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ROBINSON CRUSOE'S ISLE. Professor Agassiz, a savant whom Switzerland has given to us the United States, is pursuing with success the series of his submarine soundings and coast explorations. The last letters from South America aunounced him at Lima, where he had been received with distinction by the authorities. He had just paid a visit to Robinson's grotto in the island of Juan Fernandez, about 300 miles from Valparaiso. The cost is very abrupt, extending 10 miles in length, to three or four in width. CAPITAL, Daniel Defoe, in placing his hero there, has made it famous. The fiction, as is known, had a basis of reality, as an English sailor named Alexander Selkirk had remained on the island from 1704 until 1709. To the relation given Holders, \$100,000. by Selkrik of his adventures, the English author added from his own mind everything of a nature to interest the attention of the reader-that is to say, the story of the struggles, combats, and sufferings of a man abandoned on a savage spot, and courageously con-Premiums of Insurance are much lower. tending against the privations of solitude Juan Fornandez is nearly deserted at the present day. A private genteman of Valparazo has a WORKINGMEN lease of it, and rears sheep there, and about a dozen shepherds constitute the whole population. The fruits of the temperate regions, such insuting clscwhere. as figs, peaches, strrw-berries, apples, and cherries, grow there in plenty, and the woods abound in gigantic myrtles. JOKE ON AN EXCISE OFFICER. 19-te Mr. Henry Nash is what is called a "fly-133 proprietor," and he lives on Twickenham Common. Among the things to which Mr. Nash libit objects are the periodical visits of the tax-*** 0. gatherer. How to avert these obnoxious visits calebraid for Ø OTPAR has long been a study with him. Resolved to 3. keep within the law, as far as making personal ATT assaults go, and yet to make his residence ex-Ø tremely uncomfortable to the tax collector, Mr. Nash at last hit upon a notable device. Stock se. 8007⁵ Two or three weeks ago the collector went to 'the house of Nash, in company with the parish Better constable. They said they had come to collect arrears of local taxes, and that they had a distress warrant. Nash received his guests with great affability, and begged they would make themselves at home. To this, like Bullfrog in the play, they urbanely responded 33 by beginning to take an inventory of the furniture. Mr. Nash stepped out for a moment, and then returned with a hive of bees, which IMPORTERS OF he placed upon the table, and said : "Take an inventory of them," immediately after rol-ling himself up in the muslin window curtains. The bees promptly attacked the inventor ling himself up in the muslin window curtains. The bees promptly attacked the invaders in full force, and the collector and his aids fled in confusion, uttering terrific imprecations, while the ingenious Nash rolled upon the floor suffoceting with laughter. The trick was en-tirely successful, and all the officials were hadly stung. The raptures of Nash, were, however, somewhat abated when on the fol-lowing moming he was fined forty shilling lowing morning he was fined forty shillings and costs, and ordered to sojourn for a month in the House of Correction.—English Exchange.

