# EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

HE STAID UNTIL HE DIED.

By a little country stream, Where the puring waters gleam, Where the grass was wild and dank, Where the grass was wild and da Growing on the sheltered bank, Sat a man with rod in hand, Sing ng in a manner bland; "O, I wonder why the fiau Do not bite as I would wish? But I'll eatch one with this fly, Or I'll stay here till I die."

Summer bods were sere and dead, And the roses all had fied. And the grasses on the bank All were dead and wild and rank; But the man was atting there— Sitting with a ghostly stare; All his looks were white and gray, Saving some had drupped away; Still be sat as age stole on, Singing in an undertone. Singing in an undertone, As the years went rolling by: "I shall earch a fish or die."

Years had slowly passed away-Youths were men now old and gray;
Maddens now were matrons grown,
Babes and children of their own;
But an old and wrinkled sage,
Hoars with the frests of age.
Bent beneath his many years,
Sad with floods of brine tears,
Sad with floods of brine tears,
Sad beneath his many years, Heary with the frests of age, Bent beneath his many years Sed with floods of brine tear Set heade a puring brook With a willow red and hook, Gasping in a feeble agh: "I shall catch a lish or die!"

Onward flew the silent years—Years of anguish and of tears; Centuries had passed away flines that man went forth one day To the streamlet's mossy bank, Where the grass was wild and dank, Anda stranger, flosting down On the stream that led from town, Pound basiles have of the stream. On the stream that led from town, Pound, beside a heap of stones.

A lone pile of homan bones:
Though me clothing served to drape, St if they had the mortal shape. In the fleshiese hand the pole Still was held, as though the soul Would obey the mortal wish, And attempt to catch a flab:
On the skull a Derby hat:
Was by tempest bearen flat:
And upon the buseless breast, Which for ages was at rest, There was strapped a wooden sign, Bearing but a lonely line,
Which must eatch the stranger's eye:
"I shall catch a fish or de!"

— Wall Mason, in St. Louis Whip - Walt Mason, in St. Louis Whip.

# AN "IMPREGNABLE" MAN.

How a British Customs Official Refused a "Tip."

In the center companion way of most Atlantic steamers there is framed a public notice which attracts a good deal of attention from the passengers on the way over. It is published by the British Government, and is to the effect that any person offering a bribe to one of Her Maj. sty's customs officials will be heavily fined. The amount of this fine is mentioned, either £40 of £100 or something of that sort. The contemplation of this notice for nine or ten days every time a person goes up the center companion way is calculated to give that person a very great respect for the unbribability of the Liverpool customs officer. The American Government has no such natices posted up anywhere that I ever saw. Whether it is because it is so well known that the American customs officer never under any circumstances accepts a bribe, or whether the Government fears that the public would regard the posting of such a notice as a joke, I have not been able to ascertain.

I have never met any one yet who would bribe a Liverpool customs offieer. The penalty which has stared him in the face during the voyage is apt to discourage all such attempts. However, there are few things which a per-son could take into England on which duty is exacted. I believe the customs officers have a prejudice against dynamite, against pirated reprints of English books, against tobacco and some things of that sort, but, as a general thing, the American traveler carries nothing with him on which duty could

be charged. Our big steamship reached Liverpool late one evening last summer. The enstoms authorities penned us all up in the several rooms of a building on the landing. Here there was a good deal of fess and shoving through a passage way that was very narrow, and the hand baggage was examined as we passed out. This was a very slow and tedious arrangement, and it was nearly eleven o'clock at night before we were through with it, and even at that time the trunks had not been looked at. We were then passed up into a room which we reached by a long incline. On elimbing up this incline we entered a large building scemingly containing only one immense room. It was well lighted, and the scene was one which once looked upon a person would not forget in a hurry. On the right-hand side were piled tranks, bags, values, hand satchels and baggage of every description. On the left ran a long, low counter on which tranks were being examined by the uniformed custom house officers, while, bending over their open baggage were the owners, generally talking rapidly to the imperiurbable officers. All over the room were some one hundred excited pascongers running wildly hither and thither trying to collect their luggage. Trunks that were marked with names were arranged in alphabetical order. The sections of the building were lettered with the alphabet painted large and conspicuous along the right-hand side, but, as the great majority of the trunks had no name, the owners had to run about in quest of them. Porters were there with their short jackets and numbered caps, dragging the trunks about under the owner's directions, and as soon as one trunk had been examined it was taken away by a stalwart porter who called a cab, and its place was filled by another trunk slammed down by another stalwart porter. It was a scene of bewildering confusion. As I always travel as light as possible, endeavoring to compress my belongings into a satchel that can be carried by hat if necessary, my troubles were con stive indifference, enjoying the strange and bustling appearance of the place. I was able to give some axsistance here and there to companious of the voyage, and rather put on airs

perience of that sort of thing, don't you snow, and plumed myself on having my baggage examined long ago.

