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Successful Trick Played by a
New York Man on the Red
Hook National Bank—On
the Trail of a Clever Forger.

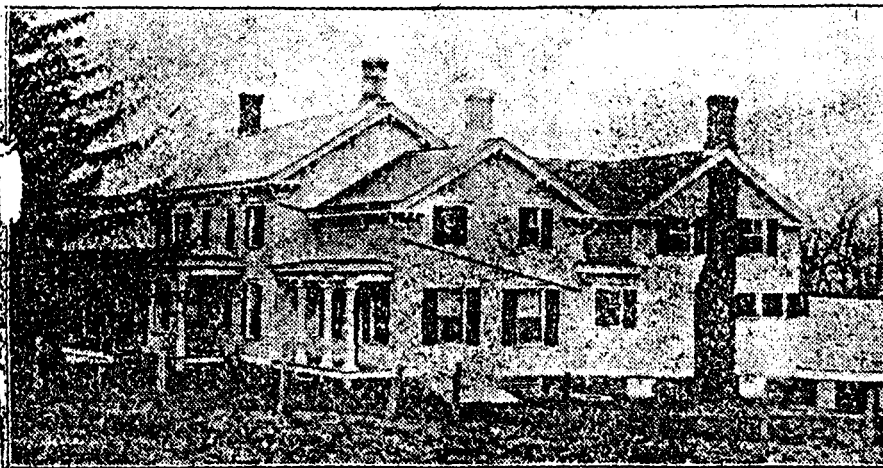
Frederick Marks, farmer, man-about-town, critic of art and literature, and crook, strolled into the Red Hook National Bank the other day, and after exchanging a few trivial remarks about the weather with Cashier Albert Kerley, walked out again with \$8,900 of the bank's good money bulging his overcoat pockets, to which he was not legally entitled. Soon afterwards he disappeared. Warrants are out for him for forgery and

neighborhood with stolen money—less than half an hour, covering about ten miles on the way.

Freleigh said that Marks seemed in the best of spirits, and told him that he expected to have a pleasant vacation on the sunny shores of Bermuda. Marks had previously hinted, it is said, that he had thought of passing a few days with President-elect Wilson.

Monday morning the telephone bell in the Red Hook Bank rang "ting-a-ling-ling," and Cashier Kerley responded. He received the unwelcome news from the Irving National Bank that the check presented by Frederick Marks was worthless, and that both the signature of Roth and the bank's certification had been forged.

The bank's officers at once communicated with District Attorney Mack at Poughkeepsie. The latter with Sheriff Townsend and Under-Sheriff Horubeck, went to "Turkey Hill," where they found



FREDERICK MARK'S HOME AT "TURKEY HILL."

and larceny. Apparently Marks had planned the up-down to the last detail so as to try it out as a routine transaction. He is well known to the bank officials, having acted for several years as superintendent of his brother's big farm at "Turkey Hill," in Upper Red Hook, near the harbor. Henry Marks, the owner of the farm, is a prominent New York lawyer, and is high in his profession. He has assisted in the care of this

the Marks home in charge of servants. A search revealed \$250 of the amount paid by the bank on the forged check, and also letters and memorandums, which are being used by Burns' detectives and the metropolitan police force to trace the fugitive. The county officials are confident that he will be captured.

District Attorney Mack was in New York on Tuesday and had talks with the Burns' officers, who were retained by the American Bankers' Association, of which

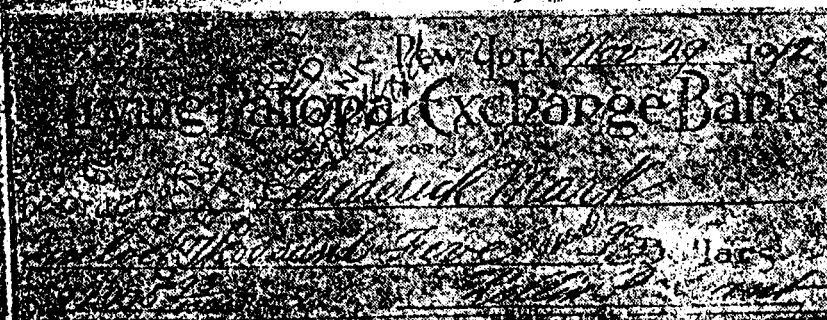


FREDERICK MARK.

