

"the war that laid the foundation of your fortunes was my doing. You must admit that I made you or I am done with you."

"I will not admit anything of the kind," hotly replied the merchant.

Immediately the Entity became invisible. His sudden disappearance rather shook the self confidence of the merchant, but a few hundred thousand make a man very brave and assertive.

The merchant thought no more of his experience till he went to his office and discovered that his trusted manager had eloped with his daughter after having used up various negotiable securities. Then something seemed to tell the merchant that Circumstances had to be taken into consideration. And more lessons were forthcoming, for Circumstances altered so many cases that the merchant did not expect to be altered that he was finally reduced to his undershirt and trousers again. The front door of the merchant's house banged furiously and the merchant awoke to the fact that he had been dozing on the lounge of his own comfortable library with the cat asleep on his chest.

He patted and stroked the cat kindly and thought a few thoughts that did him a great deal of good.

When the merchant's cat had kittens, the one that was not drowned was christened Circumstances.

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### "THE PIGSKIN LIBRARY."

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A few weeks ago a wide, and in many spots acrimonious discussion, was waged over Dr. Eliot's "Five-foot shelf library." No doubt there will be similar comments on the following list of the books which Mr. Roosevelt (as he describes in his article in the current Scribner's) took with him on his African ad-

venture, and which he has called "the pigskin library":

Bible.

Apocrypha.

Borrow: "Bible in Spain," "Zingali," "Lavengro," "Wild Wales," "The Romany Rye."

Shakespeare.

Spenser: "Faerie Queene."

Marlowe.

Mahan: "Sea Power."

Macaulay: History, Essays, Poems.

Homer: Iliad, Odyssey.

La Chanson de Roland.

Nibelungenlied.

Carlyle: "Frederick the Great."

Shelly: Poems.

Bacon: Essays.

Lowell: Literary Essays, "Biglow Papers."

Emerson: Poems.

Longfellow.

Tennyson.

Poe: Tales, Poems.

Keats.

Milton: "Paradise Lost" (Books I and II).

Dante: "Inferno" (Carlyle's translation).

Homes: "Autocrat," "Over the Teacups."

Bret Harte: Poems, "Tales of the Argonauts," "Luck of Roaring Camp."

Browning: Selections.

Crothers: "Gentle Reader."

Mark Twain: "Huckleberry Finn," "Tom Sawyer."

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress."

Euripides (Murray's translation): "Hippolytus," "Bacchæ."

The Federalist.

Gregorovius: "Rome."

Scott: "Legend of Montrose," "Guy Mannering," "Waverley," "Rob Roy," "Antiquary."

Cooper: "Pilot," "Two Admirals."

Froissart.

Percy's Reliques.

Thackeray: "Vanity Fair" and "Pendennis."

Dickens: "Mutual Friend," "Pickwick."

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A "Headmaster" summing up in the *Socialist Review*, the advantages of organizing the teaching profession as a branch of the British civil service:

"If teachers were Civil Servants they would have: (1) no religious tests; (2) a respectable scale of salaries; (3) promotion by seniority and efficiency; (4) reasonable superannuation; (5) avoidance of mad competition, only a required number being appointed. It is well, therefore, that teachers should be Civil Servants."