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**HOME FROM THE KLONDIKE.**—One need not have a very active fancy to imagine the sensation caused in Seattle when the first ship loads of returning Klondikers arrived. The fame of the Klondike had preceded them, and many of the newly made mining kings found that the trumpet blasts of fame had forestalled them in every corner of this wide land. Not only were the returned miners besieged with inquiries as to the truth of the many reports about the gold fields, that had gone forth, but countless would-be imitators besought them for small favors, such as advice that would enable them to lay hands on the most available Eldorado, and sometimes even the temporary loan of enough money to take them to the land of placer mining.