

4. Quid Pro Quo

1. page 65. **Rohan/Corbus . . .** This account of Houdini escaping from Rohan's fettering is taken from an article in the *Daily Inter-Ocean*, January 5, 1899 that appears in the Houdini Pressbook 1894–1899, 25, in the collection of the Houdini Historical Center at the Outagamie Museum, Appleton, Wisconsin. Additional accounts and Corbus's skills as a magician appear in unidentified newspaper clippings in the Houdini Pressbook, 24 and 28, at the Houdini Historical Center at the Outagamie Museum, Appleton, Wisconsin.

2. page 67. **Toledo Went Poorly . . .** Houdini diary entry for December 5, 1898, from the collection of Dr. Bruce Averbook.

3. page 67. **Grand Rapids / Pitchbook at Middletons in Chicago . . .** Houdini diary entry end of December, early January 1898–99, from the collection of Dr. Bruce Averbook.

4. page 67. **"Twenty-second Street was a swamp . . ."** *Daily Inter-Ocean*, January 5, 1899.

5. page 67. **Wilkie coauthored massive history of Chicago police . . .** *History of Chicago Police* by John J. Flinn, assisted by John E. Wilkie, (Chicago: Police Book Fund, 1887).

6. page 67. **McKinley, Gage and Vanderlip . . .** Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones, *American Espionage From Secret Service to CIA* (New York: The Free Press, 1977), 16–17. Also see Don Wilkie, *American Secret Service Agent* (New York: Frederick Stokes, 1934), 14.
7. page 68. **“We want a man who is . . .”** *The New York Times*, January 29, 1911, cited in Don Wilkie, *American Secret Service Agent* (New York: Frederick Stokes, 1934), 14.
8. page 68. . . . **better candidate . . .** Details about Wilkie’s journalistic background were culled from newspaper accounts, among them *Chicago Daily Tribune*, December 14, 1934, *The New York Times*, December 14, 1934, and *The Washington Post*, December 14, 1934, along with Wilkie.
9. page 68. **Wilkie sworn in as Chief.** *The New York Times*, February 28, 1898; *Chicago Daily Tribune*, February 27, 1898.
10. page 68. **Wilkie brought in fresh blood.** *The New York Times*, January 29, 1911 and Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones, *Cloak and Dollar: A History of American Secret Intelligence* (Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2002), 47–48. Also see John Wilkie’s seminal article, “The Secret Service in the War” published in *The American-Spanish War: A History by the War Leaders* (Connecticut: Chas. C. Haskell & Son, 1899).

11. pages 68–70. **Wilkie and Bob Fitzimmons—Illusionist Heavyweight.** Wilkie, *The Linking Ring*, February 1961. [Additional citations TK – W.K.]

12. page 70. **Horatio G. Cooke . . .** Information on Cooke’s background was culled from *The Los Angeles Times*, February 2, May 26, and August 5, 1923, and April 15, 1924.

13. page 70. **Louis S. Leon counterfeiting . . .** *The New York Times*, May 15, 1886, 2. . .
. tightrope walking . . . *The Atlanta*, July 25, 1886, 3, *The Atlanta Constitution*, July 28, 1886, 7.

14. page 70. **R. G. Herrmann . . .** *The Magic World*, April 15, 1918, 4.

15. page 70. **Chief Wilkie was an adept magician . . .** *The Washington Post*, April 6, 1902, 38 and August 23, 1908, 3.

16. page 71. “**. . . disciple of the illustrious Herrmann . . .**” *The Washington Post*, April 6, 1902, 38.

17. page 71. “**. . . sleight of hand is figuring more and more . . .**” *The Washington Post*, August 23, 1908, 3.

18. page 71. “**One of our men who’s pretty handy . . .**” Ibid.

