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SEE YUP.

By BRET HARTE

(Continued)

said Cy Parker, who remembered their large-headed recklessness in the "flush days." "Only that we didn't think it was white man's work to rake over another man's leavin' we might hev had what them durned Chinamen hev dropped into. Tell you what, boys, we've been a little too 'high and mighty,' and we'll hev to climb down."

At last the excitement reached its climax, and diplomacy was employed to effect what neither intimidation nor espionage could secure. Under the pretense of desiring to buy out See Yup's company a select committee of the miners were permitted to examine the property and its workings. They found the great bank of stones and gravel, representing the cast out debris of the old claim, occupied by See Yup and four or five plodding automatic coolies. At the end of two hours the committee returned to the saloon bursting with excitement. They spoke under their breath, but enough was gathered to satisfy the curious crowd that See Yup's pile of tailings was rich beyond their expectations. The committee had seen with their own eyes gold taken out of the sand and gravel to the amount of \$20 in the two short hours of their examination. And the work had been performed in the stupidest, clumsiest, yet patient Chinese way. What might not white men do with better appointed machinery! A syndicate was at once formed. See Yup was offered \$20,000 if he would sell out and put the syndicate in possession of the claim in 24 hours. The Chinaman received the offer stolidly. As he seemed inclined to hesitate I am grieved to say that it was intimated to him that if he declined he might be subject to embarrassing and expensive legal prosecutions to prove his property, and that companies would be formed to "prospect" the ground on either side of his heap of tailings. See Yup at last consented, with the proviso that the money should be paid in gold into the hands of a Chinese agent in San Francisco on the day of the delivery of the claim. The syndicate made no opposition to this characteristic precaution of the Chinaman. It

was like their not to travel with money, and the implied uncomplimentary suspicion of danger from the community was overlooked. See Yup departed the day that the syndicate took possession. He came to see me before he went. I congratulated him upon his good fortune. At the same time I was embarrassed by the conviction that he was unfairly forced into a sale of his property at a figure far below its real value. I think differently now.

At the end of the week it was said that the new company cleared up about \$300. This was not as much as the community had expected, but the syndicate was apparently satisfied, and the new machinery was put up. At the end of the next week the syndicate was silent as to their returns. One of them made a hurried visit to San Francisco. It was said that he was unable to see either See Yup or the agent to whom the money was paid. It was also noticed that there was no Chinaman remaining in the settlement. Then the fatal secret was out.

The heap of tailings had probably never yielded the See Yup company more than \$20 a week, the ordinary wage of such a company. See Yup had conceived the brilliant idea of "booming" it on a borrowed capital of \$500 in gold dust, which he openly transmitted by express to his confederate and creditor in San Francisco, who in turn secretly sent it back to See Yup by coolie messengers, to be again openly transmitted to San Francisco. The package of gold dust was thus passed backward and forward between debtor and creditor to the grave edification of the express company and the fatal curiosity of the settlement. When the syndicate had gorged the bait thus thrown out, See Yup, on the day the self-invited committee inspected the claim, promptly "salted" the tailings by conscientiously distributing the gold dust over it so deftly that it appeared to be its natural composition and yield.

I have only to bid farewell to See Yup and close this reminiscence of a misunderstood man by adding the opinion of an eminent jurist in San Francisco, to whom the facts were submitted: "So clever was this alleged fraud that it is extremely doubtful if an action would lie against See Yup in the premises, there being no legal evidence of the 'salting,' and none whatever of his actual allegation that the gold dust was the ordinary yield of the tailings, that implication resting entirely with the committee who examined it under false pretense and who subsequently forced the sale by intimidation."

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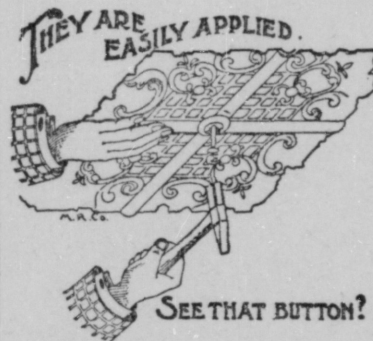
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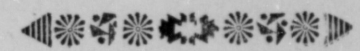
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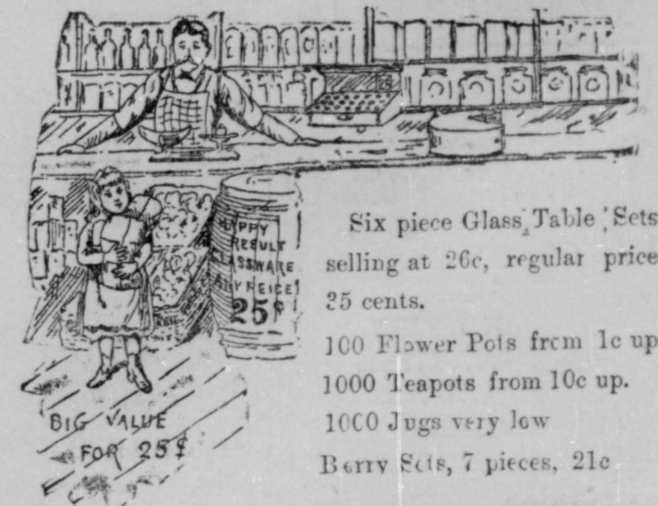
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