

HE WON A NEW CHAIR

A CASE WHERE NERVE AND PERSISTENCY GOT THEIR REWARD.

The Station Master Called the Division Superintendent's Bluff and Went Out Through the Door Instead of Through the Window.

Several division officials were informally congregated in the superintendent's office of an eastern railroad one afternoon when the conversation turned to the subject of elaborate office furniture, suggested by a new office chair which had been presented to the venerable superintendent by his subordinates as a birthday remembrance.

"I never see an office chair like that without being reminded of me at almost the commencement of my railroad experience," remarked the traveling freight agent.

"I commenced my railroad career as 'spare agent' for the Central Vermont back in the sixties when 'Old Man' Halloway was superintendent of the northern division of that road. I only worked about six or eight months in that capacity when I was assigned to a new station just opened near St. Albans, Vt., the headquarters of the division. I shall never forget the pride and satisfaction which I experienced in the possession of that, my first regular position. Were I to be elected to the presidency of this road tomorrow I doubt if it would afford me anywhere near the self-satisfaction that I derived from the fact that, while there in the Green Mountain State, like everything else in life, though, there was a drawback to my complete happiness, and that drawback lay in the fact that, while all the rest of my station equipment and office furniture was entirely new, the chair which they sent me, judging from its appearance, had seen several years' service at some other station before being sent to me.

"Well, that chair didn't harmonize with my ideas any more than it did with the rest of the office furniture. I immediately sat down and wrote the superintendent at some length, stating the case in all its details, which, when summarized, amounted to the fact that an old chair had been sent me in error in place of a new one, and I asked him to see that the mistake be rectified. I sent the letter on the morning train, thinking, of course, that the new chair would be forthcoming on the last train from St. Albans that night; but, although I watched every incoming train from St. Albans with anxious, expectant eyes for over a week, the coveted chair did not make its appearance.

"Thinking the letter must have been lost or mislaid, I wrote another, stating the case at more length than on the former occasion. On the following day I received my second letter back with an endorsement across the corner that a new chair could not be provided just at that time and for the present I would have to get along with the one I had as best I could. This somewhat dampened my ardor, but did not entirely discourage me in my efforts to secure the new chair. I importuned the train dispatcher at least three times a week and made it a point to communicate my want to the trainmaster, the roadmaster and every one else whom I saw and who I thought would have any influence whatever with his predecessor absolutely, and asks the present members of the Cabinet to retain their portfolios.

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TELEGRAPH

Dr. Thom. of Woodbridge, died suddenly.

The British transport Montrose, with 960 Boer prisoners, has arrived at Bermuda.

It is stated that President McKinley's life was insured for between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

The big steel strike in the United States is settled, and the men returned to work to-day.

The Pan-American Exhibition, which was closed Saturday and Sunday, re-opened to-day.

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A RUSTY KEY.

It Cleared Up a Forgotten Murder and Haunted the Murderer.

"Small things sometimes tell big tales and unravel mysteries of long standing," said an old detective who has seen long service in running down criminals in various parts of the country. "The most singular case that ever fell under my care was a case in which a white man had been murdered in some mysterious way, and the body was put away and all efforts to locate it were out of the question. Suspicion fell on a negro, and he was arrested, but subsequently was released because of the absence of proof to connect him with the crime. The body was missing, and it was certain that the man had been murdered and robbed by some person familiar with the surroundings. The negro had worked for him, but had been discharged because of impudence.

"Ten years elapsed. All interest in the crime had died out. One day some negro blackberry pickers were seen in the vicinity of the place where the body was found. The negroes found the bones of a human form. When the matter was reported, I was sent out to investigate the matter, and I gathered up the bones, cut the bush down and took everything to the police station. We went back over the list of missing men.

"There was a captain connected with the department who possessed a wonderful memory, and he turned up all his records in the tomb of a bush. I thought to state here that the negro had remained in the community and had by his industry bought a few acres of land on which stood the house which had figured in the mysterious disappearance ten years before. 'Cut that key out for me,' said the captain, and it was cut out. He had a consultation with the chief and, without telling me where he was going, asked me to go with him.

"We traveled about four miles and drove up to a little house late in the evening. There was nobody at home. 'I guess we might as well go in,' the captain said, and, pulling the key from his pocket, he shoved it into the lock, turned it and opened the door. We waited for the negro after locking the door again, but he never returned. The house was watched all night, but the negro never came. We grew suspicious and soon learned that he had fled upon hearing of the discovery in the briar patch. Flight strengthened the evidence of his guilt. He was arrested in a neighboring state, returned, tried and convicted and finally executed.

"The key which solved the mystery had got caught in a twig that sprung up in the briar patch, and but for this fact the mystery would have never been solved."

A Great Puzzle.
In one of the old castles of northern England visitors are shown two rooms which are connected by a single door. A singular mechanism. Each room is joined by an alcove, used as a sleeping room apartment, and the doors of the adjoining alcoves turn on a pivot in the center of the partition wall.

This ingenious device was the invention of one of the ancestors of the present proprietor, who was a great pleasure in frightening and mystifying his guests.

When one had gone to bed in the green room and the other in the blue, the doors were closed, and the visitor found himself in strange quarters, with clothes that were not his own.

It is said that this fun-loving lord lost a rich inheritance by disturbing the restful moments of a wealthy aunt, who never forgave the trick her nephew played upon her.

She Did So.
"Always," said papa, as he drank his coffee and enjoyed his morning breakfast. "Always," children, change the subject when anything unpleasant has been said. It is both wise and polite."

That evening on his return from business he found several of his flower beds despoiled, and the tiny imprint of slippered feet silently bearing witness to the small thief.

"Mabel," he said to her, "did you pick my flowers?"

"Papa," said Mabel, "did you see a monkey in the city today? We had a 'Never mind that. Did you pick my flowers, Mabel, did grandma send me?"

"Mabel, what do you mean? Did you pick my flowers? Answer me, yes or no."

"Yes, papa, I did, but I thought I would change the subject."

Time Needed For a Leg's Toilet.
Insurance collectors, visiting many families daily, have odd remarks sometimes. A collector called the other night upon a railway watchman. A little girl came to the door and said, "I guess you can't see father because he's got his leg off."

The collector looked sympathetic and said in a shocked voice: "My, oh, my! How did that happen?" The little girl made answer: "Oh, he takes it off every night before he goes to bed. He's got a wooden leg." Her father didn't care, she added, to go to the trouble of putting the leg on again until next morning, as it required 15 minutes to adjust the straps.

Just as He Thought.
"If I were to ask you to marry me, what would you say?"

"Why, Mr. Brown," she faltered; "really this is so sudden."

"I thought so," he answered; "that's about what they all say. Much obliged." And then he said it was time for him to go—Exchange.

An Ancient Automobile.
The archives of Antwerp show that in 1479 the communal treasurer was authorized by the magistrates of the town to pay a bonus of 24 livres d'Artois to a man named Gille de Dem as a reward for his gift to the city of a "carriage set in motion by mechanical means only."

Love's Endearing Phrases.
We once saw a Billville matron calling to her husband, who was digging bait in the garden, "Honey, if you don't drop that hoe an fetch me in a cord of wood I'll break this wash pot over your head, honey!"

An Expedient.
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