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OLD VANDERBILT BEATEN. How he Was Forced to Bign a Con-

I learn that the long standing compensation about everything in differences between the Vander- this life, and farming has its blesbilts and the Garrisons have at sings that other pursuits do not last been settled. The story of have. The farmer belongs to nothis fead and its origin has never body. He is the freest man on been told before in print. It earth and the most independent. commenced in 1849. That year He has more latitude and longi-Captain, now called Commodore, tude. He has a house in the coun-Garrison went from the Mississippi try with plenty of pure air and river to New York, having had a good water. If he makes but litdifficulty in 1848 on his boat, the in the field he has no occasion which resulted in his killing his to spend but little. He can raise antagonist. The dead man had his own hogs and sheep and cattle many friends, and William C. and chickens. His wood costs Ralston, his clerk, persuaded nothing, and luxury of hig back Garrison that his life would be logs and blazing fires in open fireconstantly in danger if he staid places all winter long is something there, and therefore he had better that city people long for, but canquit the Mississippi river for good. not afford. My own farm cost me Having quite a fortune, Garrison 87,000. I have 120 acres of open took the advice, and went to New land in good condition, and it York to begin anew. At that yields me on an average about \$5 time Commodore Vanderbilt an acre above all expenses. Say owned a line of sailing vessels nine per cent. upon investment. from New York to San Francisco. Well, that is mighty little, consid-Garrison proposed to buy out this ering my own labor and supervisline, and after some negotiation a ion. I've seen the time when I price and terms were agreed up- made five times as much without on. Before the first payment was any capital except my head. But made gold was discovered in Cali- then we have to keep a pair of fornia and the line at once became horses to ride around and they enormously valuable, and Commo- have to be fed from the farm. dore Vanderbilt though he bad There are little leaks all around, made a contract, flatly refused to but still we are happier on the 000. conclude the sale and turn over farm than we were in town, and the property. Garrison did all he feel more secure from the ills of could to get possession, but to no life. We fear no pestilence or effect. One morning he went to disease, no burglars or thieves. Vanderbilt's office, and laying We lock no doors, and Mrs. Arp changed, because the mails are apt worker, and furnishes his paper down the sum agreed upon as the has quit looking under the bed for to go astray there. first payment and the contract, a man. I love to hear the churn

words.

the door of the room, locked it and stop and chat about the growing carefully put the key in his pocket. crops. I love to take the children He then drew a six-inch derringer with me to the water mill and fish pistol, cocked it and said, "Com- below the dam amid the roar of minutes to 11 by the clock on your the pond in a leaky batteau. mantel. I will give you five min- love to wander through the woods utes in which to sign that contract. and glades, and wear old clothes God that made me, I will spatter if I want to. Old man Horace re-Tick, tick, went the clock. Garri- that the town was the best place keep time. It was four minutes, course, but they don't collapse and three minutes, then only two min- burst up like tradesmen. They utes before he had to die. When don't go down under a panic. it was thirty seconds to 11 Van- Bill Arp. derbilt picked up his pen, took the paper, signed it, blotted it and years and years longer than his by railroad corporations. family could have hoped for. The loss of his eldest son a tew months ago greatly shocked him and in his enemies and, as I hear, there great rival's family at last .-

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asked Vanderbilt to take the dasher splashing in the buttermilk. money and sign the contract. He I love to hear the roostess crow refused to do so in rather barsh and the peacock holler, and the martins sailing around the martin Garrison deliberately went to gourds. I love to hear a neighbor modore Vanderbilt, it is now five falling water, or paddle around If it is not signed when that clock that can't get any older or dirtier strikes 11, at its last stroke, by the and get caught in a shower of rain your brains all over this floor!" marked about 2,000 years ago son's pistol, with its huge yawning for a rich man to live in, and the black muzzle, was within eighteen country was the best place for a inches of Vanderbilt's brain. He poor man to die in, and inasmuch could not move, for Garrison's eyes as riches were uncertain and death were as cold and hard as those of was sure, it becomes a prudent Atropos, the pitiless Fate. A mo- man to move to the country as tion would be certain death within soon as he can get there. Farmthe instant, with no one near to ers have their ups and downs, of

It is argued by the Indianapolis handed it to Garrison. As the Journal with a good deal of conlatter took it the clock struck the sistency that the indiscriminate fir ststroke of 11. Garrison un- abuse of railroads should cease locked the door and went away. long enough at least to afford an That afternoon the news of Van- opportunity of giving credit for derbilt's capitulation caused much the good things done by them. In wonder. Garrison was asked how the management of rathroads have it had happened. "Oh, I suppose taken the lead by excluding from the old man saw he had been their service the drinking classes wrong," was all the reply he ever as a measure looking to greater made. The episode of the pistol security of life and property, thus and the dramatic incident attend- putting such a tangible premium ing the signature Garrison never upon sobriety as to have an immespoke of. Twenty years after it diate and extended influence in occurred Commodore Vanderbilt the right direction. The day is himself told the story. For years coming when drunkenness will be everything Vanderbilt could do a complete bar to employment in was done to thwart the stout old all honorable pursuits. It is so commodore who had compelled now in many fields of labor, and syst him to do what he had promised. the tendency is becoming general. But Garrison throve wonderfully When it does, much will have been in California. He made the house accomplished in the disposition of of Garrison, Fritts & Ralston a the liquor question. The good power on the Pacific slope. His work will be appreciated more Horseshoeing Establishment. old partners are dead and he is fully in time, and the result will fighting disease with an indomita- go a long way in mitigation of the ble courage. Garrison has lived abuses practiced in other directions

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by Mr. Charles S. Hill, Statistician of the Department of State for the Metropolitan Industrial League, New York, are most interesting:

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Population-United States, 53,-150,000; Great Britain and Ireland, 34,505,000; France, 37,166,-005; Germany, 45,367,000; Russia, 62,000,000; Austria, 39,175,

Wealth-United States \$55,-000,000,000; Great Britain, \$45,-000,000,000; France, \$40,000,000,-000; Germany, \$25,000,000,000; Russia, \$15,000,000,000; Austria, \$14,000,000,000.

Debt-United States, \$1,800, 000,000; Great Britain, \$3,800,-000,000; France, \$4,000,000,000; Germany, \$90,000,000; Russia, \$2,000,000,000; Austria, \$2,000,-

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