

FORGED CHECKS CASHED.

American Exchange Bank Discovers a Slick Swindle.

The American Exchange bank cashed five forged checks on Nov. 29, and 30 on Dec. 1 and it did not discover the forgeries until Monday. The checks were well executed and it is claimed that nobody but an expert could do such good forging. The checks purported to have come from Cody & Addis, a Michigan logging firm that has a logging contract on the south shore.

The firm had a strike on Nov. 28 and 29, discharged all its men, 108 in all, paying them off in checks payable at the American Exchange bank.

It is believed that some bright individual among the men forged the five checks which are for the following sums respectively: Thirty-four dollars and eighty-six cents, \$35.12, \$35.17, \$35.18 and \$35.27. The checks were cashed by M. S. Cook who keeps a saloon at Fifth avenue west and Michigan street, W. M. Abrahamson, a clothing dealer, and Joseph Oreckovsky & Co., clothing dealers.

The checks were presented at the American Exchange bank by those that cashed them and the bank paid the various amounts. The forgery was not discovered until Cody & Addis' books were checked up.

Nothing is known of the forger. The matter has not been reported to the police.
