

ONE BOLD PIECE OF WORK.

The Way Two Persistent Tariff Dodgers Scared a Ship's Captain and Escaped the Inspectors—A Poll Parrot That Told Tales Out of School.

In the early nineties of the last century the precautions observed by the officers of the United States treasury department in preventing or rather attempting to prevent the successful smuggling of dutiable goods into this country were as adequate in their scope and as rigidly applied as they are today.

The smuggling White and Bergen did was confined to trunks full of nickel or silver plated German and Swiss watches, English cutlery, woolens and tweeds.

Inevitably of course as their triumphs increased in duration and proportion, the leak forced itself upon the notice of the customs officers.

The government agents watched Bergen for a fortnight. One of them was never far off when a purchase was made, and when the object of suspicion booked on a certain liner that fact, together with a complete list of the dutiable articles in his possession, was called to Washington.

Bergen was accomplished and genial, frequented the smoking room night and day and was popular with card players and the passengers in general.

One morning when the steamer was a few miles east of Fire Island there came a cry from the lookout, "Man in small boat in distress off the port bow!"

Developments were not long delayed. The liner was approaching the Sandy Hook light vessel when Bergen, wild of eye, with hair disheveled and cheeks flushed, sought the privilege of an immediate and private interview with the ship's chief executive.

He was a Fenian, he said, and had been selected by his comrades to place an infernal machine in the hold of the British vessel. Clockwork was attached to the bomb, he declared, and it was timed to go off within twenty minutes.

leather trunk, and he begged the captain to have it heaved overboard before the mechanism ticking away the life of the ship should have time to do its work.

The captain was a man of action, and before the last words were out of Bergen's mouth he was on deck, summoning the watch to quarters.

"That's it!" he cried, pointing to an enormous trunk. "All right," replied the captain. "Now, then, men," pointing to the designated piece of baggage, "over with it, and in a hurry! Heave it away! If any part of it hits this ship you're all dead men! Over now!"

No man in the group was less agitated than Bergen, smiling, puffing easily upon a black cigar and returning look for look with level eyes.

One afternoon in one of the foreign ports of New York a learned and thoughtful man, who had spent many years in the study of the human mind, was engaged in his researches.

He was a regular voyager to Europe, spending the greater part of his sojourn invariably in France, whence he returned with many quaint and curious birds, stuffed, mounted, ready for exhibition.

Once when in Paris the ornithologist picked up a wonderful talking parrot which he purchased at the owner's price and made a pet of. He was fond of talking, and the bird was speedily taken into his confidence.

In good season the ornithologist, with his collection of stuffed birds and his parrot, set sail for New York on one of the French liners leaving Havre.

"Ah, a parrot!" said the inspector. "Can she talk, professor?" "Ah!" exclaimed the savant delightfully. "Can she talk? Well, maybe!"

The rest was easy for the inspectors. Lawrence Perry in New York Tribune.

The Chick in the Egg. Almost every one knows that if a hen's egg is kept under suitable conditions for about three weeks a fully formed and developed chick will emerge from the shell.

light, when the developing of the chick may be followed from hour to hour. When the chick comes out of the shell it is not dependent on its parent's body for food, but is capable of picking up worms and seeds and digesting them.

A Tax Scheme That Failed. Switzerland has always prided itself on its independence, and in fiscal matters this proud spirit, which will brook no interference with the rights of the individual, even by the state in quest of revenue, has sometimes been exhibited in curious ways.

Maddening. A gentleman was attending a lecture one evening when he saw, two seats ahead of him, a man whom he took to be an acquaintance.

Medical. It is hard to do, hard to bear, what should be easy—vitality is on the ebb, and the whole system suffers.

The Letter G. The letter G furnishes us a curious bit of orientalism. Its Hebrew name is gimel, camel, from the resemblance of the Hebrew character to the head and neck of that animal.

Money to Loan. MONEY TO LOAN on good security and houses for rent.

Clever Woman. "There is no use trying to deny it," said one man to another. "Bliss is badly married. I hate to say it, but it's so."

References. When you engage a servant, especially in a position of trust, you demand references. You are not content to just read these references and take them for what they say.

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