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Late one night, more than thirty years after, I had San Francisco and its joys and sorrows behind, I was at my desk at my home in the city, and my work in another part of the building. I had been late and my assistants had gone home, leaving me to finish up for the night. The day had been a wearying. Some very important news had come over the wires and was being put in type, and I awaited a proof. I turned the gas jet down and sat under the grate fire. Presently I dozed and finally fell fast asleep. How long I slept, I cannot say—perhaps not more than ten minutes. Then I awoke with a start and with a gasp, and I found myself alone in the room, rather than knew that some one was in the room with me—that he had entered while I slept. I awoke quickly and in the dim light saw a figure standing in the four feet of space. I turned up the gas and saw a short, slender looking man, thin, gray, very grimy and very shabbily dressed. His face was

The London newspapers used to make a distinction between a simple notice of a death, for which they charged five shillings, and a brief eulogistic obituary, for which they demanded seven and sixpence. One day Thomas Hume called at the office of a morning journal and silently placed upon the counter the annual payment of seven shillings. The clerk glanced at the paper, tossed it to one side, and said, gruffly, "Seven and six!" "I publish obituaries," answered Hume, "had occasion to do so frequently, and I am sure I shall have never before been charged more than five shillings." "That," repeated the clerk without looking up, "there's an account, and you're continually belayed and deeply regretted." "Isn't there," said Hume, "any other mode of payment?" "Additional half-crown and lead it deliberately," answered the others, observing in his most solemn tone, "Congratulations, Mr. Hume, you have just paid an expense which your executors will never be able to pay."

The tide was low when we dashed into the narrow, sandy creek in the wake of the terrific whales. There our tactics changed. We spread out in one compact line from shore to shore, and at the word of command, amid ear-splitting yells, the first spear was thrown and the massacre began. A shower of spears whizzed through the air, boats crashed into each other, the whales flopped about helplessly in the shallows, and cannoned against their fellows until one actually heard the grating of their rough skins.

The navy department decided recently that officers receiving unexpected orders to foreign duty should be allowed to draw two months' advance pay. Officers are required to defray traveling expenses out of their own funds, and upon reporting at the new station they must pay out of their own funds for the country, after the usual delay. Often it proved extremely embarrassing to have to meet the expenses of a long journey, and for this reason the recent order was issued. Some years ago a notably impetuous officer, on duty at the Naval Academy, was ordered to Sitka to join one of the ships of the Berlin patrol squadron. The officer, who had no ready money and could not persuade any of his friends to advance him the money, wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, asking to be allowed to draw the money furnished with money to defray his traveling expenses. The Secretary saw in the letter an attempt to get out of an unpleasant duty, and a peremptory telegram was ordered to be sent him at once. He obeyed the first telegraphing as follows: "Have no objection to orders on foot. Next address Harrisburg." He was not surprised upon his arrival in Harrisburg to find a telegram authorizing him to