile rogue. (Copyright, 1928, by W. G. Chapman)

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