

BESELENA'S PRATTLE.

Gossip About Charity at Home and Abroad.

The New Minister Sets the Scribe to Thinking About Things Seriously.

(Special Correspondence of Record-Union.)

PORTLAND (Or.), Jan. 21.—A spasm of activity has struck every woman in the house, brought about by the new minister. He is young, impetuous, eloquent, the very first Sunday he preached he startled the conservative, steady-going congregation, by announcing that he wanted recruits to do missionary work, not for the savages of Borioboola-Gha, but for the savages at home. The staid old deacons and their wives looked at him and then at each other in consternation, but the younger sisters looked at him approvingly. They had been giving their money to clothing and their work to Borioboola-Gha, unquestioningly, they argued, so why could they not do the same for the heathen within their gates? It promised to be a new sensation this attending to the wants of the poor who were always with them, so the minister paid his first parochial calls the following week, he found all the mammas of the marriageable girls (the new minister, by the way, is a bachelor) somewhat incredulous, but nevertheless quite willing to help him in his undertaking. That is the reason of this sudden spasm of industry from the chambers and the upward bay and surprised some half dozen ladies busily engaged on miniature garments of red flannel. The ladies looked properly shocked at his sudden appearance and tried to hide their work, but he appeared so unconcerned that they speedily recovered from their embarrassment, and soon the engaged and unmarried were as busy as ever. The new minister has been to Borioboola-Gha himself and knows whereof he speaks; he is also enthusiastic and was just about to launch forth into a vivid description of the place and give a comparison of the poor there and here, when he was interrupted by a shrill little scream from Mrs. Has Been There, who begged him to desist. It was quite bad enough, she told him, to know that such dreadful creatures were allowed to exist at all. She had a vague sort of notion that they ought to be exterminated somehow, but to be told about them was quite more than she could bear. The minister, who has had a wide range of experience in dealing with all sorts of conditions of humanity, looked at her compassionately and changed the subject.

Mrs. Has Been There has a past which she is apt to thrust forward whenever she can get a listener. She has not always been in as straightened circumstances as she is at present, she will tell you, smoothing down her ample skirts, and gazing upon her plump white hands reminiscently. No, there was a time when she could spend her hundreds of dollars a month, a time when she had her own maid and a footman. She is very proud of these facts, and if you will listen long enough she will go into minute details as to the exact number of billows the maid had in her teeth and the precise shade of the footman's eyes, for he it understood that Mrs. Has Been There poses as a very observing woman, though there are some people who unhesitatingly say that she hasn't an ounce of sense tucked away in her brain. It is hard not to believe it when one sees him, for if ever there was a freak boy Ben Has Been There is the one. He is long as to legs and lank as to body, while his head and body give one the impression of being on bad terms with one another and of having had an absolute divorce. He hasn't much to say but devotes his entire time to the study of chemistry and making experiments with electricity. I believe it a generally accepted fact that the generality of geniuses have at one time or another in the course of their career been considered little short of fools, that is why their friends look upon him with charitable eyes and consider him a genius in embryo, of whom great things may be confidently looked forward to in the near future.

There is another eligible man lately come upon the scene in the shape of a widower of recent date. He has all the requisites to make him an object of interest in the eyes of the fair sex, and is one of the very few men whom grief becomes. The eligible girl who is present in a tenderly receptive condition when small kindnesses shown will be gratefully and substantially remembered in the near future. Thus it calls about that when he returned to the house wearing his sorrow becomingly, there was a wild and mighty scramble, as meal time approached, to see at which table he would sit. Now there are some women in the house who pride themselves upon their exclusive tastes. Mrs. Has Been There is one of this class, yet she, like the rest of her sex, hospitably invited the interesting widower to her table. True, Mrs. Has Been There hasn't a daughter to offer for sale in the matrimonial market, but she has a sublime belief in her powers of fascination, even to this day, and is about as sporty and risky as a good-natured elephant. There was much going to the head waiter and much plotting and planning, yet in spite of all their contriving Mrs. De Trop managed to secure the prize. No one knew just how she did it, nor did she offer any other explanation than one triumphant smile around at all the other disappointed women. Mrs. De Trop is what the men call a fine, large woman with five daughters of uncertain age, all clinging to the parent vine with beautiful filial devotion. No one can accuse Mrs. De Trop of not doing her level best to secure some one for her level best to transfer his feelings, but so far without success—not one of the five is even engaged. She has taken to boarding as a last resource. She will tell you it is so much cheaper than house-keeping, so much less worry to use, that there isn't a single man or woman in the house who doesn't see through her small artifices. However, "while there's life there's hope," and no one can tell what may happen when time has melted the widower's grief.

He has also with him the priestess of a certain occult religion, or so she claims? I decline to be totally unwell to tell the dividing line between science and religion. In the good old orthodox days there used to be a distinctive difference; now there seems to be none; they have blended in some instances into a whole. The high priestess of when I was a child, and the priestess of when I was a believer in the transmigration of souls; that is the rea-

son, she tells you, she is so good to birds and plants and flowers and animals, and I have often wondered if it had anything to do with her total lack of consideration for those around her, especially the servants.