19. page 71. “. . . **six hundred suspected threats to national security . . .**” John E. Wilkie, “The Secret Service in the War,” published in *The American-Spanish War: A History by the War Leaders* (Connecticut: Chas. C. Haskell & Son, 1899), 429.
20. page 71. **Haymarket/Anarchists/Rohan . . .** For background on the Haymarket riot, see “Haymarket Affair” in *Reader’s Companion to American History*, http://college.hmeo.com/history/readerscomp/rcah/html/rc_041300 , also “Haymarket Affair Chronology, www.chicagohistory.org/hadc/chronology.htm
21. page 72. **Rohan/Brown . . .** *Chicago Daily Tribune*, September 17, 1897, 3. Also see *Illinois vs. August Spies et al. trial transcript, Volume M, Testimony of Thomas Brown*, <http://memory.loc.gov>
22. page 72. **Decade of Regicide . . .** “The United States, International Policing and the War against Anarchist Terrorism, 1900–1914” by Richard Bach Jensen in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 13, no. 1 (Spring 2001).
23. page 73. **Wilkie dispatched a Secret Service operative to Madrid.** Don Wilkie, *American Secret Service Agent* (New York: Frederick Stokes, 1934), 23.
24. page 73. **The IACP was founded in 1893.** Historical facts about the IACP are found on the group’s website, www.theiacp.org

25. page 73. **Rohan/Bertillon system . . .** *The Washington Post*, October 5, 1898, 4.
26. page 73. **Wilkie funnels foreign police requests to IACP.** “The United States, International Policing and the War against Anarchist Terrorism, 1900–1914” by Richard Bach Jensen in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 13, no. 1 (Spring 2001), 29. Also see *Chicago Daily*, April 24, 1898, 29.
27. page 73. **Wilkie and Rohan at Milwaukee Meeting . . .** *Chicago Daily Tribune*, May 8, 1898, 45.
28. pages 73–74. **Detective McCarthy/ Rohan quote . . .** *Daily Inter-Ocean*, January 5, 1899.
29. page 74. **Lima Bank Burglarized . . .** *The New York Times*, December 28, 1898, 2.
30. page 74. **Backflips from Jim Bard . . .** Houdini’s diary for the month of August, 1898, from the collection of Dr. Bruce Averbook.
31. page 74. **Evatima T[h]ardo / Poison and Milk . . .** Harry Houdini, *Miracle Mongers and Their Methods* (New York: E. P. Dutton, 1920), 177.
32. page 75. **“For the only time in the history of the United States, a magician ran the Secret Service.”** Referencing the below names in Ask Alexander, our online magic

search engine, we found no hits for magic associated with any of the other chiefs of the Secret Service.

1. William P. Wood ([1865](#)–1869)
2. Herman C. Whitley ([1869](#)–[1874](#))
3. [Elmer Washburn](#) ([1874](#)–[1876](#))
4. [James Brooks](#) ([1876](#)–[1888](#))
5. [John S. Bell](#) ([1888](#)–[1890](#))
6. A. L. Drummond ([1891](#)–[1894](#))
7. [William P. Hazen](#) ([1894](#)–[1898](#))
8. [John E. Wilkie](#) ([1898](#)–[1911](#))
9. [William J. Flynn](#) ([1912](#)–[1917](#))
10. [William H. Moran](#) ([1917](#) - [1936](#))
11. [Frank J. Wilson](#) ([1937](#)–[1946](#))
12. [James J. Maloney](#) ([1946](#)–[1948](#))
13. U. E. Baughman ([1948](#)–[1961](#))
14. [James J. Rowley](#) ([1961](#)–[1973](#))
15. [H. Stuart Knight](#) ([1973](#)–[1981](#))
16. [John R. Simpson](#) ([1981](#)–[1992](#))
17. [John W. Magaw](#) ([1992](#)–[1993](#))
18. [Eljay B. Bowron](#) ([1993](#)–[1997](#))
19. [Lewis C. Merletti](#) ([1997](#)–[1999](#))
20. [Brian L. Stafford](#) ([1999](#)–[2003](#))
21. [W. Ralph Basham](#) ([2003](#)–[2006](#))

22. [Mark J. Sullivan](#) (2006–Present)

33. page 75. “**Amazes The Detectives . . .**” *Chicago Journal*, January 5, 1899, clipping in the Houdini Pressbook 1894–1899, 14.2, in collection of the Houdini Historical Center at the Outagamie Museum, Appleton, Wisconsin.

34. page 75. “**Bess! I’m famous!**” Harold Kellock, *Houdini His Life Story* (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Company, 1928), 119.