THE SO PESSIMISTIC BACHELOR



HE Bachelor lived in a boarding house. He was 55 years old, and his hair was growing thin at the top and gray at the tem-ples. He had recently invested in a cane because of the gout which he had stopped calling rheumatism. After he had bought the cane he had grimly stalked to an oculist's.

The new eyeglasses were in his pocket now, and he was on his way to the boarding house (he disdained to call it home) to test them on the Rubai-yat that a New York friend had sent him for Christmas.

All these things (including the coming of Omar Khayyam) had made the Bachelor a pessimist-or so, at least, he thought

It was Christmas eve.

"The Christmas spirit!" he growled, under his breath. "Huh! The Christ-mas greed, I call it. Everybody seems to be rushing around like mad, and everybody is filled to bursting with a lively sense of favors to come. Will that confounded car ever show up? I can't stand this chattering rabble much longer."

The car came at last and the Bachelor heaved a sigh that was almost satisfaction as he sank into the only vacant seat.

The Bachelor found himself on the



Threw Down the Book in a Rage.

same seat with a little woman who held many bundles and a baby. The baby was asleep. The woman looked fagged and tired, but when her eyes chanced to rest on the infant in her tense arms, they grew soft with maternal tenderness. She apologized in flushing haste to the Bachelor when the baby's restless movements set a paper box squarely on his knee, but the pessimist only grunted. She tried to recover the box, but this, as she had only two arms, and both were full. proved difficult.

"Let the box stay, madam," snapped the Bachelor. He had not thought to help her. "It does not inconvenience me in the least."

So the box stayed. The Bachelor looked sedulously the other way, and tried to forget that it was there. The baby's pudgy pink hand was flung on his coat sleeve, and the Bachelor tried to forget that, too.

"I get off at the next corner, sir." said the woman. "Could you-would

She rose in hurried anxiety to her feet, and more bundles rained down on the Bachelor.

"I could help you out, if that is what you mean," said the Bachelor sourly. "Oh, no, sir-thank you, sir!" the Bachelor, red with irritation, had gathered up the scattered parcels.

The conductor grinned as he jerked the bellcord, and the perspiring Bachelor could have beaten him with his

"I'll carry these bundles home for you, madam," he announced gruffly and reluctantly, when they reached the sidewalk. "My car has left me, anyway," and he smiled grimly after the rapidly receding lights.

"Yes, sir," said the woman, meekly. "'Tain't far," she added, "just a block."

When he at last reached his cheerless room, he adjusted his new glasses with a scowl and picked up Omar Khayyam with a feeling of sudden dis-"The Christmas spirit!" he growled. "Pshaw!"

But he did not see the printed page, though his eyes were screwed intently upon it for many minutes. Sudden-ly he threw down the vellum-covered book in a rage and tore off the pince "Hang it all!" said he furiously, "these glasses are no good. That driveling idiot of an oculist ought to be drawn and quartered! I'm going

So he jammed his hat on his head and went down-town, and when he came back his overcoat pockets were bulging with a flaxen-haired doll warranted to say "mamma" without much pressure and a red jumping-jack of startling agility.

For the Christmas spirit had cast its sweet and potent spell over the pessi-mistic Bachelor, and he had suddenly remembered—what he had so often tried to forget—that his landlady was the mother of two riotous child en. "God bless 'em!" said the Bachelor, in pkgs "There's a reason."

DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

Profit by the Experience of One Who Has Found Relief. James R. Keeler, retired farmer, of

Fenner street, Cazenovia, N. Y., says: "About fifteen years

ago I suffered with my back and kidneys. I doctored and used many remedies without getting relief. Beginning with Doan's Kidney Pills, I found relief from the first box, and two boxes restored

me to good, sound condition. My wife and many of my friends have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results and I can earnestly recommend them. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Young Man Extensive Traveler. Lord Ronaldshay, though only thirty years of age, probably has done more traveling for his age than any man living. Few people know more than he about the Himalayas and Persia. He has also found time to explore Kashmir, Baluchistan, Ladak, Thibet and the Persian gulf, to say nothing of Ceylon.

