

Heroes of Helmet and Club.

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was a deed of exceptional prowess. Sick-
ing was on Seventh street, near Poplar,
about 11 o'clock one night, when a man
rushed up to him and stated that a crowd
of burglars were endeavoring to effect an
entrance to the store of the Southern hat
company from the rear. Running to the sa-
loon of William Nalte, in order to reach
the yard back of the hat store and thus
catch his men in the act of committing the
burglary, Sicking was astounded just as he
entered the door to see five men come run-
ning from the door in the rear of saloon.
Without hesitation, he promptly knocked
the first man down, seized another by the
throat and commanded the other three to
stop, which they did in sheer amazement
at the pluck of the officer. Sicking then
lined the quintet against the wall and kept
them standing there like a row of school-
boys until the patrol wagon arrived. On
examination at headquarters, the record of
the men showed their desperate charac-
ter, and the quality of the officer's deed
was much enhanced by it.

hind a barrel with his revolver resting on
the rim and covering the door, less than
10 feet away. With an oath the man defied
the policeman to enter and take him, and
certainly it looked like sure death for Boll
to attempt to do so, but he did not stop to
think twice about it. Drawing his own re-
volver and paying no attention to the
shouts of several of the citizens who had
now come up and saw the daring thing he
was about to attempt, he moved toward the
door of the stable and commanded the fu-
gitive to put down his revolver and come
forth. There was a sneer and more oaths
from the criminal, and then came the sharp
click from his revolver as he pulled the
trigger. It missed fire, however, and be-
fore he could cock it again the officer had
bounded into the stable and was upon him.
There was a short struggle, and then Boll
wrested his revolver from him and had the
fellow cowed and under arrest.

The fearless manner in which Patrolman
B. F. Verheyen effected the arrest of Geo.
W. Galion, an escaping murderer, in Sep-
tember, 1901, earned for him his present

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