At the further end of the room were a couple of ladies who were traveling alone. One of them had a large trunk and the trunk had a new-fangled lock the latest of American patents. A custom officer was vainly trying to unlock this trunk, and the owner was looking on with much concern at his ineffectual attempts. She had tried herself, it seemed, and had been unable to open

"You are not doing it rightly," said the second young lady. "You have to push this clasp that way, then turn the key half way around, push the class back and give the key another turn and then it will unlock."

The officer looked up, smiled and shook his jarred tinger, and I said: "Let me try the unlocking."

I followed the directions as well as could and nearly broke my fingers, but the key wouldn't turn. I am afraid the magic words I said were not the "open sesame" that was required. "I am very sorry, ladies." said the

officer, "but I shall have to break the The ladies were very sorry too, but

they made no objection and the officer departed and returned with a batchet. This he placed under the obnoxious catch and tried to pry it open. But the lock was built very strongly and it wouldn't give way. The hatchet slipped and the officer cut his finger.

Can'tyou stretch the law a little,' said I, "and let the trunk pass. The ladies are not going to stay in England, but are going directly to France. I am sure you would find nothing dutiable in the trunk or they would have made some objection to your breaking the lock."

It was now after twelve o'clock Most of the people had claimed their baggage, had it examined and departed for their hotels. "Well," said the officer, "I ought

not to do it, you know, but I will chance it," and with that he put on the requisite mark that would enable it to pass out. The owner was very grateful indeed, and while he was stamping the trunk she said to me. "I would like very much to give

him something. How much do you think I should offer him?"

"Well," I replied, "as a general thing in England it's safe enough to give a tip where a service is done, but the penalty here seems to be very high. I don't think I would risk it. Yet I don't suppose he would object to a But in September, 1881, thinking probshilling if it could be given him so that no one could see it." "I will give him half a crown," she

said, "if he will take it.

"All right," I cautioned, "but don't do it very publicly." The lady approached and said in her

kindest voice "I am very sorry you have hurt your

finger. 2"Oh," said the officer, "it don't matter in the least, I assure you; a mere scratch."

"Well, I am very much obliged indeed," she whispered, "I hope you will let me give you this, not as a com-

pensation, you know."
"Ah! miss," he returned, smiling and bowing very low to her, "glad to have been of any service to you, but. really, we are not allowed to take any thing; it is against the rules," and he waved his hands up and down as he

"But," persisted the lady, "it is only a very little and don't at all come under the head of a bribe.

"I assure you, miss," he said, "you are not indebted to me for any thing, and, as I said before, I am only too happy to have been of any service. You see, miss," he said, as we walked away after the porter who had shouldered the trunk, "officers of the customs are never allowed to take any thing, no matter how small, under any circum-stances whatever." And with that he again bowed very low to us and 1 walked with the ladies out to their car-

"Well," said I, "it is refreshing to see a customs officer that will not take a bribe."

The young lady laughed merrily. "I am glad to hear you say so," she said, "for I know now we did it very

"Why, you don't mean to say that ou gave him the money?" She held up her hands. They were

I slipped half a crown into his hand the first time I spoke to him, and he concealed it with a definess that convinced me he had done the like be-

"Then you urged him to take it after he had it in his hand, and he refused it with such a Chesterneldian air while

he was really in possession of it?"
"Exactly," she said. "Wasn't it nearly done on both sides?" "Nextly done? Well, I should say

so. But what a pair of hypocrites both of you are" - Lake Sharp, in Detroit Free Press.

The Love of Country. Such is love of country. Beautiful, heaven-sent spirit! which makes heroes of cowards and saints of debauchees, which sustains men in dungeous and carries women through trials which is at once nature in art and art in nature. all things that are tender in one strong casement. Only those who have lost their country know how to value it, and there is no continental nationality which has not at some time known what subjugation is. The other evening the band played "God Save the Queen," and all the English rose to their feet and stood till the final strains of the noble old anthem died away upon the moonlit air. To be in a forsign band and to have a body of foreign. musicians break upon you with your own national song even the beefeating Britons, for all their stolidity, are not proof against it; and blast em? I felt like getting up and standing, too! -Renry Watte Courser-Journal Walterson, in Louisville

One of the Pullman sleepers des troved by the in the Eric railroad cards recently at Jersey City, was the Jay Gonld, which was built a few years ago at a cost of \$60,000, and was copsidered one of the finest drawing-room so being an old traveler with some ex cars in the country,

### SHYLOCK OUTDONE.

How Russian Usurers Grind the Last Cent Out of Unfortunate Peasants.

