Complete the gaps with one suitable word.

The Story of Martin Krpan

Martin Krpan is a fictional character 0 in a short story Martin Krpan from Vrh, which was written 1 _____ Fran Levstik in 1858. The story is set in the time 2 _____ the Habsburg Monarchy (1780-1918). The territory of today's Slovenia was then a part of that empire. Martin Krpan was known 3 _____ the strongest man in the whole empire. He was a smuggler by profession and made 4 _____ living by transporting the English salt illegally. With the help of his loyal mare, he carried the salt from the Adriatic Sea coast 5 _____ the Slovene Lands and elsewhere. On one of his travels, Krpan met the imperial carriage and made way for 6 _____ by picking up his horse and moving it aside. His extraordinary strength was noted by the Emperor John. Several years later, the Emperor called Krpan to Vienna in order to fight 7 _____ Brdavs, a brutal warrior who had already slained most of the city's knights, including the Crown Prince. Krpan accepted the challenge and he defeated Brdavs in a duel by using 8 _____ his strength and his ingenuity. In gratitude, the Emperor gave him a special permit to legally traffic the English salt, as 9 _____ as a pouch of gold pieces. Martin Krpan is a man of the people, 10 _____ becomes a real and authentic Slovene superhero on account of his physical strength and lightness of heart. However, it was not until the end of 11_____ nineteenth century that the reaction to the story became more visible. Publishers have issued the story in a variety of forms – from picture books for children and adults to various collections and editions.