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## The Protector of Finance

Tales of Resilius Marvel, Guardian of Bank Treasure By WELDON J. COBB

## THE DEAD YEAR'S HARVEST

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 ne had bee ezpectits,
 eard him ask in raptd yuccenssion:
"Letters-numberu-series?" He peneiled rapidily on his shirt cuff "Oe the replies came
 and hung up the reeelver and arose
to his feet. "Come with me." he added simply, and I knew that the great head of the United Bankere' Protec-
uve association was atarted on ancaner tione: $\qquad$ den shock or memory as we reached
the street-If that applies to a oue ndred dollar treasury note-"
"It does,"' vouehoated Marvel torse
"Then you probably have the man." ?es" repliled my triend.
"The Central National
"That makes ten." You keep good tab," complimented
Marvel-"exactly ten. What an opt-
mist this original shover of the oneer must be!"
Briefly, withtn a week ten counter
Telt $\$ 100$ notes had been passed upon Telt 5100 notes had been peassed upon
the ctty banks. On a certain Monday mornting a spruce, aprigbtly young man of about tion
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had noted they were comparatively had that thetr serial numbera wete
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ned Cim, howeysr, that they were ail
right right. They were placed with othe
hundreds to make up a paekoge o twenty, or $\$ 1,000$, and nothing more
was thought of ft .



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tagse The eyebrows of the captive were
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lip was Mip was rough and scraped.
"He has tried to disgulse
hhuted the ter shouted coe bank teller, Instantily.
"To disifigure hlmeeli, you mean."
interpolated Marvol.
"Ho has done
more more than that. He has been busy reanoving all Identilication men marks
papers, clothing tags-hello! what
this? papers,
this?
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denly sprang out a amall
Herely
He was of the fox terrier breed, barked at us luatilly. "Oh, the animal was with him yhen
he came into the bank.." explatned the
teller. "Followed him tn here. Be eller. "Follawed him in here. Bo
"ogas to htm, $I$ suppose."
II " Bee," nodded my my friend, thou
fully. "Now, then, my man!"
He ne He fixe hin eye sharply on the pris
oner. The latter did not finch under
the cynosure a chanosure. He must have been
andane appoaring young man be Tote he had jabbed those sicissora Into
bla evebrow. He was very pale, but
here Harmed culprit about him. Hene" of herveed Marvel. "We will malto a flarch, but I tancy you have noush 0 suspeet owalted your"
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wht of even the laundry marks on


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a question in evidence.
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up twentyup twenty-
inaticution. Then two other banks each contributed like bils. in eac
case a smilling. easy-mannered young fellow had passed the notes. Marve
had named progress then minated. Now a tenth note had turned up. 1 acco
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The floor omeer Marvel, and knew him. There was a
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in his manner at being a protessional transaction with the
great head of the United Bankers Protective association. He took ${ }^{2}$ but looking the part of an humble instrument or justice who had co-op
erated in erated in ceapturing a crook.
teller, looking wise and kreen and in a
suppresaed suppreased way exuitant, beckoned to
up, and we went beyond the ralling
and around into an anteroom, where and around in.
nagged for one of the hundred yo nags handed a $\$ 100$ bill to my triend. Resillus Marvel nodded, gave the
bill a close serutiny, and returned tol a clole serutith, worde: "Cancel Whare preserve it for evidence. The reller allpped the note into his cont pocket and took out a key. Ao re suarted to open a steel studded door Marvel halted him
"One moment", he sald-"ten me us why, your warning had prepared presented it, I pretended to be called by my ansitatant in the next cage. quueciy prested we cen to the ehibel
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| FLASHES From Our Soldier Boys | Local \& Personal. |
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| Under this heading we would like to run notes from our boyin the Army and in the Navy Relatives or other who receive letters from them will do them. Fverybody wants to know something about in our country' service. |  |
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| Coporal Loe Daniel is work. pretty hard theve days from thereport from his camp. Latt week his squad and one other squad was pieked tas the best drilled squade of the Company. Later Captain's verdiet as the beet drilled squad in the company That sound like Lee is makinggood. |  |
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| Mrs. R. F. Knagge had a letter from her brother here this week otating that he had been Islands, which are located to the East of Cuba. Merle seems to be "rarin' to get to France. |  |
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| from Camp Travis this week on account of dependancy. Sa.n |  |
| on account of dependancy. his grandmother to look after and placing him in the army |  |
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| ter and placing him in the army As soon as the facts were made known to the proper authorities his release was ordered. Sam was discharged by the local the District Board. |  |
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| see the boys off. <br> K. Haynie received <br> an Merton |  |

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I Used those New Style Flat Curtain Reds."
-That's why my curtains hang wo moothly and neaty - why the heading
suggetion of a sag.
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impler, better. They overcome all the trowbacks of flimay sagging. denting, tasnishing, gaudy knobbed rode. The
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