







Miscellaneous.

ALL GONE INSIDE. DAN DE QUILLÉ IN N. Y. SUN.

Old Uncle Jeff is a venerable colored man of most benevolent and sanctimonious appearance.

Some are so uncharitable as to hint that he acquired his bad leg one dark night while running away from a smokehouse, back in Missouri, being overtaken in his flight by a charge of buckshot sent in pursuit of him by a man who had become aware that his bacon was disappearing more rapidly than was accounted for by the statistics of home consumption.

The old fellow loves to tell what a powerful man he was before he was lamed. The leg now serves him as an excuse for doing very little work of any kind.

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Gittin' so ob nights how 'pears like I can heah de singin' on de older shoah. Pears like I can heah de voice ob Aunt 'Liza an' de odders dat gone befoah.

'All bin so kine,' continued the old man, 'dat I sometimes feel like I'd been passin' for mo'n dan what I see wuff—mo'n what I see wuff. I may set in de sun a few days mo' for a little time mo' I may look on de trees an' de sky; I may hearken to de singin' of de birds a little longer, but I see got de call an' I feels it. I see all gone inside, Marse George—all gone inside, sah!'

'Nonsense, Uncle Jeff,' said the colonel, emphatically, 'nonsense! You are good for many years yet. You'll see the sod piled on the graves of many younger men than you are before they dig the hole for you! What you do want just now, Uncle Jeff, is a good square meal. Go into the kitchen and help yourself—fill up your inside. There is no one at home just now, but I think you know the road. Plenty of cold victuals of all kinds in here.'

'Bleeged 'y, Marse George, bleeged 'y, sah. I'll go. For de little time I has got to stay I'll not go agin' natur. But it's no use. I'm one dat begins to heah de callin' ob dem what's on de older shoah. I see all gone inside; I see got my call!'

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Jay bird, jay bird, sittin' on a limb, He winked at me, an' I at him; Coked my gun and split his shin, An' left de arrow a stickin' in! 'Zounds!' cried the colonel, 'if that old thing of a nigger hasn't found my bitters bottle! Jeff! Jeff! you black rascal!'

The only reply from Jeff was: Snake bake a hoe cake An' set de frog to mind it; But de frog fall asleep An' de lizard come an' find it! 'Jeff, come out of that!' cried the colonel.

But Jeff heard not, for he was dancing a quiet shuffle and singing: De debble coteh de groun' hog, A sittin' on de sun, An' kick him off de back back-log Jes to see de fun! 'Jeff! You Jeff!'

A cornstalk riddle and a shoosting bow— Stiek to your partner and nebbel let 'her go. 'Blas' that nigger!' shouted the colonel, becoming thoroughly aroused, throwing down his paper and rushing to the scene.

Humorous.

TEACHER—'What is an engineer?' Boy No. 1.—'A man who works an engine.' Teacher—'What is a pioneer?' Boy No. 2.—'That man that works a piano.'

The report of a dinner at Delmonico's concludes thus: 'The President of the United States was drunk standing,' condition of the other guests is not described.

'MOTHER,' said a little girl, 'I believe I'll be a duchess when I grow up.' 'How do you expect to become a duchess, my daughter?' 'Why, by marrying a Dutchman, to be sure,' replied the little girl.

SISTER ANNIE—'Now, Ethel, be sure and pray God to make you a good girl.' Ethel (praying)—'Dear Dod, pleath twy and make me dod little dirl, and if at first you don't succeed, why twy, twy again.'

BETWEEN philosophers: 'But, you see, I believe in metempsychosis. I am convinced that after my death my spirit will inhabit the body of a beast.'—'There is no need of your dying for that.'—French Paper.

SURRO—'Sir, you are undoubtedly aware of the object of my visit?' FATHER—'I believe you desire to make my daughter happy. Do you really mean it?' SAITOR—'unquestionably.' FATHER—'Well, don't marry her, then.'

A ST. PAUL lad sent off to boarding school lately has become homesick, and in a recent letter to his father thus evinces a desire to rejoin him: 'Dear Father: Life is very short; let us spend it together. Your affectionate son.'

AN Illinois goat climbed upon a portico, and seeing its reflection in one of the windows, stepped back and then dashed at it, demolishing the thick plate glass. He could not bear uncomplimentary reflections, as well as some people can.

A WRITER, speaking of a social gathering, says: 'The indelicacy of some of the ladies' costumes attracted attention.' The unsophisticated fellow! Did he suppose that the wearers of those indelicate costumes wished to escape observation?

LAWYER—'Do you know the witness who has just stepped down, Mr. Robinson?' WITNESS—'Yes, sir.' 'Do you think he would ever tell an untruth?' 'Tell an untruth! Why, that man would swear to a New York paper's circulation affidavit.'

'JOHN,' said the schoolmaster, 'you will soon be a man, and will have to do business, what do you suppose you will do when you have to write letters, unless you learn to spell better?' 'Oh, sir,' replied John, 'I shall put easy words in them.'

A FEW days ago two men were in Smith's barber-shop. One had red hair and the other was bald-headed. Red hair to bald-head—'You were not around when they were giving out hair?' Bald-head—'Yes, I was there; but they had only a little red hair left, and I would not take it.'—Bowersville (Ga.) Union.

It requires a great deal of grace for a village clergyman who is always called upon to officiate at funerals to feel entirely resigned to the situation when he observes that his brother clergyman across the way is invariably summoned when ever a wedding ceremony is to be performed.—Leavenworth Times.

It is told of Col. Ethel Allen of Lisbon, Conn., that once, going into the dining room of a New York hotel, and no waiter showing him a seat, he walked to the head of a table and took a chair that was turned up there. Then a waiter hurried up and said that the seat was engaged. 'To whom?' asked the Colonel. 'To a gentleman,' said the waiter. 'He's come,' said the Colonel, and he ate his dinner undisturbed.

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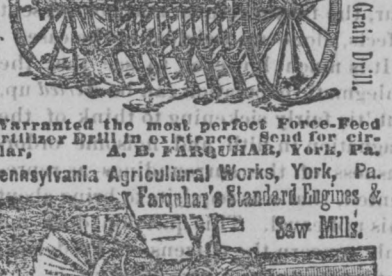
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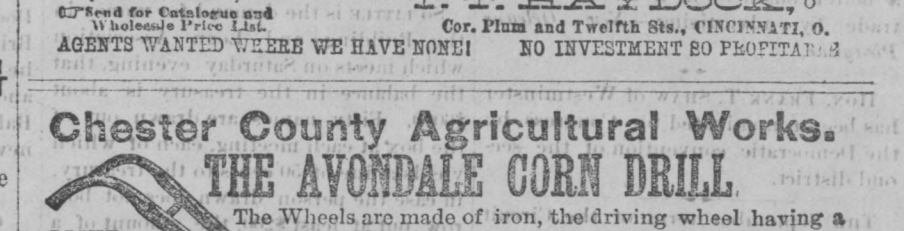
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