Notwithstanding diligence and pluck for Russ'an peasants are wonderfully thrifty and industrious-their future is never sure. When they can do no better-when, after a bad harvest, the stores of bread and fodder are exhausted, and the taxgatherer is threatening to flog them and after that to sell them up. dish and spoon-they make up their mind to the worst, go to the koulak and raise a loan. A Russ'an peasant in debt to a koulak is pretty much in the same fix as a fly in a spider's web, in a fix he will never get out of. The koulak is the village usurer-a peasant who, having struck oil, accommodates his neighbors with short loans at long interest. The koulaks are a present plutocracy and a future aristocracy. In every village there are two or three of koulaks, as well as several these smaller fry who are trying to raise hemselves to the same proud position. The principal characteristic of this class is that hardness of heart which too often appertains to ignorant men who have risen from poverty to wealth by small savings and severe self-sacrifice and being always influential member of the commune, they have a great at vantage over other dispensers of cara credit, for both landlords and small tradesmen do a brisk busine's in loan mongering. Loans are generally made only to whole villages, or to compan es of peasants on the responsibility of the The interest charged by the lenders is a caution, and their bonds are drawn with an ingenuity and enforced with a ferocity that would have made shylock die of envy. Here are a few instances, taken at

random from authentic records. In January, 1880, a large village in the province of Samara-Soloturn by name borrowed from one Jarof a sum equal to \$3,000, interest being deducted in advance, and bought from Jaroff's store 15,000 pounds of hay for the starying cattle. Repayment was to be made on the first of the following October. under forfeit of \$25 for every day of deay beyond that time. The wretched peasants were, of course, not up to t me, but they brought the man \$1,000 on a count and promised to bring him the balance as soon as possible. Mr. Jaroff pocketed the cash and offered no objection to the propesed arrangement, and for nearly a year he made no demand for payment of the outstanding \$2,000. ably that he had bided his time long enough, he sued the village for the tr fle of \$7,500 principal and penalty. The magistrate before whom the case was brought, deeming the bargain illegal and inequitable, decided that Jaron could rightly claim no more than the unpaid balance of the loan and ordinary interest. But Shylock knew the law better than the judge; he carried the ease to a higher court and won it, and as the appeal had occasioned further delay and so increased the penalty, the court gave him judgment for \$15,000. equal to five times the amount of the or ginal debt, to say nothing of the \$1, 00 paid on account. - (or San Franci-co Chronicle.

# A NEEDED REFORM.

Abuses Which Should be Remedled by Great Popular Movement.

Society is built up on the basis of men's confidence in their fellow men. It is wonderful, the extent to which we do trust one another. Not a hundredth part of the numberless and nameless advantages of modern society would be possible but for the prevalence of this mutual sprit of confidence. This is what makes our popular forms of government a possibility. Nine-tenths of the business of the time is done on trust, and could not be done without it. A commercial panie is nothing but sudden destruction of confidence. This is what makes the guilt of de-faulters and embezzlers and betravers of sacred trusts so peculiar, and their rime against society so enormous. The effect of their crimes strikes at the well-being of thousands, of millions, it may be. For the time, at least, it makes harder for one man to trust another. The debtor classes all over the country are put to a d sadvantage. A nipping frost, that comes as quietly as the evenng itself, may before morning do an mspeakable amount of harm. It is the ame with any sudden arrest from whatever cause of popular confidence.

But while insisting on the fact that he times are not worse than they used to be in respect of to nesty, moral in tegrity and trustwo thiness, but that, on the contrary, the times are improv ug, it must be admitted that things are to: as they ought to be. There are to many resigns abroad; too many sweak nieves in places high and low. There are too many capitalists who defeard by under-pay, or no pay at all: too many workmen who can not be true of out of eight to do either good time or good work. There are too many beach-baskets with the raw and rotten e refully tocked in out of sight; too much butter ne palmed of for butter too many people, in innumerable ways, trying to a get a living, as t were, by the skin of their teeth, with endless contrivances endeavoring to make money on the margins of their tricks of adulteration and other frauds There are, moreover, too many children, in school and out of school, in their homes and on the streets, who are growing up the same way; who are comng on without any such training as would make them abnor to be, or create n them an instinct for truthfulness, or make them dare to say no and do right. whatever the sneaking he under the

gilded allurement. A great popular movement along the ne of an honosty-reform would nafoubtedly be a good thing. All classes, from the top to the bottom, might be nvited to on it. There is no one to whom there would not accrue from it some advantage. Society at large, in -very phase of it, would instantly be the

gamer. Chicago Inter-Ocean. The Alaska Indians are said to be ull-hearded men and good workers. They have great love for money, re-pect the obligations of contracts are are very fond of their women.

