## The Man Who Wasn't Happy.

Once there lived upon this earth a man named St. Simon Smith, and he wasn't happy! I don't know that he wasn't happy! I don't know that he bet it wasn't, and set his'n down for me to try on. Then I takes my box by the stran and I whirls it 'round and I

had any special right to happiness, but he thought he had, and meant to have it. For the first twenty-five or twenty-eight years after his birth he had no time to be happy, but had to employ himself getting whipped through school and making means and the strap and I whirls it 'round and brings it down on his'n, and his sir! his box flew all to bits, and his blackin' and brushes was scattered furder'n you could see 'em! That makes and making money enough to live on.
When he was whipped up six feet high,
and rich enough to be happy, he set
about trying to be so. Many men have
not enough money to be comfortable at off, the engine was down on me!"
"Wouldn't you like to kill Stumpy for getting you crippled?"
"Oh, no, sir! Stumpy didn't mean to! twenty-eight, but for that matter they never do get enough to be comfortable. Now, St. Simon, by that smartness which this great and glorious country adores, had got enough, and he set out to enjoy himself while he was young, knowing that if he tarried till sixty-six, like the patriarch Jacob did, and then cut such capers, he wouldn't get put in the Scriptures as an example! Besides, he felt strongly inclined to run while there was some bounce in him, though it would have been pice to reproduce. it would have been nice to grab for money till he could be pointed out and distinguished on his travels thus: "Do you see that skinny, destitute-looking old post in a seedy coat, with his trowsers out at the knees? That's old St. Simon Smith, worth three hundred thousand to a copper, sir!" But, while his whiskers were still red, and his interest in the prevailing style of ties lively, he quit traffic and began travel. First, of course, he did the United States, squeezed out New York, sat in the ooze of Florida and ate oranges, watched the Gulf break on Southern shores, looked at the Yosemite Valley and thought it considerable of a hollow, sailed out of the Golden Gate and came home ma the Isthmus, skirting two oceans. Then he took in Mexico, picked up opals and some knowledge of the Aztecs. Then he sailed to South America and plunged into the glories of a past world and the chaos of a present one. Taking with him a little monkey, to remind him of this flea-cy country, St. Simon Smith next went to Europe and saw all the sights there; thence to Africa, thence to Asia, coming home across the Pa-

But when he got home, he wasn't happy. He could no longer enjoy quar-reling on election day, and had accu-mulated so much spleen he could not vent it all on the President, who happened to be in office.

Some of his friends suggested he bet-ter get married—for the man really was growing wretched and unsettled; and a wife is such a soothing company; she is also the only person a man can safely throw his bootjack at without being liable for assault and battery. St. Simon smiled at this droll view of the subject; he looked at it from a sentimental standpoint himself. In his own parlor in the hotel where he lived, he sometimes stretched back in an easy-chair and thought about her. He had an idea the Lord was doing a particular job for St. Simon Smith, and would by-and-by set her down before him, all exquisite, accomplished, lovely and overwhelming-just what his wife ought to be. Not that he told this-oh, no! But when marriage was suggested to him as the duty of a citizen, and the best way of taking care of himself, he would picture his little pictures in cigar smoke and think his secluded thoughts about the future Mrs. Smith. Now, magazine tales would tell how he got en-slaved by some fashionable girl, and only escaped being haltered and bridled slaved by some fashionable girl, and only escaped being haltered and bridled and galloped over ever after, by finding just in time his true better-half in her "sweet" "What do you think it means?" sister Cinderella, or in her "sweet" "It means that a fellow's all right. When I see the limbs swingin' in the park, and the birds on 'em gettin' a teeter free gratis, I feel like singin' it.

years old all the rest of her life. country editor for all the prize squashes and wedding-cake in the world. When he went courting, he counted her! for he had rare luck in finding just the "Sir," said a nurse approach." he had rare luck in finding just the hasu't had much fever, but the doctor woman he wanted; exquisite, accomplished, lovely, overwhelming, and "I'll com willing to become Mrs. St. Simon St. Simon. Smith

somehow were not gratified. Mrs. St. pretty soon he caught his breath, swal-Simon was an angel, and got the loan of their children right out of heaven, to be held on call. It was Smith's own fault with such fistfulls of blessings that he wasn't happy, and he knew it, and looked at the fact coolly like a phil-

"Jock," said he, addressing the mon-

-the fles. lawyers and doctors, preachers, that-" mechanics, politicians and tramps, are all miserable for one cause or another, to hum under his mustache: and as for women, the Lord knows they can't be happy, amiable as they are, for as soon as they get a dress done the style changes, and they have to rip it style changes, and they have to rip it up and piece it together some other way. And the people who want to be angels seem as miserable as the rest, for in a tight place their faith falls them, and they aren't sure of their wings at last. I'd really like to see one happy person! D'ye mind the story of the King Lock who could only be curred. the King, Jock, who could only be cured by the shirt of a thoroughly contented man? Courtiers searched the kingdom and found the man, but he hadn't any shirt! Jock, was the race better off when we were all monkeys?"

Jock was absorbed in the race, but it was a race of a different kind. With drooping jaws and eager fingers he followed his prey along his arm, catching it at last with a triumphant cry and putting it in his mouth.

"Bah !" said St. Simon Smith, "better be a man after all, and hunt something unseen and describable, than

to stoop to such game as that." The wife who wasn't an angel sent this man who wasn't happy to the hospital, on his way to business, with intructions to leave some fruit for a little

boot-black there.

