OF THE WAYS AND MEANS $\begin{gathered}\text { digar in thin mouth. Of course the air in } \\ \text { very } \\ \text { nat, and }\end{gathered}$

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 sentatives poseseses authority that is al-
mowt monarchical, for it prepares the
haws in which is exercised that greatest
then function of government, the taxing pow.
er. and the political pary which has
made the committee generally enacta made the committeo generaily enacts
the measures which it prepares and pro-
poses. The ways and means committee is the
tederal taxing board. It not only de-
termines how much . termites how much monoy shall flow
Into the coffers of the govenment, but
whence it shall come. The taxing boand of ace county or city, Tha a ruale has bower
on pow to
only to tix the num to be collected and only to tix the sum to bo collected and
pro rate that amomg nil propery owners.
no much tax to ench hundred dollars of
 committee. It is within their province
to let one man go woot free of taxen nand to tax another to death: to nay to one wax rich," nend to hie neighbor, "Yo ahall be ruined;" to extinguish or kindle
furnace fires. to open or close the doors
of factories, and to stop or start the




| of trade, of manufacturese, |
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| indrastres of the country | twisting the industries of the country

about their fingers by the simple putting
on of fractions and per cente, or by the
takking away of the same. Prosperity or
adwely taking away of the same. Proaperity or
adversity to humdreds of important in
dustries follows each letter which the dustries folows each letter which th
clerk puts down on paper at the diroc-
tion of these eight mpen. Is it any won-
der the ways and means is considered
 brain and largest experiencoo of congrees?
When the majority have finished their bill they report it to the full committee
The minority then for the firstime may
see it. No matter whether they like see it. No matter whether they like
or not-it is the bill, and thus koes to
the house, and, accidents barred, to the is a tyrant's power, but it is precisely
the power wielded by the thirtcen men The ways and means committee, of
course, representa in a majority of its members the party in power in the houss
of reprementatives. It is appointed by
the mitteeserer, and in this that power oretion of cony
office which makes it ospasily office which makes it easily the second
office of importance in the United States and means committee is by tradition and He is usually a man of long experience.
and great ability. Tradition says, also, hat eight of the members shall be bin ac
cord with the majority of the houk whilie five shat
the minority.
The chief
The chief duty of the committee
reparation of a taxing or tariff bill. preliminary to this ar programme.
bearing is is arranged. On appoint hearings" is arranged. On appoint
days the representatives of various ma nterests are invited. to to be present and ofer arguments conceraning the changes
in the law which they desire, These in-
tereats are never thectward. They come cerests are never bactward. They come
the front always in large numbers Q the front always in large numbers.
They come from anl parts of the country.
and from every walk of life. Here mill.
 spreckels meet plain, blunt farmers like Mr. Brown, of York county, Pa, and
Mr. Piollet, of Bradford county. Someimes great lawyers appear before the
committee to make arguments for their enators also, for their conatituents, and These tarifif hearings are held before Republicans, The doors are open tha and whosever will may come, Often
large crowds assemble, and help to make ap a scene of rare interest. In the mid
dio of a coom about thirty.five feet aquare is a long, wide table. It is covered with books, papers and documents.
Surrounding it are thirteen chairs, and
the table just in $f$ it of each chair bears the name of one of the meembera.
Here sits the commit and crowding about are hundreds of speotators, only a
few of whom can fin. seata,
The houme rules at The house rules at ast smoking donot
obtain here, and every other man has a
the
stat
Natute books.
Nill of the minority begins to frame at
own. It, too, needs a commit bill of its own. It, too, needs a commit
tee room. For half a century the wayt
and means has had but one apartment. Now it has two. A few day ago Speak
er Reed took possession of the hadex' re
ception room, closed up an entrance t ception room, cosed up an entrance to
the Capitiol and made of it a ways and
means meeting place. It is a pietur esque apartment, alt marble in walls an

oarlasle, miles and hrbckinhidaz. We Tho rows of columns, each bearin
the Thomas Jeferson American capit of maize and tobacce
Here meet these
 In the Fouter room Chairman McKin
oun, the Litte Napoleon of Protal ley, the Litule Napoleon of Protection,
zurrounded by Dingley, Gear, Lafoliete,
Bayne, Payne, McKenna and Barrows an array of brain and loyalty of which
the Republican party An important invention by a woman is
he dishowshing machine, patented by
Mrv. W. A. Cockran, of Indiana. It wil
horouchly wash and dry twant dill thoroughly wash and dry twenty dozen
dibhes in two minutea, and is in great
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