### PERSO

n Gilders, aged seventy iss Hattie Millison, aged , were recently married at **-5.** years, an twenty yes Jamestov -Charle

rass Valley, Cal., blind from getti hile swimming. living at come tot in his of Denton, Md., aged married a blushing damsel of seventeen recently, and at

the reception following the ceremony danced a polka with her .- Baltimore American. -A New York banker whose personal beauty is a negative quality is said to have won a large wager by bet-

the metropolis and proving it by producing his son. - N. Y. Mail. There are two families of the name of Dodd in Barton County, Georgia. They are not related, and interest in them arises from the fact that one of the families are composed of nine girls, while the other is made up of eight boys.

boys.

— James Armstrong, of Loure, Can., a well-to-do farmer, aged eighty-three years, fell in love with a maiden of seventy-six summers, who rejected his suit. Thereupon he made his will, bequeathing her all his property, and then hanged himself. During the past summer a young

lady at a Long Branch cottage and a gentleman at one of the hotels who was not allowed to visit her, successfully carried on correspondence by means of carrier pigeons, one of which he contrived to get to her by the coachman. -N. Y. Tribune.

-The golden wedding of Henry Rosnosky and his wife Zelda was celebrated in Boston the other evening. The event is the second golden wedding among Israelites ever known to have been celebrated in Boston. A procession was formed, led by twentyseven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, in the order of juniority, and the venerable couple were escorted to a hall, where religious exercises were held by Rev. Dr. Lasker. - Boston Journal.

Mr. Carpenter, the "Carp" of the Washington regiment of winter letterwriters, being now in Dublin, sends this: "The Irish brogue coming out of the pearly teeth of a rusy-cheeked. bright-eyed Irish girl sounds very sweet indeed, and were I a millionaire American with one or two American girl babies, I would come to Ireland to raise them for the sake of their complexions. The beauties are not, however, confined to the upper classes. I saw pretty girls everywhere.

-What bothers society ladies more the fashion in walking. One senson a lady will be expected to adopt a winning gait. At another time swinging strides will be the style. The slow walk and the rapid pace alternate in popularity. Nothing lasts long. If fashion decrees that a woman must make herself a perambulating convulsion of millinery and dry goods, it is all right. The style must have its run. -Atlanta Constitution.

the Old Defenders' Association of Bal- used in the work of widening the waterway timore, and on September 12 of each year celebrated the battle of North

Folks who live in tall houses had best not make up faces at earthquakes. Boston Herald.

"The single scall race!" exclaimed an old lady, as she laid down the pa-per. "I didn't know there was a race of men with double sculls. We see a Virginia man has invented an "anchor for fence posts."

may be such a thing is necessary. We have frequently seen buoys at gate posts. Hurdelle. More than four thousand couplers have been patented in this country. and yet there are hundreds of thou-

sands of men and women yet unhitched .- Lowell t Wisen, On a first glimpse of the sea: "Astonishing! Who would have thought there could be as much water as that?"

"True; and remember that you only see what's on top,"—Tid-Bits. "Isn't it heavenly?" ejaculated Miss Gush in reference to Miss Pedal's performance on the piano. "Yes," redied Fogg, "it is indeed heavenly. sounds like thunder." Boston Prans-

"I Climb to Rest," is Lucy Larcom a latest poem. The difference between Lucy and ourself is that we climb to work. Our sanctum is on the third floor. Climb up and see us, Lucy. - Detreme Breeze.

---Oh, Freddie, you mustn't dig any deeper! Our teacher said the Australians lived right down through the ground, and what would papa say if you should let them right into our garden?"-N. Y. Telegram.

-Fond Father-"My boy is going to be a great man. He is always reading something. He will make a smart man some day. Visitor (to boy) - "What are you reading now?" Boy - "The base-ball guide." - Detroit Free Press.

"Can you tell me, my dear," said a hen-pecked husband to his scolding the difference between your wife, month and a court-house door?" sir, I can't." "Well, then, you had better have one or the other of them closed so that other people can tell the difference, even if you can't "- Newman Independent

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- Palid ampoint showned.

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IMPERSONAL.

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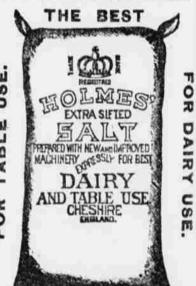
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