### [CONTINUED.] THE LONG FIRM.

'You astonish me, Mr. Catty, you do, indeed,' said I; 'and I don't know that there is any use whatever in making any further inquiries.'

'Oh, yes,' he interrupted, 'take this letter to Superintendent Nailem, and if you cannot get your plans again, I promise you you will be interested by his information.'

'Well, sir, I thanked him for his letter and advice,' continued the commercial, 'and after a little trouble I found Mr. Nailem, to whom I related my story, after handing him my letter, and very willing I found him either to assist me in my search or give information.'

'I suppose,' said I, interrogatively, 'Mr. Nailem was as quick to divine your business as Mr. Catty had been?"

'Just so,' says the commercial, 'but he did not hugh, he only smiled. Detectives, you see, consider it unprofessional to laugh in the face of a client, as I snppose I might call myself, and Mr. Nailem only smiled gravely, nodded his head, and house in the city. One of our people saw said 'Ah!'

'Well, then, did you go on with your researches?' I asked.

'No, we went no further,' returned my commercial informant, 'because I saw it was no good to do so; but I got intelligence that both startled and amused me.

'You heard something of the plans of the Long Firm, I suppose, if you did not hear of your own plans?' suggested I.

'Indeed I did,' replied the narrator, 'I asked Mr. Nailem what use the Long Firm could really make of a set of plans that were of no use to any one but engineers, or miners, or railroad speculators.

'Bless you, sir,' said he, they take anything merely for the sake of taking them. They have acquisitiveness very strongly developed, as I have heard a phrenologist say; at the same time, they are remarkably clever in getting quit of whatever a Quaker-headed his letter 'Respected they get hold of. 'Why sir,' be went on, 'would you believe it, they actually got a pulpit one day, and an omnibus the day pay the railway fare, and afterward after; and they have had cows, geese, sheep, dogs, pigs, poultry - even an Well, now, said the commercial, 'it eagle.

was really my turn to laugh, and laugh I did, very heartily. 'What in the world, said I to Mr. Nailem, 'did they do with the omnibus, or the pulpit, or the eagle!'

'Why,' said he, 'the eagle fell into our hands by an accident. One of our people was at the police station when it arrived, and, struck with the sight of the bird, he inquired to whom it was directed. The name he knew at once, and he took the liberty of detaining it until the owner was communicated with.

There was an odd thing connected with that eagle, Mr. Nailem went on to say, with a laugh, 'that amused us for weeks after. We had no place to put it except in the coal-cellar, and one of the men going down one evening to fill a scuttle GROCERIES AND DYE STUFFS, CUTLERY with coals, the brute flew at him, although it was chained up, and away he scampered, screaming out that the devil was after

The eagle, however, died before we found out the owner, and then we sold his body to a bird-stuffer, and handed the proeeeds to the owner, after paying the railway fare.

As for the pulpit, the omnibus, and the other things,' he continued, 'there is, unfortunately, a lot of men, with money in their possession, who are always ready to pick up a cheap bargain, whether it is really an honest one or not. If it were OLD STAND OF STAINES & NEEDHAM. not for these people the Long Firm would | starve. They are just as bad, if not worse, than the real rogues; but if the

Firm is out of the reach of prosecution, these fellows are one step farther off than they, and they are the men who get goods at one-twentieth part of their value, after paying their railway expenses.'

But do you really mean to say, Mr. Nailem, that there is nothing to be done GEORGE CRONYON.

with these people?'

'Yes, the newspapers do a great deal to expose them, but they will always have victims so long as people are stupid enough to give credit to any man who can Groceries and General Merchandise. write a decent letter, and date it from some high-sounding terrace. Why sir, it is not three weeks since they got forty pounds' worth of pork pies down from London.'

Here I could no longer contain my laughter, but burst out in a loud guffaw. 'Why they must be living on pork-pies yet,

Mr. Nailem,' said I.

'No such thing, sir,' said he; 'they gathered the whole tribe of them together, and for three days they feasted on pork-pies and porter. The way the affair came to be known to us was through the immense gathering of familiar hands at a publica score or two of them there one day, and on going into the place he found every man with a pork-pie in his hand, and a pet of beer or porter before him. They sold some of the pies to raise money for the drink, and in three days there was not a vestige of a crust left.

The owner of the pies came down from London to seek after them, but his journey was useless. He could'nt find his customer, and, if he had, he could only have sued him in the county court.

'Has there ever been any attempt to prosecute any of them?' I asked.

'Yes, there has,' replied Mr. Nailem, but unsuccessfully. An old fellow with scarcely a coat on his back, and nothing more than a table and two chairs in his "sky-parlor," wrote to London for a family coach, and got it, too. He wrote like Friend,' and the carriage came down in due course. He raised sufficient money to pawned the carriage for ten pounds. There was a prosecution against this man, but it broke down, though it got as far as the assizes; the jury were directed to discharge him, as there was no charge against him.

seems as if these fellows could commit First Door North of Hooper & Eldredge's Store. robbery with impunity.'

'It would indeed appear like it,' said Mr. Nailem,' if you knew their full histo-[Concluded on page 11.]

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