Religion, no matter what sect or creed, should have for its foundation stone first of all Christian charity. Its followers should be broad-minded and liberal; above the petty trivialities of everyday life; they should have an unprejudiced conception of the duties of a Christian and practice these duties on every one with whom they come in contact, from the lowest to the highest. It isn't always the best church members who are the most charitably inclined. The men and women who go to church twice on Sunday and give their plate toward the support of the poor in foreign lands without one thought to the poor starving beggars in their own land, are not of to be compared for one minute with the hundreds and thousands of men and women who do not go to church, who are not hampered by any sect or creed, but who see God all around them in the green fields, the blue sky, the song of the birds. No doubt many of these people never heard of Borioboola-Gha, but they have heard of the poor wretches who throng the big cities, and it is to them that their attention is turned, extending a helping hand to them that are seemingly forsaken of God and man. The churches are all right, but it seems to me that they don't do enough for the poor of our own country. It is to these latter Christians that you and your families would like to belong, as would also BESELENA.

THE USE OF COAL.

How Fuel is Wasted by Ignorant Handling of Stoves.

The provident American householder buys his coal when it is the cheapest in large quantities, and is brought to a realizing sense of the uncertainty of earthly things by its rapid disappearance under the hands of the maid-of-all-work.

Now, it is an indisputable fact that under proper management a ton of coal will keep a range of the largest family size, that with an eight and a half-inch lid, in full running force for two winter months, but it is an easy matter to burn twice or even three times this amount, and the figures given allow for a continuous fire night and day. If the fire is allowed to go out every day it will be necessary to use considerably more coal, beside the fuel furnished to build the new one. No first-class range requires such expenditure of time and fuel, but it should be kept going continuously.

Clinkers may be readily removed from the new duplex grates with which modern ranges are furnished, and any sound cinders that fall out can be collected on the grating over the ashpans and re-used in the fire. This grating catches all the cinders, and has practically done away with the necessity of sifting the ashes.

The economy of all the more recent ranges is complete, and there are a dozen varieties, all costing less than \$30, that will do everything that has been accomplished by the old-fashioned ranges.

Such ranges require nothing but intelligent management, which, unhappily, they seldom get.

The ashes must be emptied systematically every morning. The smoke draft must be closed all the time, except when the fresh coal is first kindled in the morning, or when the first coal is put on. It is false economy to attempt to run a stove with a smaller quantity of coal than will fill the firebox.

To start up the fire, take the stove down, clear out all the clinkers and ashes, lay three or four sticks of wood on top of the fire, and fill up as full as possible without the coals reaching the covers. When the coals are fairly ablaze and the gas has burned off a little, but before the top of the fire is free from black coals, close the smoke draft. This throws the heat into the oven. Soon after this, as soon as the fire is bright, close the oven door. In that case, leave them open a while longer. If only a moderate fire is required, close up part of the pipe draft. When the cooking of a meal is over, sprinkle cinders over the fire and open the draft that lets cold air on top.

If you wish to use the fire again, close the cold air draft and the pipe draft, and open the drafts under it. Do not touch the smoke draft except when coal is put on. Do not rake down the fire, or disturb it, except once in about five or six hours, when it should be done thoroughly, and fresh coal put on.

At night, do not leave the covers partly off, as this is sure to fill the room with gas, which, in spite of all precautions, may escape to other parts of the house.

There is not the slightest need of any device except a few sticks or half a bundle of dry kindling wood to start the fire in the morning. If it is allowed to go out, a great deal more wood and coal will be required to kindle it.

A little wood helps the coal to kindle, and a stronger, more rapid blaze is obtained by its use.

Coal is wasted in various ways. At night, when the smoke damper is open continually, and in allowing the coal to be piled against the covers. A full, but not a heaping firebox should be the rule. It is easy to burn a ton of coal a month, and not have the range in working order any of the time. This is twice the quantity of coal any family range should burn.

The ignorance of many housekeepers and cooks concerning the use of the drafts of the range is appalling.

A lady who understood something of stove drafts and of the profound ignorance of most housewives regarding their use once purchased a second-hand stove, which had been condemned by its owners because it smoked.

It bore the name of a famous manufacturer—a far better recommendation than any other could give. It had been in use for two years, and a short examination showed that it had never been used. It was sealed up in soot, and the handle was broken off. The owner said she had never noticed it before, and in other matters she was a fairly intelligent housekeeper.—New York Tribune.

A Clear Case. Echel—Yes, Mr. Lassou must have inherited his taste for cowboy life. Mabel—How so? Echel—Why, I've heard it said that one of his ancestors came to this country in the steers.

REV. ROBERT MACHRAY.

Primate of All Canada, and Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

Rev. Robert Machray, Primate of all Canada, Metropolitan of the province of Rupert's Land, and Archbishop of the diocese of Rupert's Land, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1831. His father was Robert Machray, advocate of Aberdeen.

The subject of this sketch was educated chiefly at Coull, Scotland, and King's College, Aberdeen, and graduated with his degree of M. A. in 1851, winning the Simpson and Hutton prizes. From 1858 to 1868 he was dean at Sidney, Sussex College and Ramsden University. In 1865 he was consecrated Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, his diocese containing 2,000,000 square miles, from which seven dioceses have since been taken. At the general synod of 1863 he was elected to the high place he now occupies. As the official head of the English Church in Canada, he takes a deep interest in the work and progress of that body.

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Ladies' Evening Slippers, \$1 45. That is, they were originally intended for evening slippers, but at this price can be worn for common house use. They are made of REAL imported suede kid—a leather of exceeding softness and wonderful durability. Have pointed toes, with ornamental bows on foreparts, and come in three colors—tan, gray and black. Regular price, \$4. Most any size.

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