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A HERO AT HOME.

The death of Mayor William S. Mason, of Portland, is a reminder that there are heroes in business life as well as on the field of battle. The Spokesman-Review says: Through a high sense of honor, he died comparatively a poor man. The circumstance is narrated by the Oregonian:

"In 1892 he became president of the Portland National bank. This institution, because of some unfortunate loans, succumbed to the late financial panie, but Mr. Mason stuck to the ship until the last depositor was paid in full, sacrificing the greater part of his personal fortune in doing so. Through the swindling operations of the Ainslie Lumber Company, the bank lost 90 per cent of its assets, and Mr. Mason used been unions between them that have about \$130,000 of his private fortune to save the depositors. Only his high sense of honor and justice of nothing less estimable than these prompted him to make this sacrifice, for he was bound neither legally nor morally to use a dollar of his own resources to pay the depositors."

Knowledge of the circumstances is necessary to a full comprehension of the magnitude of this great sacrifice. At the time of his death Mayor Mason was 67 years of age. His private fortune was the acquisition of a lifetime of honorable business and the other end spans 56 inches. Peoeffort. He had reached an age where ple living across from each other can his sacrifice meant that henceforth until his death he could not expect construction is that in case of invasever again to command an independent fortune. It involved the other reason suggested is that the high surrender of those fond hopes cherished by every hard worker, of a few years of quiet retirement in the sunset of life from the rough and tumble of active business cares.

integrity and acknowledged business acumen engages in banking, and these qualities draw deposits to his bank. They are the moral assets of the institution, and friends, acquaintances and observers bank upon

A crash comes, and it is disclosed that his judgment of men was at fault. He had selected incapable or Letters of Credit issued available in the dishonest helpers, or he had approved large loans which proved unsound, Transfers sold on New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Portland Oreand as a consequence his bank be-comes insolvent, its doors are closed, Collections made at all points on favand its depositors are about to lose orable terms. their hard savings.

There is a moral obligation on that man to bring up the reserves of his private fortune. This is high ethics, and few men will live up to H.A. STURDEVANT, the exalted standard, but 'tis well the few are found. They are the balance on "Fortune's wild wheel." They save civilization from disaster.

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The argument has not appealed to M. Francesque Sarcey. "Should it oc-cur," he says; "should the hour come when our sprigs of nobility are no longer bought by exotic qualls, I for one would not weep for grief." M. Sarcey adds: "The idle descendant of a Crusader is a sucking pig. The female Yankee is a peacock. What good can such a couple work? There may have not turned out badly, yet in that case the parties have been more lucky than wise." M. Sarcey concludes: "I know bargains, which are less contracts of marriage than bills of sale."-Collier's

Kitty Witches Row. Great Yarmouth, in England, has the narrowest streets in the world. They are called rows, and are merely narrow passageways between buildings. There are 45 of them in all, stretching in the aggregate more than seven miles in length. The narrowest of them is called "Kitty Witches" row. The entrance to it is but 29 inches in width, easily shake hands across the intervening space. One reason given for their ion, these narrow lanes would preve invaluable as means of defense. Antides might flow through these streets as outlets.-Golden Days.

## A Beautiful Skin.

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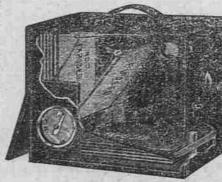
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