

WHO KNOWS KARL? HE IS DYING WITH \$15,000 IN POCKETS

Veteran Taken From Bowery
Lodging House Loaded Down
With Wealth.

Who is Karl Schmidt and has he a friend or relative on the face of the earth? Is the question being asked in Bellevue Hospital to-day as a little gray old man lies dying. In the pockets of his ragged clothes, taken from his body when he was brought to the hospital from the lodging-house at No. 383 Bowery, were found cash and bank books showing his possession of a cool \$15,000—a sum which looms as a great fortune in the eyes of more persons than those who drift to the Bowery lodging houses.

Karl Schmidt did not even have a hand satchel or a dress suit case to his name, his shoes were broken, his clothes green under the wind and the rain of many years, and his one hat a piece of felt wreckage. In his lodging house room, which he kept neat and clean, are several little paper-covered bundles. They represent his wardrobe and may hold some souvenir of the days when he was not friendless and homeless.

Once he said that he had come of as fine a family as ever Germany offered, but no letter from Germany ever came to him at the lodging house. No letter of any kind save the monthly pension he drew from the United States Government as a civil war veteran was ever received by the clerk of the place for Karl Schmidt. But the pension always came addressed to the old recluse as "Captain."

Mrs. Anna M. Dwyer, the owner of the lodging house, who prides herself on its cleanliness and good order, said to-day that Schmidt never spoke

of his relatives to any one. He would talk to German for a few minutes at night with other old lodgers, but talk only about the news that filled the pages of the papers, never of himself, his people or his past life.

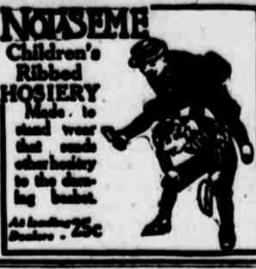
"He would go out in the morning and remain away until nighttime," she said. "That is everything we know about him. He never gave us any trouble and we all liked him. He came here five years ago, stayed a couple of years and then went away, but came back about a year ago and had been here ever since. He always had his rent money ready at the end of the week, but none of us ever thought that he was well off."

Schmidt is between seventy and eighty years of age. Mrs. Dwyer said that occasionally he had to be re-

proved for not eating enough, and when he was so reproved he would declare that his stomach was in bad condition. Yesterday he complained of being ill and he was sent to Bellevue. He has been in a half-dozed ever since and the surgeons believe that he is suffering from cerebral hemorrhage.

The doctors were surprised to find wealth of tea, treasury and hundred dollar bills in the pockets of the old man's clothes and they tried all day to find out from him during moments of consciousness the name of some friend they could notify. The only name he gave was that of the lodging house clerk, who knows no more about him than the surgeons know.

How Schmidt ever accumulated as much as \$15,000 is the mystery that his fellow lodgers are racking their brains over. Where he spent his mornings and afternoons nobody



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Special Sale of Mission Furniture

A very fine collection of this much wanted furniture for Summer homes, to-morrow, on the Fifth Floor, at very definite savings from former prices. Frames are of solid mahogany or fumed oak, and Chairs, Couches and Davenport are all fitted with Spanish leather seats. Now priced as follows:

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