

## IN TALKING ABOUT TOOLS

Mr. E. A. Sweet in his address before the Michigan Threshermen's Association on this subject "Are Labor Saving Devices a benefit to the Threshermen?" Said—

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And "Mr. Pickwick" exhibited to the astonished Windlass a crisp, neatly-written and printed document: "At sight of this first of exchange—second and third unpaid-pay to the order of Samuel Slimber, the sum of eight thousand and twenty pounds."

The old man sank into a chair and wept—the first tears he had shed for many a long day.

"Avast there Josh, we ain't done wi' business yet," and Sam proceeded to undress as if in response to the call of "Man overboard." First came his great pea-jacket, next a wool-lined waistcoat, and then another, and finally the pigskin braces of his huge pants, went by the board. Off came the shirt, and when the pants were just on the point of clewing up like the "Mermaid's" big foresail when she hove to, Sonny sprang at them and averted all disaster, while Sam unhitched a great buckskin waist-belt. From a pocket of the latter he proudly withdrew a packet which he solemnly handed over to Windlass. Josh opened it with trembling hands and there was the historic necklace with the no less precious Napoleon—the legacy of his dead wife and which were more precious to him by far than the wealth of two continents.

The storm-buffed old salt seemed to be deprived of all powers of utterance and to transact the little business he had remaining with the great banking house as if he moved in a dream. All the same, the great banker was a reality—a living creature of flesh and blood. The money also was a thing that positively did exist, and Time in his flight did not pause one instant to wait upon the inertia even of Joshua Windlass.

Documents were completed that defied the worst that marauding mortal might do to possess this man's property without the further help of Sam Slimber, and next day, the old man supported by the young life that had been the biggest factor in his salvation was to start on the last lap that remained between him and his great objective.

"What d'ye say to a shot at a tin of lobster, Josh?" Sam suggested when Sonny entered the cabin for the last time to ask what he would get for supper.

"Get a ship load o' them, Sam, if you like and I'll foot the bill, but I'll stick to my gruel if ye don't mind. Lobsters gie me visions and—"

The whole ship's company reflected the smile that lingered on the face of Joshua, and "Doc" Macpherson gave it as his professional advice that if he renewed that act of self-abnegation at every temptation, it would guarantee him an immunity from nightmare for the rest of his natural life.

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