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"I have been in America but two days," said the talkative foreigner, "but already I have become impressed with some of the strange customs of the country."

"Indeed! What particular customs do you refer to?"

"Well, for one thing, I had not been ashore more than a hour when a spruce, official-looking man came up to me. He showed a silver badge of some sort and said he was a collector of the internal revenue. He asked me if I had paid my side-whisker license yet. I told him that I didn't know side whiskers were taxed in America. He said that they were and the tax was \$4 per year. He added that I might consider myself lucky that he did not add 25 per cent for costs of collection, because it was my duty to report at the city hall and pay the tax without putting the nation to the expense of sending a collector after the money."

"You paid him, did you?"

"Oh, yes, and I was quite glad that I did not wear a full beard. He said the assessments on full beards was \$10 per chin. Why do you have such odd taxes in America? Is it so very expensive to run a republican government?"

"It costs quite a good deal. But was that your only experience?"

"No, it wasn't. About two hours later another man approached me, asked me if I had yet procured the government permit entitling me to wear trousers of such a wide strip as those I had on. It was the same pair I'm wearing now. I asked what the blamed government would do if I refused to pay for such a permit. He replied that the fee for the permit was so excessively small that no one thought of trying to evade payment. It was only \$2 he said. The penalty was the confiscation of the trousers and it would be his painful duty to take me to the nearest police station and take possession of my garments in the name of the United States government if I manifested any further hesitancy about producing the \$2. As I did not want a scene, I paid him the money, and he left."

"You would have done well to let him take you to the police station."

"Why?"

"You could have told your story and he would have been locked up on a charge of swindling."

"Do you mean to say that he was not an official of the government?"

"That's what I mean."

"But he said he was."

"I'm afraid he didn't speak the truth."

"But how about the other?"

"He was a fraud too."

"But he showed me his badge?"

"That cuts no ice."

"I beg pardon! It doesn't do what?"

"I said it cuts no ice. I mean that it was of no significance. Thieves can get badges when they

deem it necessary to use them in their business."

"But who are the real officers who issue permits to wear striped trousers and receive the tax on side whiskers?"

"There are no such officers."

"And no such taxes?"

"No."

"Then they both lied?"

"Yes."

"Well, I never would have thought it. Do you suppose that others will try and do me up in this way?"

"It would not surprise me in the least."

"Allow me to thank you for putting me on my guard, sir. I pay no more taxes except at the city hall. Good day, sir."—Harper's Bazar.

In a recent letter to manufacturers Mr. W. F. Benjamin, editor of the spectator, Rushford, N. Y., says: "It may be a pleasure to you to know the high esteem in which Chamberlain's medicines are held by the people of your own state, where they must be best known. An aunt of mine, who resides at Dexter, Iowa, was about to visit me a few years since, and before leaving home wrote me, asking if they were sold here, stating if they were not she would bring a quantity with her, as she did not like to be without them." The medicines referred to are Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds and croup; Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, pains in the side and chest and Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. These medicines have been in constant use in Iowa for almost a quarter of a century. The people have learned that they are articles of great worth and merit and unequalled by any other. They are for sale here by all druggists.

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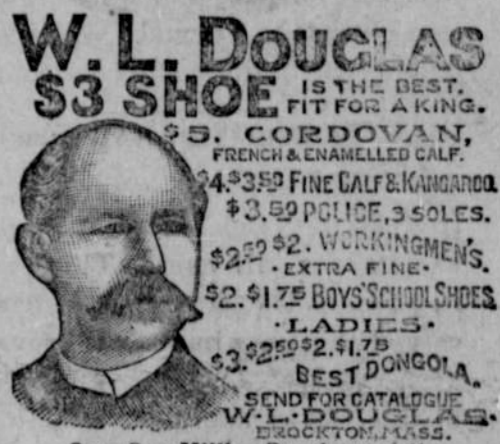
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