National Pure Food and Drugs Act. The Garfield Tea Company's prepara-tions comply in every respect with the requirements of The National Pure Food and Drugs Act, June 30th, 1906. Serial No. 384, assigned by the Government, will appear on every package of their goods.

New Market for Herrings.

A new market for Yarmouth her-rings has been opened in the Caucasus, some Scotch merchants having sent an experimental shipment there. The fish are being handled by Prince Louis Napoleon Murat.

To Clean Oil Paintings.

Many are not aware that oil paintings may be successfully cleaned by an amateur. Dip a cloth in tepid Ivory Soap suds and wring almost dry. Go over the picture very carefully until dirt and fly specks are removed; then apply boiled linseed oil with a flannel cloth.

ELEANOR R. PARKER.

Museum Gets Fine Pulpit. King Friederich August of Saxony has given to the Germanic museum at Harvard a full-size reproduction of the sandstone pulpit of the Church Wechselburg, near Leipsic. This gift is regarded as the most important made to the museum since the fine collection of casts was sent by the German emperor. The pulpit belongs to the beginning of the thirteenth century, and is a massive structure, 15 feet high, resting on Romanesque columns.

UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS SAID. In no Other Way Can Actions of Cat Be Explained.

As striking a cat story as I have heard in a long time comes from Alton, N. M., and is vouched for abso lutely, says a writer in the Boston Record. The cat was accustomed to visit the next door neighbor after each meal to be fed and petted, bringing also two kittens.

One of the women at the house thus visited, who had entertained a dislike for cats, finally, on observing the animal, expressed aloud a liking for the gray kitten and said she intended to

ask to be allowed to keep it.

The next day when Mother Cat came for her bits only one kitten accompanied her, but she took away some choice morsels for the one left at home. This continued several days, when the woman who had first ex pressed intention to get the kitten which the cat was feeding, remarked that she had given up wholly the idea of securing the gray kitten. All three felines appeared at the next meal and have done so since.

NO MEDICINE.

But Change of Food Gave Final Relief. Most diseases start in the aliment-

ary canal—stomach and bowels.

A great deal of our stomach and

bowel troubles come from eating too much starchy and greasy food.

The stomach does not digest any of the starchy food we eat—white bread, pastry, potatoes, oats, etc.—these things are digested in the small intestines, and if we eat too much, as most of us do, the organs that should digest this kind of food are overcome by excess of work, so that fermentation, indigestion, and a long train of ails result.

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"About five years ago I suffered with bad stomach-dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation-caused, I know now, from eating starchy and greasy food. "I doctored for two years without any benefit. The doctor told me there was no cure for me. I could not eat anything without suffering severe

pain in my back and sides, and I became discouraged. "A friend recommended Grape-Nuts and I began to use it. In less than two weeks I began to feel better, and inside of two months I was a well

woman and have been ever since.
"I can eat anything I wish with pleasure. We eat Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, and are very fond of it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," In page "There's a reason."

FILLING UP THE CANADIAN WEST.

The American Settler Is Welcomed to Canada.

A number of the leading newspapers on this side of the line have been noticing the growth of the Canadian West in recent years, and draw attention to the fact that there seems to be no abatement of the influx of settlers to that great grain-growing country. The Buffalo Express thus refers to the subject:

"Canada West continues to grow. There were 4,174 homesteads entries there in July of this year, as against 3,571 in July, 1905. Canada plumes herself over this fact, with becoming pride. But what appears to make our neighbors happiest is the statement that of these 4,174 homesteaders, 1,212 were from this side of the line. Little is said about the 97 Canadlans who recrossed the border to take up homes in Canada West, or of the 808 from Great Britain, or of the 1,236 from non-British countries. It appears that the item in this July report that makes Canada rejoice most is this of the 1.212 American farmers who decided to try their fortunes in Canada West.

