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A ROMANCE IN CRIME.

How Two Embezzlers Were Brought Back From Brazil.

On the Brazilian steamship Seguranca, which recently arrived at New York from Rio Janeiro, were three uncommonly queer customers. Two were ex-financiers, embezzlers and fugitives—namely, A. A. Cadwallader of Wisconsin and H. A. Botsford of Philadelphia—and the third was Captain C. E. Henry, marshal of the district of Columbia in the Garfield administration, and later a detective in the employ of the American Surety company. He went to Brazil for one man and by a happy accident captured two, or, as he puts it, he went for Botsford and took in Cadwallader for fun.

It is a romance in crime and detective skill. There is no extradition treaty with Brazil, and both men had taken refuge far in the interior, where they thought themselves perfectly safe. H. A. Botsford had been in the employ of Gray, Jenks & Co., lumber dealers of Cleveland, for 12 years and in charge of their branch office at Phil-



CADWALLADER AND BOTSFORD.

adelphia. He had a wife and daughter there and was trusted implicitly. Not quite a year ago they were astounded by receiving a letter from him to the effect that he had been using a little of their money for some time; that recent convictions and severe sentences of small embezzlers had alarmed him; that he had concluded he might as well be hanged for an old sheep as a lamb, and had therefore taken \$20,000 and cut for Brazil.

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A. A. Cadwallader had been in the banking business for 10 years and had been cashier of a small bank in Philadelphia when late in 1891 he went to Superior, Wis. There he organized a bank in a peculiarly tricky way, plunged into wild speculations, lost money, committed frauds, was arrested and bailed pending an examination, and while on bail fled to Brazil on a steamship which left New York last Christmas. On the same steamship was Captain Henry, going to Brazil for Mr. Botsford, and at the start neither knowing nor caring anything about Mr. Cadwallader.

But the latter made himself so uncommonly agreeable in whiling away the tedious days of passage that Captain Henry decided there was "something in him" (from the detective point of view) and studied him carefully. He gave his name as A. R. Heim, retired man of business, going to Brazil for his health. As soon as Captain Henry reached Rio Janeiro and called on United States Minister Conger for his aid in inducing the Brazilian authorities to surrender Botsford, the minister told him he had received a request to look out for one Cadwallader also. Picture and description were produced, and behold, Captain Henry at once recognized Mr. Helm as the man.

Here was richness. But the first business was to locate Botsford. He had gone far into the interior, to the state of Minas-Geraes, had bought 640 acres of land and set up in a style that filled the natives with awe. He had married a young French girl of good family. He went around with a big knife in his boot and a revolver at his belt and was looked at as a bad man from away back. His home was in the center of his plantation and was on the top of a high mountain. The people of the town told Henry what a bad man he had to deal with, and the captain got 21 soldier police to go with him. They arrested Botsford without any trouble. His young wife fainted and created a scene. She accompanied the party as far as Campenas, when she created another scene, and then she was left behind.

An atrocious murder had been committed near there, and as the Brazilian authorities could find no one else to place the guilt on they concluded it must be the American embezzler, who was, as afore-said, "a bad man from away back." It suited Captain Henry very well to let them keep Botsford as a murderer while he went after Cadwallader. The latter was found clerking in a little grocery store and broke down completely when arrested, confessing everything. The Brazilian authorities, at the request of the American minister, waived all formalities, and the net result is that in a little over three months after leaving New York Captain Henry returns with twice as many criminals as he went after.