### The Bachelor's Surprise.

A chill December evening, with the rain and snow forming a disagreeable sort of conglomeration on the sidewalks, the gas lamps at the corner flickering sullenly through the mist, and the wind taking one viciouly as one came around the corner. Not a pleasant evening to assume possession of a new home; but necessity knows no law, and Mr. Barkdale put up his night-key into the red-brick house in the middle of the block, sincerely hoping that his new landlady would have common sense to light a fire in the grate.

"Is it you, sir?" Mrs. Hinman quoth, beamingly. "There's a good fire, and it's all right."

"All right, eh?" said the bachelor, feeling the blue tip of his frosted nose to see whether it had escaped being frozen off entirely. "Well, I am glad to hear that. Have the trunks come?"

"Oh, yes, sir, and the other things."

"What other things?" demanded Mr. Barkdale.

But Mrs. Hinman pursed her lips up. "I wasn't to tell, sir, please."

"Rather an eccentric old lady," thought Mr. Barkdale, pushing past her to the third-story front room, which he had solemnly engaged the day before.

It had been rather a dark and dingy little den by the light of the moon; but now, softened by the choral shine of a well-filled grate, it wore quite another and a brighter aspect.

"Velvet paper on the walls, gilt paneling, red carpet, and Sleepy Hollow chair," thought Mr. Barkdale glancing around. "Not so uncomfortable after all. When I get my things unpacked, it will seem quite homelike."

He set down his valise in the corner, deliberately opened it, took out a pair of slippers, and invested his tired feet therein. Next he laid off his overcoat.

"Now for a cigar," thought he.

But the brown-layered weed was yet in his hand, when there was a bustle, and a flutter, and a whisper, and a merry noise on the landing outside, and the door flew open, as if by magic, to admit half-a-dozen blooming, laughing girls.

Mr. Barkdale dropped his cigar, and retreated a step or two.

"Don't be alarmed," said the tallest and prettiest of the bevy; "its only a surprise."

"A very agreeable one, I'm sure," said our friend, recovering in some degree his presence of mind.

"There's no mistake, I hope" said a yellow-tressed blonde. "Your name is not Greenfield?"

"No mistake at all, I assure you," said Barkdale. "Of course it is not Greenfield. Sit down, ladies."

And he pushed forward the Sleepy Hollow chair, a camp stool and two rheumatic reception chairs, which were all the accommodations presented by his apartment.

But, instead of accepting his courtesy, the girl's all fluttered out again giggling, and in a second, before he could realize this strange condition of affairs, they were back again, bearing benches and a table cloth, dishes, boquets, a pyramid of macaroons, piled up dishes of sand-wiches, of frosted cake, and a mysterious something like unto an ice cream freezer.

The golden-tressed girl clapped her hands.

"You needn't think we are doing this for you, sir," she said.

"Oh," said Mr. Barkdale, bashfully, "I—I—hadn't any such impression."

"It's all a surprise designated for Kate's cousin."

"Is it?" said Mr. Barkdale, more in the dark than ever.

"And how do you suppose we found it all out?" demanded the girl with the black eyes and scarlet feather in her hat.

"I haven't the least idea."

"We found your letter to Kate, and we girls read it, and we resolved to take you and her both by surprise. She is to be here in half an hour. Barbara—that is Barbara Morris, in the blue merino dress," with a turn of her long lashes toward the golden-haired girl, "pretends that she has moved here, and Kate is to come and spend the evening with Barbara. Won't it be a joke?"

"Stupendous!" said our hero, gradually beginning to comprehend the fact that he was mistaken for some one else.

"What will Kate say when she sees you here?" ejaculated another maid, merrily.

"Ah! What indeed?" said Mr. Barkdale, wandering in what words he could best explain matters.

"Of course we shall look the other way while you are kissing and hugging her," said Barbara, demurely.

"Very considerate of you, I am sure," observed Mr. Barkdale.

"She's the sweetest girl in New York," exclaimed the tall damsel, enthusiastically. "I am one of her dearest friends. We word our sewing machine side by side at madame Grillard's. Hasn't she ever written to you about Alice Moore?"

"I—I don't just this moment recall that she has."