"The compliment is deserved. The 1.212 were mostly from Dakota and other farming states, and go into Canada fitted better than any other class of immigrants for developing the new country. They take capital with them, too, say Canadian papers proudly. In every way, they are welcome over there."

As the Express well says, the American is welcomed to Canada, and the reasons given are sufficient to invite the welcome. The American farmer knows thoroughly the farming conditions that prevail in the Canadian prairie provinces, and is aware of every phase of agricultural development in recent years.

In practical knowledge of what is wanted to get the largest return for labor and investment he is by long odds superior to any European settler. He knews what is required to bring success, and he is able and willing to do it, and his future causes no apprehension to the successful Canadian farmer. The agent of the Cana-dian Government, whose address appears elsewhere, says that the differ-ence between the manners and customs of the farmer from Dakota, Ore gon or Minnesota and the farmer from Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta is not nearly so marked as that between the farmer of the Maritime provinces and the Ontario tiller of the soil. Hence the welcome to the free homesteads of the Canadian West, and there are hundreds of thousands of them left, that is extended to the settler from the Western States.

Unearthing the Briber.

During a recent campaign in England a certain woman called on a la-borer's wife and asked if her husband would vote for Lord Blank. "No, he won't," was the reply. "But, remember the blankets and coals you got from the clergyman." "Never mind them. He's been promised a new pair of trousers if he votes for Mr. Dash." Suspecting that this was a case of bribery that must be outdone, the woman canvasser offered a sovereign the woman would tell her who had promised the trousers. The money paid over, the woman smiled. "I promised them," she said, "and I'll buy them out of your sovereign."

A New Sleeping Car Story. Among the railroad visitors in town yesterday was F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. He visited all of the general offices in town and at the Hollenden Hotel yesterday told a story of one of the sleeping car porters who was recently found asleep while on duty. This is con-trary to the rules of The St. Paul Road, and the negro man was in trouble when found by the inspector on The Pioneer Limited. He had his wits about him, however, and in re sponse to the inspector's inquiry as to what he was doing asleep, he said:

"I'll tell you how it was, boss. I have only been with the company a short time and before coming here was working on such and such a railroad. The line was so rough that I could not get any sleep. Since I have been working for the The St. Paul the road has been so smooth that I just could not keep awake."
Mr. Miller says that while the ne gro had violated the rules, he was permitted to keep his job on account

of his wit .- Cleveland Leader. May Throw Light on History.

While excitement regarding the Ho henlohe memoirs is still rife in Eu rope, there is subdued talk in British military circles regarding the forth coming appearance of a book which will contain some of the late duke of Cambridge's voluminous correspondence. A diary kept by Emperor Frederick of Germany is in safekeeping in England and the day may not be far distant when it also will be published. Correct answers to numerous historical enigmas may be expected from such a publication.

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A Misunderstanding.

Apropos of a misunderstanding on the canteen question, Gen. Frederick D. Grant said at a dinner in Washing-

"It is like the case of my friend Maj. Green. Maj. Green said to his servant one morning:

"'James, I have left my mees boots out, I want them soled." "'Yes sir,' the servant answered.
"The major, dressing for dinner

that night, said again: "'I suppose, James, that you did

as I told you about those boots?"
"James laid 35 cents on the bureau. "'Yes, sir,' said he, 'and this is all could get for them; though the corporal who bought 'em said he'd have given half a dollar if pay day hadn't

been so far off." LIMB RAW AS PIECE OF BEEF.

Suffered for Three Years with Itching Humor-Cruiser Newark U. S. N. Man Cured by Cuticura.

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Scheme Worked Out Badly.

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what's the matter?' asked the astor ished Sulzer, and he explained why he had sent the seeds. "Oh, you meant well, all right," returned the friend, scornfully, "but when I visited the place the other day I found that about ten families were raising cabbage, cu cumbers and tomatoes in the bath

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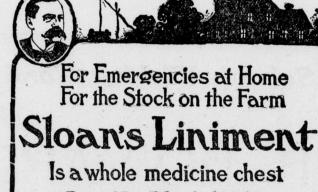


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