

HOW RUBENS PAID A BILL

He Painted a Picture for His Ingrate-ful Landlord, Who Didn't Like It.

In the beginning of the Seventeenth century Peter Paul Rubens, whose name had not the same sound then as now lived in Paris, at a modest inn near the palace of his patroness, Maria de Medicis.

Sometimes he had his pockets full of money and lived like a prince, but often he was without a pennig; at any rate he paid his host very irregularly, or not at all.

With these words Rubens hurried up stairs and locked the door. He left the room very seldom and never without taking the key with him.

The tavern keeper hurried up the stairs to the artist's room. The door stood open and the mass of money which was spread upon the table met his gaze.

Fourfold Louis, double Louis, dollars and half dollars lay there in gay confusion. Naturally the good man thought he must quickly put his money in a safe place.

The unhappy host was pitted by all his friends who heard it.

The story became further known and the painter's fame grew and spread. Distinguished people streamed to the modest tavern to hear of Rubens' gay trick from the host himself and see the painted clothing—the table had been put in the garret as the owner wanted it out of sight—and many a dollar was spent in the tavern for the purpose of seeing these things.

One day a rich Englishman who doted on art was accidentally told of the deceptive table by the tavern keeper. He asked to see the table, admired it and offered to give the host as much cash in French gold and silver coins as was painted on the table.

It would clear away much misconception if the popular body in cities, instead of being spoken of and thought of as a local legislature, could be looked upon and considered as a board of directors.

One of the most important grants where- in the powers of such a body is often seem to pass beyond the functions of a board of directors is the right to adopt ordinances which are enforced by the police; but even as to this power it is to be borne in mind that city ordinances have no original authority.

They are constantly declared invalid by the courts because they contravene statutes of the legislature or deal with matters not covered by the grant of power to the city corporation.

The inferences to be drawn from this discussion are two. First, that the whole question as to what ought to be the business of the city and as to the best method of conducting this business is fairly open to discussion; second, that the question is one involving good judgment only. It does not involve the liberties of the people or touch any of the inherent rights of citizenship.

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