"Oh, well, it dosen't matter," said Alice. "Just you sit down, and be a good boy, while we fix the table. Aren't those roses beautiful? My goodness gracious, how astonished Kate will be!"

"She can't be more so than I am," said Mr. Barkdale, sinking into the Sleepy Hollow chair, and passing his handkerchief vaguely accross his forehead. "Well, it's a mere matter of fate; I can't see how I am to explain myself; and yet, perhaps I ought to explain. Ladies—"

"Hush sh sh sh," cried the six pretty girls, all in a hissing chorus Kate's coming; Bessid has brought her. Hush sh sh! Don't say a word, Mr. Greenfield." The golden-haired girl's hand was clapped promptly over his mouth. Alice Moore grasped his arm spasmodically, and the other four danced a sort of a bewitching little feminine war dance about him, while a seventh girl entered—a pretty, Madonna-faced little creature like a dove.

"Come and kiss him Kate," cried all the others. "Now don't be ridiculous, for we shan't take any notice. Here he is!"

"Kiss who?" cried Kate, standing still and staring all around her. "Girls, what on earth do you mean?"

"You provoving thing!" said Barbara, stamping her little foot. "Do you suppose we are all foofs? Why, of course, we know all about him! It's Mr. Greenfield—your cousin Kate—the young M. D.

Kate looked around in bewilderment.

"Where?"

"Why, here!"

"Nothing of the sort!" said Miss Kate, demurely.

Our hero stood up feeling himself growing uncomfortably warm and red.

"Ladies," he said, "there's some mistake here. I said at the outset that my name was not Greenfield."

"There!" cried the girls at once.

"There!" echoed Kate defiantly.

"Didn't I tell you?" retorted Kate. "Be kind enough to let us know what your name is, sir."

"Cephas Barkdale!" said the wretched victim of a misunderstanding.

"But," said Miss More, "you said it was Nott Greenfield."

"Of course I did!" said the puzzled bachelor. "It isn't Greenfield, and it never will be unless I have it changed by act of Legislature."

"Oh-h!" cried the girls. "Dear, dear, to be sure! And we thought you were Kate's lover—and his name is N-o doublet—Nott Greenfield."

"Do hold your tongues, you ridiculous things!" said Kate, half-vexed, half-laughing. "What must Mr. Barkdale think of us?"

"I think you are very nice," said Mr. Barkdale, gallantly.

Miss Basbara in the meantime had taken a slip of paper out of her pocket. She uttered a hysterical shriek.

"It's all my fault!" she exclaimed. "It was No. 39 instead of No. 36—and the tail of the horrid figures turned the wrong end up—that's all. And the cake and the flowers and everything!"

"Stop, ladies, if you please," said Mr. Barkdale, courteously. "Because the surprise has come to the wrong place is no reason why the right person should not enjoy it. Allow me to give up this room to your use this evening. I will just step across the street and send Mr. Nott Greenfield over."

"But you must retern with him," said the girls.

And Mr. Barkdale was not allowed to depart until he had promised.

Mr. Nott Greenfield—a good-looking medical student—who had the "sky parlor" directly opposite—came promptly on mention of the name of Kate Kellford, and did the polite thing in introducing Mr. Barkdale; and Barkdale ate of the sandwiches, and enjoyed the cake and cream, and coaxed Miss Barbara to pin a little pink rosebud in the buttonhole of his coat, and enjoyed himself prodigiously.

"I'd like to be surprised like this every night in the year!" said he.

"Oh, you greedy creature!" said Miss Barbara.

"But there was one time I seriously meditated throwing myself out of the window," said he, "when you told me I was to kiss Kate."

"Dear, dear!" said Barbara, ironically; "that would have been dreadful, wouldn't it."

"But the awkwardness of the thing!"

"I dare say you never kissed a pretty girl!" pouted the blonde.

"I never did," said the bachelor, growing bold; but I will now if you say so."

"But I don't say so," said Barbara, coloring and laughing. "Behave yourself, sir!"

Mr. Barkdale went home with the fair Barbara, and they grew to be great friends, and—where's the use trying to conceal how it all ended? They were married at the year's end, with all the six surprisers too Kate Kellford included. Mr. Nott Greenfield proposes to follow the example as soon as he gets his diploma.

