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ry; positively they have succeeded in getting hold of nearly all sorts of things. Rifles they have had several times, and most valuable ones too. They got a horse from Ireland, which they sold in Lincolnshire. They very nearly got a prize cow from Devonshire. Washing-machines are common things with them. Musical instruments are plentiful. Prize pigs, prize turkeys and fowls, and prize dogs they have "boned." Fifty tons of oil-cake, a polar bear, a skeleton from a London school of anatomy, nearly a whole cargo of timber, lots of wine.

Books they don't seem to have much regard for, but nearly everything else they have had through their fingers.

'Latterly,' he continued, 'we have managed to choke them off a little. When the railway people get a parcel or lot of goods which they think is not all square, they send a message to one of us directly, and we hang about till one of the firm comes to make inquiries, and of course we put a stop to the affair at once. Directly we know our customer we send a telegraphic message to the owner of the goods, and the reply immediately is, to stop them leaving the station. Next morning there is a letter, commonly, indeed, a messenger. We gave the public hundreds of pounds' worth of goods in this way.

The firm was always miserably poor, but latterly they must have been near starvation, and probably they will be opening an establishment in some other large town.

'Then you can exercise a little wholesome despotism sometimes,' said I to Mr. Nailen. 'Do these precious rascals never attempt to dispute your authority?'

'Why,' says Mr. Nailen, 'we know our customers pretty well now, you see. When we first attempted this game, they blustered, and perhaps we were rather afraid of burning our fingers, but the names of the members of the Long Firm became so familiar to us, and their persons were so familiar to the police, that we laughed at their threats. They have impudence enough for anything, and perhaps they may try an action some of these days against a detective for detaining their goods.'

'Why,' continued he, after a little pause, for both of us had run aground, and hardly knew what to say, 'they brought a nobleman's agent to Cottonchester one day to get back some prize pigs, but he didn't succeed. The way was this. The nobleman breeds prize animals of nearly every kind, and he had been taken in with some fellows who "bought" a lot of valuable turkeys from him. The transaction was finished by letter, and he never saw the purchasers nor their money either. Well, he had some beautiful fowls and a fine dog stolen from his yards, and soon after he had a letter from Cottonchester asking him to sell a prize bull, and, you see, he fancied the writer might be the fellow who had stolen his fowls and his dog. Moreover he had "sold" some prize pigs to another branch of the firm, and his agent thought he would get them altogether if he came to Cottonchester; but he didn't, and from that day to this, my lord has never seen his animals, nor his animals' worth.'

'Well, sir,' continued the commercial gentleman, 'I was perfectly satisfied with my inquiry, and after shaking hands with Mr. Nailen, and thanking him, I left with the impression that the laws of England were made for honest men, not for thieves. If we had a little bit more of police despotism, it would save honest people a lot of vexation and expense.'

'I am afraid,' said I, 'you gentlemen who cut about the country to sell your goods would be the first to cry out against it. There is no cure,' continued I, as I lighted my candle to go to bed, 'but publicity and common sense. A tradesman should rather run the risk of losing a customer than of losing his money, and no honest man could complain if a dealer asked from him ready money or a reference on his first transaction.'

'You are right, sir; you have about hit the right nail on the head,' said the commercial, as he nodded a good night to me.

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