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 Nexr to the whisky ring, there is no class of men in this country who do more flnancial
injury to the Government than the chim injury ganta. It is the stady of their lives to add
to the burthens of the taxpayers, nnd they are never so happy ns when they discovor a
new protext for mulcting Uncle Sam. Many new pretext for mulcting Uncle Sam. Many
of the so-called "honest" cases which they
one trump up are founded on a base betrayal of
the confidence of the nation. A clerk, for the confidence of the nation. A elerk, for
instance, entrusted with the secrets of a bu-
roan or a department, discovers, from Govern-
 of the fact that they have the remotest chance
of recovering money from the nation.
 adroitly used, and by a flagrant violation of
confidence the governmentan archives are
made to promote the spoliation of the Trea-
sury, made to promote tho spoliation of the Tren-
sury. There is another chas of chim ngunts
who systematically trado in their real or sopposed "influcence" with the departments
Acquiring a certain position by windy stump speeches or inportant polititial conneotions,
they resort in turn to flattery, threats, and they resort in turn to flattery, threats, and
eatreaties to induce public officials to indorse claims of donbtful justice. Among the vast
horde of public robbers who are imposing on the American people the henviost taxation
knowntocivilization claim angents ravenous and dangerous, If they conta suc.
ceed in all their schemes, and especinlly in those involving compensation for alleged
losses ouring the war, they wonld
speedily bakkrupt the Treasury beyond the
bepe of redemption. They are perpetually lying in whit for an opportunity to pounce
upon the people. If Congress is in a liberal
mood, the moment is quiclly impel mood, the moment is quickly improved by
the passage of a questionuble appropriation,
If Cabinet officer or the head of a buean is
weak or venal, be is instantly besieged with applications for the ent orseenent of doubtfral
claims. If President desies to acconplish
some important object, there is always a galsome important object, there is always a gal-
vanized politicical patriot, who is is reality a
claim agent in disguise, ready to suggest that Claim agent in disguise. ready to suggest that
if provision can be mande for the payment of
Shoddy's little bill, all difficulties in the way of the nceomplishment of the grand national
ndertaling will vanish. There is another class of claim ngents who
oo ont hesitate to resort to gross frauds and
crimes to puel crimes to plunder the Government. They
trump up witnesses to swear to any falso
tatement that may be nece sary to gain their cod, and they forge documents with grace
facility. They are usually adroit enough
escape the meshes of the laws which they e tinanally seok to pervert, bat we seo by the
recent action of the Secretary of Warr, con
firmed by the opinion of tho Attorney-General
that their operations ree likely be be restritu
herenter. It seems that claim arents mi, that their operations are likely to be reatricto
hereafter. It seems that claim agents mn,
be tolerated as a necessary evil unles
 than would be expected in case the purty war
indicted and prosecutod criminily." The
Attorney.General also suggests that "whert frands have been or are attempted to bo com
mitted upon the Goovrnment by ngents, by
means of fictitious climims and other devices means of fictitions claims and othor devices,
the statutes enacted for ther punistmen
should be enforced against them," and that
"where the provision contained in the pea-
sion and bounty acts designed for the protec sion and bounty acts designed for the protec
tion of claimants ngainst the copidity an
oppression of their agents has been violated, the guilty parties onght to be brought to jus-
tice.". We trust that Government officers and
United States District Attorneys will act Onomptly and vistrootsly op this whint.
prood shanp raid on the claim agents would be be
as useful in improving the national finnuce ns a vigorous prosecution of the Whisky ring.
And while the operators on a small scale and
the grosser villains are hunted down, the awyers with big reputations, tho blustoring
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