### Josh Billings a Philosopher.

The London *Spectator* points out the profound wisdom contained in the odd sayings of Josh Billings, and the mistake of marring them by bad spelling. The writer illustrates his statements by putting some of his sentences into plain English. For example:

We have made justice a luxury of civilization.

Monkeys never grew older in expression. A young monkey looks exactly like his grandpa, melted up and born again.

No man can be a healthy jester unless he has been nursed at the breast of wisdom.

Humor must fall out of a man's mouth like music from a bobolink.

It is easie to be a harlmess dove than a decent serpent.

Some men marry to get rid of themselves, and find that it is a game that two can play at, and neither win.

Time is money, and many people pay their debts with it.

Ignorance is the wet nurse of prejudice.

Wit without sense is a razor without a handle

Half the discomfort of life is the result of getting tired of ourselves.

Benevolence is the cream on the milk of human kindness.

Style is everything for a sinner, and a little of it won't hurt a saint.

Most men are like eggs, too full of themselves to hold anything else.

It is little trouble to a graven image to be patient, even in fly time.

Old age increases us in wisdom—and in rheumatism.

A mule is a bad pun on a horse.

Health is a loan at call.

Manner is a great deal more attractive than matter—especially in a monkey.

Adversity to a man is like training to a pugilist. It reduces him to his fighting weight.

Pleasure is like treacle. Too much of it spoils the taste for everything.

Necessity is the mother of invention, but Patent Right is the father.

Did you ever hear a very rich man sing?—Beware of the man with half shut eyes. He's not dreaming.

Man was built after all other things had been made and pronounced good, if not, he would have insisted on giving his orders as to the rest of the job.

Mice fatten slowly in a church. They can't live on religion any more than ministers can.

Fashion cheats the eccentric with the clap-trap freedom, and makes them serve her in the habiliments of the harlequin.

There are farmers so full of science that they won't set a gate post till they have had the earth under the gate post analyzed.

### Ice Houses.

In building an ice house, the sides should be built with two rows of scantling not less than ten inches apart, when tan bark is used; if coarse sawdust is used, twelve to fourteen inches. Chaff is altogether improper, since it settles down and soon decays into muck. Coarse hay is sometimes used as a makeshift. Six inches wide of charcoal is thought to be as good as ten or twelve inches of tan bark. Whatever the material is, it should be stamped so tight that it will not settle. Put no hay on the bottom, but provide good drainage, and lay the ice on planks loosely laid. The ice should be cut perfectly square in blocks of equal size, packed close, layer on layer, to the eaves. Over this place about two feet of hay or flax straw. Give thorough ventilation above the hay, and your ice will keep.

### Giant Bunches of Grapes.

A bunch of black Hamburg grapes recently exhibited at Belfast, Ireland, weighed 21 pounds 12 ounces. This is believed to be unprecedented in the case of the black grape, and even in white grapes nothing has been recorded higher than 19½ pounds. Several instances of 5 pound bunches of black Hamburgs are noted. In 1858 it is said that the finest bunch of black Hamburgs that had up to that time ever been produced in that country weighed 8½ pounds, and was a symmetrical, well-shaped bunch, with the individual berries measuring 4½ inches round. In 1860 a bunch of the same variety weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces, but this was a conglomerate of four bunches all from one eye. In 1865 a bunch of black Hamburghs weighed 9½ pounds, and in 1872 one weighed 9½ pounds and another 13 pounds 2 ounces—a weight now thoroughly eclipsed by the monster shown at Belfast. "It would be interesting," says *The London Gardener's Chronicle*, in comment, "to know what circumstances of soil or treatment have led to this result, or whether this is, as is usually the case, an 'accident'—that is to say, an individual variation dependent on some inner cause which we are not able to fathom. The removal of all the other bunches on the cane—even were that to be practiced—would not very materially increase the size of the remaining bunch. An unusual number of flowers are produced and set in the first instance, and removal of the other bunches would not increase the number of berries in the one left, though it might possibly, together with judicious feeding, increase the size of individual berries. In general, however, in these big bunches the berries are small. Curious and interesting as these monsters are, their production is not a thing to be generally desired—an even crop of well-finished bunches of average weight being far more useful." In a later *Chronical* a correspondent says: "I was told the other day by a first class gardener that these huge and ungainly monstrosities could be produced by the grafting of bunches on to stem or shoulders of the one to be the future giant. Is this so? And if so, will it not account for the appearance of these remarkable but scarcely useful productions? To which the editor replies: "We have recently heard the same thing, and intend to have the experiment tried another year."

