

hobbled out on their crutches to get one more look at their hero, and were then ready to die. At last they reached the bridge and were drawn up in line ready for the fray. After hours of patient waiting the Chinamen arrived. It was a grand sight to see seven almond-eyed, pig-tailed, dyspeptic Mongolians surrounded by 35 Victoria specials, marching up Carroll street to the tune of the Rogues March.

## SPEECH OF ROYCRAFT

AT THE

### SIEGE OF VANCOUVER.

And now unto the wharf dear *bums* and win,  
Or close the gangway with our *hoodlum* dead!  
In peace, there's nothing so becomes a man  
As modest stillness and humility;

But when the *China shrieks* rings in our ears,  
Then imitate the action of the tiger—  
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood;  
Disguise old clothes with these stripe-sleeved  
blue coats;

Then lend the eye a terrible aspect;  
Let it pry through the portage of the head  
Like the brass cannon; let the brow o'erwhelm it  
As fearfully as doth a galled rock  
O'erhang and jutty his confounded base,  
Swilled with the wild and wasteful ocean;  
Now set the teeth and grasp your pistol tight;  
Hold hard the breath and bend up every spirit—  
To his full height!—On! on you *soup house bummers*  
Whose blood is fetched from *Chinamen* and  
*klootches*

Parents, who like so many chamber-maids  
Have in those parts Victoria from morn till even  
washed

And stole the clothes for lack of chickamin  
Dishonor not your fathers, now attest  
That those whom you call *Chinese* did beget you.  
Be copy now to men of Siwash breed  
And teach them how to *bum* and you good *hood-*  
*lums*

Whose limbs were made in *Squimall* and in Vic.,  
I see you stand like *bull pups* on the deck  
Straining upon the start. The game's ashore,  
Follow your leader and upon the wharf  
Cry "Hurrah for *China* and the *Rice Brigade!*"

SHAKESPEARE II.

VANCOUVER, B. C.,  
March 7th. 1887.

## OLD SUNNYSIDE.

In the year of our Saviour  
Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven,  
We were put on our behaviour  
By some thirty-six or seven  
Rice Brigaders.

Ordered here to quell a riot  
Why in blazes don't they do it  
When they got here couldn't see it  
Mr. Roycraft, do you rue it?  
Guess you do.

Now they are filling up their bellies;  
Eggs and pork go up in price;  
And they hanker after jellies;  
After living months on rice  
In the soup house.

SHAKESPEARE II.

## GENERAL ORDER.

VICTORIA WAR OFFICE.

March 8th, 1887.

To Superintendent Roycraft, commanding  
Victoria Specials.

It is our command that you assemble the specials under your command in the woodshed of the barracks and read to them the following rules to govern them during their stay in the City of Vancouver. It is to your vigilance that we look for the prompt enforcement and implicit obedience to all general orders and regulations:

- 1st. No one belonging to the specials shall walk faster than a mile an hour.
- 2nd. No one belonging to the specials shall make any extra moves whatever.
- 3rd. None shall take out an accident policy with R. D. Pitt, Esq.
- 4th. No one belonging to the specials shall buy any tobacco either smoking or chewing.
- 5th. You must buy at least 12 chews a day or 20 pipes of smoking.
- 6th. Any one soliciting work of any kind shall be cashiered.
- 7th. Any perspiring shall be immediately locked up.

WINDY ROBINSON.

General Commander.

WAH AH HIGG-INS.

Aide-de-camp.