"For Happy," said the nurse. "Yes.
Well, thank you. I'll tell him Mrs.
Smith sent it."

"You have Happy here, have you?"
"He's called that, sir. He got both "Was that the occasion of his being called Happy? I'd like to see him. I've

"Was that the occasion of his being called Happy? I'd like to see him. I've been looking for Happy!"

"Oh, you can see him, sir, of course!" Mrs. L. R. Proebstel.

yourself?

cerely.

St. Simon.

"On wittles,"

knows some boxes and bar'ls."

"I ain't got none." .

so round; a little paler. St. Simon stroked it.

happy?"
"Cos I can't help it no more than

anyhody else can'"
"Everybody else? forsooth! Every-

"Git well,"

"Get well! Wouldn't you rather die?

Are you happy?"
The boot-black looked at him sin-

"No. I'd rather git well. I'm happy."

"How many parents have you?"

"What makes you so?"

"Pretty much."

And I sings it in the street, and stormy But St. Simon, so far from being in the magazines, turned up his nose at life on paper, and wouldn't have been a

'Whether we sleep or whether we wake, We are His who gave Himself for our sake!'

"Where did you learn your hymn?"

says he mustn't talk a great deal."

He came in the evening, and found Well, he was pretty comfortable, but his legless boot-black sleeping like a baby. A flush was on his cheek, and capacities for enjoyment himself which capacities for enjoyment himself which is lips were parted with a laugh;

lowed, and murmured: "'Whether we sleep or whether we wake, We are His who gave Himself for our sake," "Now," said St. Simon to himself, as

he returned to his own house, "the mystery of my own life is revealed to me. You can't make a chimney-sweep "Jock," said he, addressing the mon-key, that profound though speechless him all the universe to enjoy himself ancestor of his, which respect had in-duced him to bring from South Amer-is able to reach through his ignorance ics, "things are a great bore in this and misery, and in some blind fashion world. You better be glad you aren't to hug the universe up and enjoy it. further along, for I think men find more perplexity than monkeys."

Temperament! It isn't all in temperament. It's a-hang me! If I can tell what it is! But it's a faculty of the soul in the air—St. Simon, I mean, not Jock
—for Jock, after looking up with a melancholy eye, began to search on his
arm for his old enemy of his native land

the sum of the soul something like the perfume of a flower or the song of a bird! And I haven't got it! I would give one of my strong hands to be able to stand, clogged by bands to be able to stand, clogged by misery or surfeited with delights, and "Well, nobody is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is and look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as that little fellow does, feeling with such utter irresponsibility in the such utter irresponsibility is really happy," said look abroad over the whole sum of existence as the such utter irresponsibility is really happy, and look abroad over the whole sum of existence as the sum of existence as the

At this point St. Simon Smith begun

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"Don't they hurt?"

"Ob, no! They ain't there to hurt!"

"Quite true. How did it happen?"

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ake newspapers from the office, or removing me on the track, and 'fore I could light and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facte | THE

evidence of intentional fraud.

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Happy knew his visitor was chaffing;

out his own eyes twinkled in sympathy CLATSOP. with the gentleman's humor.

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"Why, I shine 'em for a nickel, sir, COLUMBIA.

Columbia City, Clatskanie, Marshland, Ra-aier, St. Helens, Suavie's Island, Scappoose. and when trade is good I sleeps at the Newsboys' Home, and when it isn't I CURRY.

He had just such a face as one of Smith's own boys. The father could not keep his hand off it. Not so quite Chetcoc, Ellensburg, Port Orford. DOUGLAS. Camas Valley, Cleveland, Cole's Valley, Drain, Elkton, Galesville, Gardner, Kellogg's, Lookinggiass, Myrtle Creek North Canyon-ville, Oakinado', Pass Creek, Roseburg', Scotts-burg, Ten Mile, Umpqua City, Wilbur, Yoncalla,

"Here, you're making me sentimental, Happy. Let me buy your secret and I'll be gone." GRANT. Alvord, Canyon City\*, Camp Watson, Day-ville, John Day City, Prairie City, Parkersville, Pritchard's, Sumter. "Well, how do you contrive to be

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body else has some mote in the eye or some straw in the way! You are a unique animal in this world. Don't cloudy skies ever depress you? Don't you fear hunger or privation of some kind? Don't you have hard luck? Don't you want to be rich or smart, or to run for an office? Don't you want two legs and a new pair of boots and a brown LANE.

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LINN. and a new pair of boots, and a brown and a new pair of boots, and a brown stone front to set the boots in and servants to kick with them, and a pew in church where you can wear out the toes in prayer? My gradious, I'm-getting disgusted with you, my boy! What church where you can wear out the toes in prayer? My gracious, I'm getting disgusted with you, my boy! What

way?"

The boot-black laughed out loud, and bumped his head back further in his pillow; then putting both hands under it he piped, as if he really couldn't to the piped, as i

East Portland, Portland, Powell's Valley, t. Johns, Willamette Slough, Albina, POLK.

We are His who gave Himself for our sake?"
"Oh, you're religious, are you? Case
of real piety."
"No. I ain't. I don't known that the control of the control "No, I ain't. I don't know what that Garibaldi, Kilches, Netarts, Nestockton, Til-

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asu't had much fever, but the doctor ays he mustn't talk a great deal."

"I'll come and see him again," said tt. Simon.

He came in the evening and found.

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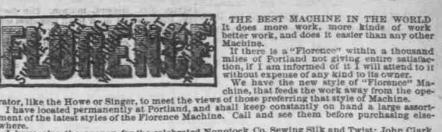
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