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is now, in the year Anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, infested by pirates, Not pirates of the Morgan or Capt. Kidd type, however. Not heroic cutthroats, generous thieves, with athletic figures, handsome bronzed features, long hair, piercing black eyes and gay Spanish costumes-fearless fellows, who snap their fingers at the fury of the wind, bare their breasts to the lightning and confront all the elements with immortal defiance. They are not picturesque corsairs, with "one virtue linked to a thousand crimes," these Chesapeake bay pirates. And their vessels are not "long, low, rakish crafts," which spread their white wings and speed away to the horizon with the speed of the wind. The pirates of Chesapeake bay do not scuttle ships or sac': towns, and they have never been known to make captured young women, vainly pleading, walk the barbarous plank. This is not due, however, to their scrupulous moral principles, as will be seen further on.

The Chesapeake bay pirates are oyster pirates: nothing more nor less than men who unlawfully dredge oyster beds that do not belong to them; the term "pirates," by general usage, is therefore somewhat stretched in its application to them. But the booming of cannon and the crack of rifles are now the frequent sounds that disturb the quiet that broods over the beautiful waters of the

Chesapeake. Several battles have been fought between the oyster police and the oyster pirates, and many lives have been lost in the undecisive war thus far this season. But it still continues, and will no doubt continue indefinitely. The police are at a disadvantage. The pirates know it. They have combined, and are now a fleet of many hundred sail, manned by desperate characters, to whom conscience and humanity seem to be unknown quanti-

The causes and nature of the oyster war cannot be understood without some knowladge of the last on the subject and of the methods of pursuing the business.

In 1863 the Maryland legislature assumed control over the oyster beds of Chesapeake bay and all its estuaries, channels, creeks and the rivers debouching into it. The law was designed to protect the industry by placing it under governmental supervision, for even at that day the growth of the oyster business No addition to or variation from threatened to destroy the oyster beds faster than they could be naturally replenished. By the law the oyster gatherers were divided into three classes, and the territories within which each class might operate were defined as sharply as possible. An appropriation was made for the purchase of a steamer to

act as a police guardian of the laws. Of the three classes into which the oystermen were divided, first in the order of origin come the tongers. This class is usually composed of the poorer men, and they take their name from the chief implement of their work, a big pair of rakes, with handles usually about twenty feet long, joined together by a bolt hinge near the lower end. The teeth of the rakes are set facing each other, so that when the handles are brought together the teeth shut up like a pair of jaws, and whatever is grasped by them is bound to come up. Tongers, as a rule, use rude canoes, sloops and "pungies" for their work, and generally work in pairs. They have not the capital necessary to provide themselves with a large boat and dredging machinery, or to employ a large crew, therefore they are tongers. These men are usually inoffensive, ignorant, hard working men and

respecters of the law. Next to the tongers are the scrapers, and the only difference between them and the dredgers, who constitute the third class, lies in the tonnage of their boats. Their methods are the same, but as the scrapers are restricted to the shallower waters their machines are built upon a smaller scale. The scrape or dredge consists of a heavy rake without a handle. A net is attached to it in such a way that whatever is torn up by the teeth is caught in it. In place of a handle a long rope runs from the rake to the



PRETTY ROUGH TREATMENT. boat carries two dreages, with a windlass for each. They are thrown off at the side while the boat is in motion, and hardly have they touched the bottom when the men at the windlasses begin to turn the crank, and up comes the dredge with its net full oysters. They are dumped on the deck, and while the dred to goes over again the work of

culling is now rtage. A best that measures over ten tons is rated as a dreder; all under that tonnage are scrapers or tongers. Dredgers are permitted to operate in the main waters of Chesapeake fingers, with, as he srys, "astonishing good bay, and under no circumstances may they results." enter the rivers or minor inlets for oyster gathering. They take out a license from the state, for which they pay \$3 a ton, custom house measurement. The scrapers take out suffered from dyspepsia, he says he tried their licenses from the county where they several physicians and a host of remedies work. The rate is \$8 for all boats of five without relief. His druggist recommended tons and under, and \$2 a ton for all boats B.B.B. which he declares produced "grand measuring over five tons. No boat of more results," for which he gives it highest than ten tons may gather oysters in county recommendation.

every possible way. The owners of the big boats want to dredge in the richer beds of the inlets and rivers, and that is exactly what they are doing and what ters of their boats have got to do fighting.

It is well known that there are few hovest unspeakably cruel and merciless.

its history it fell into the hands of place in the service, there has been a too plentiful more marked in political primaries than aboard ship. Aside from this, what could be done with fifteen paltry third rate boats, even if they were perfectly commanded and dreds of oystermen with fast sailing crafts, the commanders of which are as familiar with the waters of Chesapeake bay as a New York man is with Broadway! The battles so far have been undecisive-perhaps slightly in favor of the oystermen-and until "the navy" is vastly improved this is bound to be

But the men who work on these boats? Do they voluntarily offer their services on these boats for the winter? Are they well paid? How are they treated?

They do not always deliberately enlist in the oyster service. They are often kidnaped. Most of them are not paid at all; those that are, wretchedly. And they are treated with an abominable cruelty compared with which the treatment of the victims of the Inquisition or of the French revolution was mercy

Of course the poor wretches are of a very low order of society, but they can feel stripes and blows. Many of them are immigrants, ignorant of the English language, whose pitiful protestations and prayers for mercy have no more effect upon the hard hearts of their torturers than if they were dumb. They are usually secured, or, as it is called in



ing around the docks, without money and A Sample Lot of Extra Fine Cardigan Jackets for Gentlemen. searching for work. They ply them with liquor, and the next time they wake up they find themselves locked in the foul, vermin possessed hold of an oyster dredger, with the swash of the Chesapeake against the sides of the vessel in their ears. When the vessel has gone out on the bay beyond the hand of the law the captain of the vessel usually gives the captured men a kicking and clubbing, in order to show them what they may expect in the future. When the oyster beds are reached the men are compelled to work from sixteen to twenty hours a day. If they starved. They are obliged to sleep on hard planks down in the hold, with the rats and vermin, without blankets, and the horrible smell of decayed oysters in their nostrils When the boat goes near the shore the men tempt at escape. And when 'they have gone through all this agony for months, they are placed on some HAINES& LOCKETT'S wild part of the Maryland coast to save themselves as best they may. Some manage to crawl to a town or village, and estipe with frozen limbs. Many perish. Cases are not unknown where men, who have become too iil to work at the dredges, have been thrown overboard and drowned live dogs.

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