



'ORIENTAL GOODS.' Synopsis.—Captain Phineas P. Scraggs has grown up around the docks of San Francisco, and from mass boy on a river steamer, risen to the ownership of the steamer Maggie.

just to make it interestin' an' add a spice t' th' grand openin', I'm willin' to bet again my own best judgment an' lay you even money, Scraggsy, that it ain't ginseng, but Oriental goods.

Captain Scraggs "shut up" promptly, and contented himself with glowering at Mr. Gibney. The mate sat down on the hatch coaming, lit his pipe, and gave himself up to meditation for fully five minutes, at the end of which time McGuffey was aware that his imagination was about to come to the front once more.

plain wood box, labels 'em 'Oriental goods,' an' consign 'em to the Gin Seng company, 714 DuPont street, San Francisco. Now, why are these two countrymen o' yours shipped by freight—where, by the way, they goes astray, for some reason that I don't know nothin' about, an' I buys 'em up at a old horse sale?"

obdurate and eventually the Chinaman paid over the money and departed with the remains of his countrymen. "I knew he'd come through, Bart," Mr. Gibney declared. "They got to ship them stiffs to China to rest alongside their ancestors or be in Dutch with the sperrits o' the departed forever after."

CHAPTER VII—Continued. For an hour Mr. Gibney sat on the stern blits and ruminated over a few advantageous plans that had occurred to him for the investment of his share of the deal should Scraggs and McGuffey succeed in landing what Mr. Gibney termed "the loot." About eleven o'clock an express wagon drove in on the dock, and the mate's dreams were pleasantly interrupted by a gleeful shout from Captain Scraggs, on the lookout forward with the driver.

CHAPTER VIII. Had either Mr. Gibney or McGuffey been watching Captain Scraggs after he had left them they would have been much puzzled to account for that worthy's actions. First he dodged around the block into Drumm street, and then ran down Drumm to California, where he climbed aboard a cable car and rode up into Chinatown.

"Well fix Scraggsy." an upturned fire bucket, smoking pensively and gazing across the bay with an assumption of lamblike innocence in his fox face.

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