his younger brother, Charles, is a student at the Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station. The two made their home there until their mother, Henry Marks was an old man. A few days ago, Frederick Marks, who had had financial transactions with the Red Hook Bank, notified President Kerley that on November 1st he would need \$8,900 in bank notes in large de-

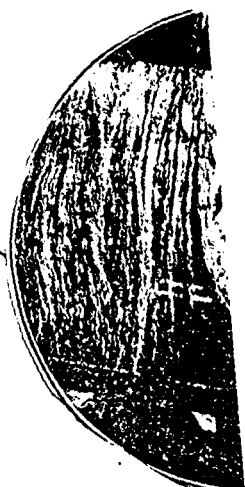
the Red Hook Bank is a member, and also with the detectives at headquarters in Mulberry Street. Mr. Mack learned that Frederick Marks had defrauded the Irving National Bank of a large sum by a forged check on September 11th, 1911. The record at the Burns' agency showed that this was the case, and that Marks was not prosecuted, so it is probable the amount was made good by somebody.

It was also learned that F. Marks had served four years in prison in New South

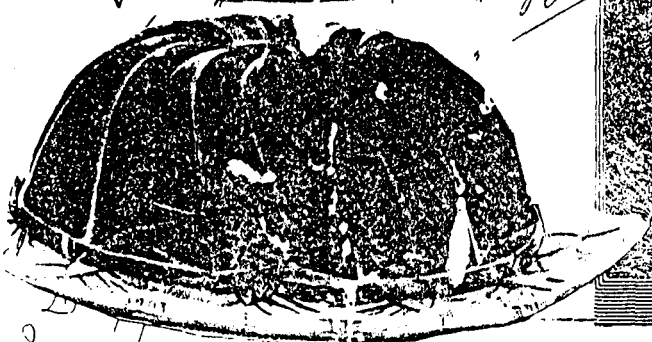
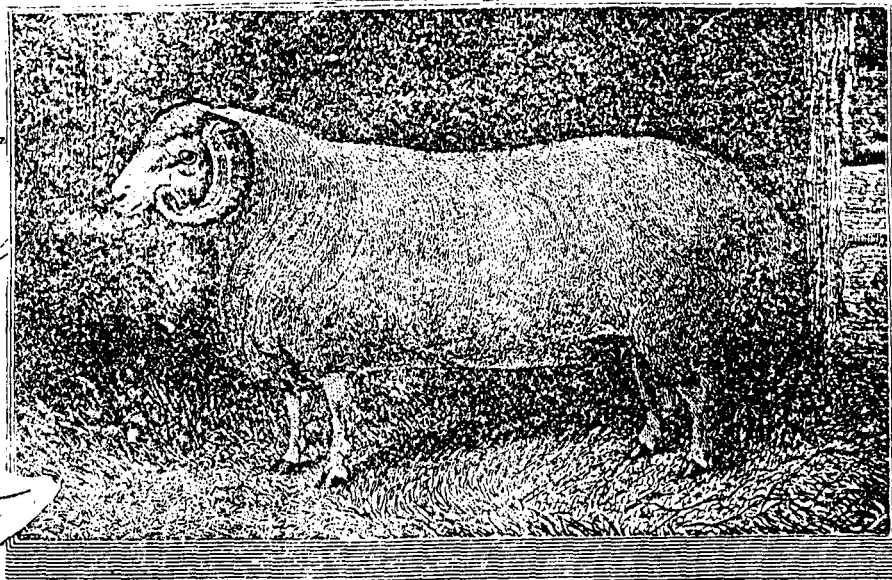
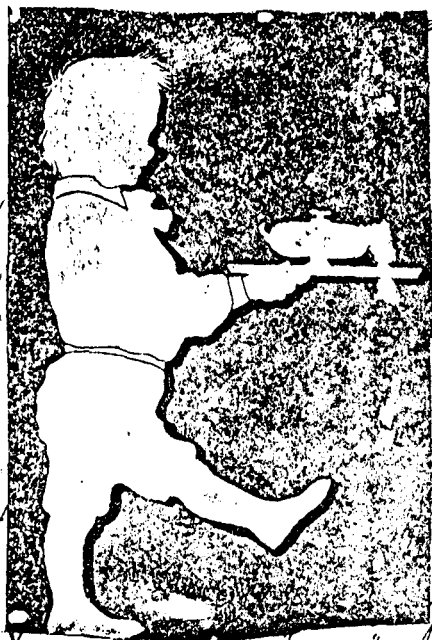


