

district got a silk hat and a long-tailed coat onto me.

The American chuckled, and slapped his knee.

"I wouldn't have the boys in Marshalltown, Wyoming, see me with that hat on for the best thousand dollars that Uncle Sam could make. Lord! they'd make it look like a sieve! Well, when I got down to New York, the newspaper boys got to printin' a lot of stuff I told 'em, and had a lot of fun with me. I don't know much about this diplomatic business, and the way I've done things all my life was to hand things out straight from the shoulder.

"The United States is a mighty big country to me. I've always thought it about the finest thing in the world to be an American citizen. There's a responsibility in bein' a foreign representative of America that I appreciate. They said that I was goin' to represent them — and don't you forget it, I'm goin' to, just as long as I hold the job. That's why I did somethin' that American consuls haven't done before — came right square in'to the heart of this country; so, if Americans weren't treated right, I could put it up to the Sultan in a way that he'd come pretty near knowin' what I'm at. I'm goin' to teach these fellers, before I'm through, that, when their people go over to the United States and take out citizenship papers and make a little stake and then come back here to pay a visit, they're not to be thrown in jail on any fool excuse until they've pungled up. I've got a half-dozen men out since I came, by payin' their fines, bribin' your jailers, or raisin' so much Hades they had to let 'em go. Now, it begins to look to me as if I'm the one that's bein'