### Cleanse the Mangers.

The mangers of horses, cows and oxen, when supplied with cut fodder and meal, frequently become offensively sour, in consequence of the decomposition of the wet meal that adheres to the corners of the feed boxes. This is apt to be the case especially when animals do not lick the corners entirely clean. If a small portion of feed is allowed to remain in the manger only a portion of a warm day it will become sour, and the offensive effluvia will taint the entire manger, so that an animal will often refuse to eat his accustomed allowance, unless compelled by keen hunger. The true way to manage mangers is to scrape the corners clean twice a day, removing every particle of rejected food. Then, if the manger does not smell as sweet as a butter bowl, let the corners be washed out with hot water, wiped clean, and a handfull of caustic slacked lime be thrown in the manger. If mangers are kept clean they will seldom become offensively sour. If an animal leaves a portion of his feed, a new mess should never be given on the rejected feed.

### Sheepskin at a Discount.

A recent graduate, whose name is hardly dry yet in the triennial catalogue armed himself with his diploma and started in search of a situation in the metropolis. Having removed his diamond studs and donned his last year's hat, he sailed into a counting house and bade the old grey-haired serf to show him into the senior partner's office. On coming into the presence of the bald-headed millionaire he made an obsequious, we might say a humiliating bow. He stated that he was in search of a situation. The man said: "Well, sir, what can you do?" "Anything," replied our friend. "What salary do you expect?" was the next inquiry of the old buffer. "Oh, well, $1,200 will do." "Why, my young man, I can get two thousand clerks, competent men at that, for $5 a week." The graduate at this stage of the game pulled out his diploma and exclaimed: "You may not be aware of it, sir, but I am a graduate of Yale, and here is my diploma." "If that is the case, I do not want you at any price." The alumnus grew red in the face, and, turning to the old man, said: "Before I will work for $5 per week I will chew air for nourishment on the front steps of the Fifth Avenue Hotel."

### Seasonable Hints.

There are two matters which it becomes housekeepers just now to look after. The first is the comfort of their residences during the change from summer to winter. There is no house which would not be the better for the heating of one or more apartments, especially at morning and in the evening. In residences supplied with grates, or with those rare but most desirable conveniences, old-fashioned fireplaces, a great deal of shivering may be avoided by utilizing them. In any house a stove may be placed in some room and tend greatly not merely to the comfort but the health of the family. A great deal is said of the "capricious" character of our climate. But the same is said of nearly every climate, and the difficulty is not in the weather, but in the little care that is taken to meet atmospheric changes which regularly happen. Childhood and age are peculiarly sensitive to cold and dampness; and in the autumn months are laid the foundations of coughs and lung diseases, which continue through the winter at least, and perhaps permanently weaken the constitution. A little care and trouble would obviate this evil.

Another precaution to be taken is in the careful examination of flues, stove pipes and other heating apparatus. Many fires (more, indeed, that cause public alarm, being fortunately discovered in their beginning) are caused by defective heating apparatus. The disuse of these things in the summer season leaves them to decay or disarrangement. The great difficulty in the way of early house heating is the goodly terror which the ladies have of flies. They say that it keeps the pests alive to protract the warmth of summer by artificial means. But it is scarcely worth while to sacrifice certainly the comfort and probably the health of the whole family, merely to permit an atmosphere in which flies will become torpid.

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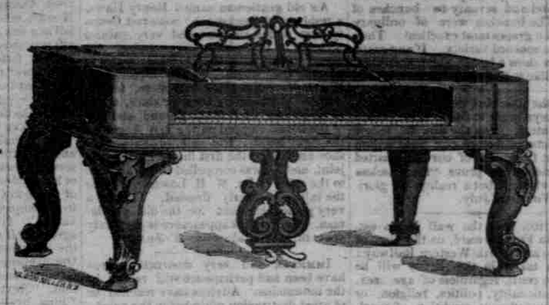

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