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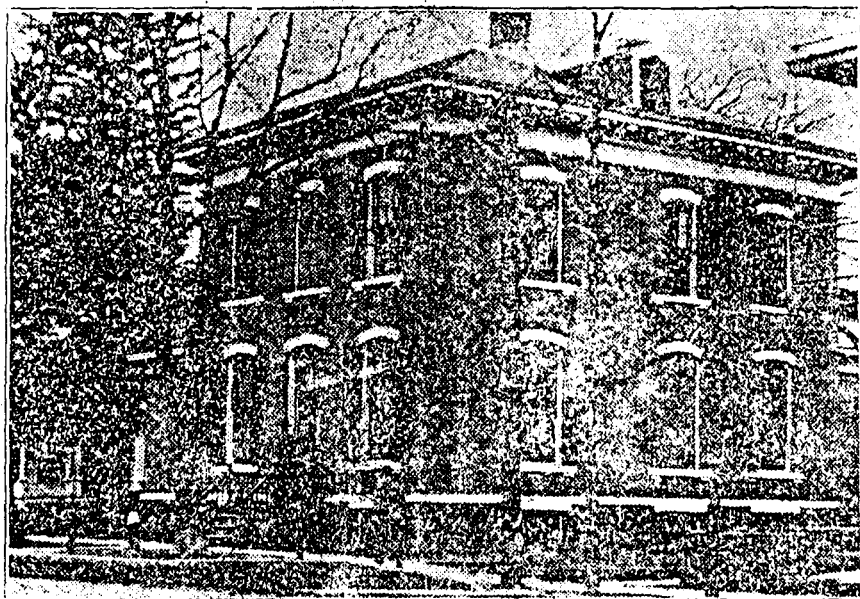


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nominations, in exchange for which he would tender either a cashier's check or a certified check. He did not call on the date mentioned, but the next day was on hand with apologies for having caused the bank officials any trouble. He presented a check drawn by one Roth, to the order of Frederick Marks, for \$12,000 on the Irving National Bank, of New York, and apparently duly certified by the cashier of that bank. The check was accepted and \$12,000 put to Marks' credit, of which amount he drew out \$8,900 in cash.

Wales, Australia. Although apparently a man of 40, Marks is in reality only 30 years old. He enlisted at 17 for the Spanish War, and served in the Philippines. Marks would pass for a man of culture and breeding. He does not gamble, speculate or seek the society of actresses. He likes to give costly bouquets at fashionable hotels, patronizes the theatres and art exhibits, has a cultivated bass voice and sings well. He fritters away money on follies. During his three years at Red Hook he manifested expert knowledge of agriculture and forestry.



RED HOOK NATIONAL BANK.

Marks chatted gaily with Cashier Kerley and waved him an adieu with a smile—he was whisked away by Charles Fraleigh in an automobile. To Turkey Hill, where he paid off the help, and next went to Rhinebeck where paid a note at the Rhinebeck Bank. Fraleigh had brought Marks up from a New York Central train to his home the day before, and took him back that morning to the New York Central station, where he boarded the 10:30 train for New York, having put through the deal of getting \$8,900 by the error of printing at the Government printing office, so that the word reads "tho'n'sand." Judge Hasbrouck has fraud and settling his obligations in the sued two warrants for Marks' arrest.

