A prominent Maine journalist, formerly editor of a Portland paper, once practiced law in Foxcroft, and at that time a quaint old man named Graves lived in the neighboring town of Guilford. He had a little property, but very slow about paying his bills. He in the game with Nesmith. Shafer became indebted for small amounts to a number of store keepers in Dover and Foxcroft, and they gave their claims to this journalistic lawyer to collect. He wrote several letters to the old man, which produced no effect till one day he threatened to attach his farm if he did not call and settle the old man pull out his stocking; and on the next morning after receiving the letter he appeared at the lawyer's office and announced that he was prepared to pay. How much does it all amount to, Squire ?" he asked. "Twenty.eight dollars," said the

"How's that, Squire?" demanded the old man.

"You owe Ferguson \$6 and Snickerson \$9 and Juggerson \$8 and my charge for collecting is \$5." "I did not know you had any bill

against me, Squire." "I must have my pay for writing

those letters to you."

"Well I declare, Squire, I wasn't calculatin gon that. I'm a pretty old man, most 82, and it was hard for me to get this money together to pay these bills. I'm not prepared to pay

The eld man begged the lawyer to Mr. Graves, you have made considerable mischievous talk about me. You have gone through the country calling me a big liar and other hard names. Now if you will go around and see everybody to whom you have store the other evening and hesitatemade this talk and tell them that what | ingly inquired if the proprietor ever | vou have said about me is false, I'll knock off the five dollars."

After rubbing his old gray head, al in der last war?" the old man answered: Mr. Pullman, I'm most 82 years old, and too near eternity to tell such a 'tarnal lie as

The Hon. A. G. Lebroke, of Foxcroft, once swapped an old wagon with Graves for four cords of wood. Vhas you some condidate for Gover-Graves signed a contract written by nor last time?" Lebroke, to the effect that Graves should deliver Lebroke four cords of merchantable wood. Where the wood should be delivered was not stated.

received no wood. Happening in you whas nopody den nopody puys Giulford, he asked the old man about 'em. How mooch you whant for dot

"Oh, yes," said Graves, "I've cut "Oh, yes," said Graves, "I've cut "Tree dollars! Say, you go right your wood and it's as nice a lot of oudt of my blace! I doan haf some wood as ever you saw. You just come and look at it."

He took Lebroke into the woods and showed him four cords of excellent go oudt, my head eches!" cord wood, piled up in the forest.

"There, Squire Lebroke," said he "I deliver that wood to you." Then turning to a neighbor who had accompanied them he added. "And I want you to witness that I deliver this wood I gif you seventy-five cents for dot to Mr. Lebroke."

The Senator had to hire a teamster to haul the wood to Foxcroft. He says it was the first and only time he ever was beaten on a contract that he wrote himself.

#### STORY OF A LIFE.

"The story of the downfall of ex-Senator Ferry," said a Washington offical, "reminds me of the present condition of another ex.senator. I refer to ex-Senator Nesmith, of Oregon. There is only one similiarity in their situation-both are in asylums. Ferry is in the asylum of a fugitive from justice, but Nesmith is confined in an institute in Oregon for the insane. Nesmith only lost his mind a few fears ago, but there were never any imputations against his integri-

"Nesmith was a very eccentric character, had a large brain, but was always a little bit cranky. He is the man, you will remember, who, when he first went to Washington to take his seat in the Senate, took a place in the gallery, and it was two or three weeks before he made himself known. After he had been sworn in some one asked him what his impressions were while occupying a seat in the gallery. 'Well,' he replied. 'at first I asked myself, Nesmith, how in the dickens

did you ever get elected to the Senate? But after I had been here awhile my wonder was how these other darned fools got there.

"Nesmith made a great deal of money in Western mining inves ments and was extremely fond of the national game of poker. I remember, one evening, at Willard's a man by the name of Bill Shafer was was a man about town who had made considerable money through a number of fortunate investments in Wall street. The luck, on the evening in question, was running his way, but

Nesmith discovered that Shafer was not playing an exact square game. When he reached forward to gather in his winnings of the evening. Nesmith placed his hand over the pile within 38 hours. This threat made and said, 'Shafer, that money doesn't

and said, 'Shafer, that money doesn't belong to you.

"What do you mean, sir? said Shafer excitedly, rising to his feet. 'I tell you it is mine,' making another grab for the money. Nesmith still covering it with his hand, replied, 'It does not belong to you, and you know very well it doesn't.' Shafer then left the room, leaving the money on the table and vowing vengeance. He gave out the report the next day that he was going to shoot Nesmith on sight. Nesmith, of course, heard of it, and not knowing the character of the man very well went up to Shafer's room. Entering, he said: "Shafer, I hear that you are going to shoot me on the street. Now I don't care to be shot on the street. Now I don't care to be shot on the street, as it would make a muss. I thought I would come up to your room and let you do the shootyour room and let you do the shooting here to save trouble.' Shafer was

"Senator Nesmith had two lovely daughters, but another of his eccentricities was to suspect every man who paid them any attention, of improper motives. The result was that let him off, and after considerable both of the young ladies eloped and talk the lawyer said: "Look here, were disowned by their father. They made very good marriages, however. Their husbands have become prosperous and successful men."

"Dot makes it badt. I could pay you \$2 for that coat if you whas a Sheneral, and maybe somebody gif me four. Vhas you a Congressman?"

"Too badt. Shust now dere whas a demand for Congressman's old clothes.

"Not that I remember of." "Mebbe you vhas a great inventor?" "I can't say that I am. The only

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"My friendt, look in my eye! You vhas a poer man, und I like to do right by you. I haf my rules laid coat, und pin on him a card dot you vhas a celebrated poet. I do dot mooch to help you oudt."

"Give me a dollar and put on the card that I am a celebrated artist." "No, my frendt. Des werry best I could do vhas to gif you ninety cents und put on dot you vhas a celebrated

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