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All of the different factions in China appear to want peace now, and peace should have, even if all the ring-leaders have to be sacrificed to secure it.

A man in Philadelphia is reported to have started in to trifle with a roulette wheel with only a capital of fifty cents and he quit with \$20,000. Undoubtedly here we have another convert to sound money.

Mark Hanna in an interview states that on a recent visit to Massachusetts he found the state "a hot bed of anti-imperialism." From the appearance of things at this time a large number of good guessers are likely to be greatly surprised next November.

Senator Wellington of Maryland, a republican, says he is convinced that there is a secret alliance or understanding between the McKinley administration and the English government, and it is largely on this account that he is so bitterly opposed to the re-election of President McKinley.

Governor Roosevelt proposes to make Mayor Van Wyck of New York, answer for his connection with the ice trust in that city. Now if United States Senator Hanna, as well as other senators, can be made to answer for their connection with trusts a step in the right direction will have been taken. But to punish Van Wyck and let the others go free will be too unfair to have any good result.

The handwriting experts who testified in the celebrated Mollineux murder case in New York city have filed bills for their services calling for \$50,000 from the public purse. In New York state and city to rob the people appears to be a legitimate and worthy ambition, and it is fostered because it was allowed to become a practice of the professional classes, who live largely from what they can extract in divers ways from the public treasuries.

There are those who talk glibly about "national honor" whose main hope is to subsist at the expense of those who maintain it. John Barrett, late of Portland and Siam, has been engaged to speak for "national honor" and "sound money" in Maine. John Barrett just now has no other visible means of support than his interest in the success of the republican presidential ticket. He wants another office. Think of such men counseling and advising the people. It is almost on a par with the burglar advising the householder to leave his doors open.

The people of San Francisco are not satisfied with the work of the census takers. In brief, nobody is satisfied, except those who are manipulating the census and making it one of the "snaps" of government which everybody is supposed to get as much from and give as little back as possible. Government that does not provide for the faithful at the expense of the people is no longer considered government at all. Government is doing too much for the individual who is directly connected with the government machine and too little for those from whom it draws support out of all proportion to its benefits. In short, government largely consists of privileges when it should stand for equal rights. Those who look to the government for individual benefits are the enemies of good government, economically administered.

In London recently certain tramways were built at a cost of \$244,200. But in order to build them land had to be first acquired at a cost of \$963,700. In other words, in order that the people could provide themselves with certain conveniences they had to buy from in-

dividuals a value which they themselves and their predecessors had created by their presence upon the land, and pay for it a sum greatly in excess of the cost of the convenience, and yet the persons who received the immense sum created no more of the value than those who paid it. The things that are not the product of labor should not be treated as private property. Were water and air capitalized as land is, "ownership" and "monopoly" would be still more profitable to the few and the many would be forced to buy from them "property" that they had no part in creating or that did not represent labor performed by either the dead or alive.

GOOD STORY BY A CHINAMAN.

The quality of a short story may be said in a general way to depend upon plot, character, drawing and style. If the plot be simple, the characters well limned and the style attractive, the story may be called good, and if it be written in one language by a person born to another tongue and reared among foreign traditions, such a circumstance should add a few more marks to the total of merits. "The Smuggling of Tie Co" in the Land of Sunshine is one of these good short stories. It is by Sui Sin Fah of Seattle, and it is written well, gauged by almost any standard of English composition.

The plot is simplicity itself. Jack Fabian was among the most daring of the men who engage in "contrabandizing." Chinamen from Canada to the United States. He was the cleverest in scheming and the most successful in outwitting government officers. Last summer Fabian was down on his luck. He had spent three months in prison and then escaped, and his partner, kind of smuggling did not net him as much as formerly.

One evening while he was bewailing the dullness of business, young Tie Co, partner in a successful laundry, asked Fabian if he would like to take him over the border. Fabian admitted he was in such hard luck that he would take anybody who could pay him, but he added that Tie Co was so well settled and had such good prospects where he was that he would be foolish in him to think of changing. Still Tie Co persisted, and finally Fabian yielded, agreeing to beat the government once more for the stipulated price—suggested, by the way, by Tie Co—of \$50.

They had traveled two days and were well within the borders of the United States. Fabian chatted with his companion trying to solve the mystery that surrounded his sudden desire to enter the United States, but Tie Co kept a wary tongue in his head and avoided direct answers to Fabian's most pointed questions. Tie Co was not a strong lad and it was hard at times keep up with Fabian's woodland stride; yet he never complained. Once when Fabian joked him about having a wife in China, Tie Co replied softly that he had no wife, adding, "I not like woman, I like man."

"You confirmed old bachelor!" exclaimed Fabian.
"I like you," said Tie Co, his boyish voice sounding clear and sweet in the wet woods. "I like you so much that I want to go to New York, so you make fifty dollars. I no find in New York."

Fabian was astounded, and Tie Co was much embarrassed and very sorry that he had told the real secret of his going. Then Tie Co thought he saw a glimmer of hope in the shadows of the trees. He learned that if Fabian were taken by the officers with a Chinaman in his company, he in all probability would have to spend another term in prison.

This fully impressed itself on the mind of Tie Co as they reached the foot of the bridge and a swift and deep stream. Tie Co stopped and looked into Fabian's face.
"Man come for you I not here, man no hurt you." And with the words he whirled like a flash over the rail, Fabian as quick after him, but he had his plunges for nothing. As he dragged himself cold and dripping from the river he was made a prisoner.
"Tie Co's body was picked up the next day, Tie Co's body, and yet not Tie Co, for Tie Co was a youth, and the body found with Tie Co's face and dressed in Tie Co's clothes was the body of a girl—a woman.

"Fabian is now very busy; there are lots of boys taking his helping hand over the border, but none of them is like Tie Co; and sometimes, in between whiles, Fabian finds himself pondering long and earnestly the mystery of Tie Co's life—and death.

These last paragraphs give a good idea of the style in which Sui Sin Fah has written his charming little story. Nothing could well be simpler than his plot; yet how full of deep human interest it is! The two characters of Fabian the smuggler and Tie Co the Chinese maiden, who loved him in secret as women the world over sometimes do, are well drawn, consistent throughout and in places quite strong. How was Fabian to know that the quiet Chinese youth to whom he was strongly attached should be a woman? Not knowing this and consequently not understanding many things until it was too late to realize that to comfort poor Tie Co, is it any wonder the smuggler pondered the mystery of this maiden's death, or the still greater mystery of her life?

The writer's handling of English is far from that of the novice. For instance, this description of Fabian: "Uncommonly strong in person, tall and well built, with fine features and a pair of steady blue eyes, gifted with a sort of rough eloquence and of much

personal fascination, it is no wonder that we fellows regard him as our chief and are bound to follow where he leads." This certainly is equal to the average diction of the short story of the hour.

The manner in which Sui Sin Fah has handled this simple, homely yet attractive plot is full of promise of future work which may bring him much nearer the head of the class of those who produce short fiction. If this is a discovery of the Land of Sunshine, then the fine sense of discrimination of Charles F. Lummis has once more been put to the test without faltering.

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