

HOW COLONEL SINCLAIR WON A SLAVE.

(Original.) It was somewhere in the fifties that I was going up the Mississippi and, though I didn't gamble myself, I managed to get rid of a great deal of time that would have otherwise hung heavily on my hands, overlooking the different tables where the games, mostly seven up and poker, were played.

There was a very intelligent negro boy employed aboard the boat who had been hired out by his master to do odd jobs for fees, his master pocketing a round sum annually. The boy—Bob was his name—had made a great many friends among the people who were in the habit of traveling on the river. Most of them knew that anything they gave him would go to his master, and all wished that he might be free and have something for himself. But time went on, and Bob continued to navigate the Mississippi, gathering in funds for the man who owned him.

On this particular trip Larkins, the boy's master, was aboard the boat. There was also a Colonel Sinclair aboard, who had long taken a great interest in Bob and whom the negro fairly worshiped. I overheard Sinclair and Larkins, sitting on the guard with their feet on the rail, talking about Bob, Sinclair vainly trying to induce Larkins to name a price he would take for the boy. Larkins declared that his property paid him an interest on \$10,000, and he would not sell him for less. This of course stopped any further dickerings.

A day or two later, when we were approaching New Orleans, on passing through the men's cabin I saw Larkins, Sinclair, a horse dealer and a liquor dealer sitting at poker. They were just beginning to play when I stopped to overlook the game. A few minutes later Bob passed by, and Sinclair called to him to bring juleps for the party. Bob went to the bar, a little boxlike affair at the forward end of the cabin, and soon returned with four large tumblers containing the juleps. Bob set the juleps down and was about to withdraw when Sinclair, tossing him a dollar, said: "Stay where you are, Bob. We'll want another julep directly."

Bob stationed himself behind the colonel's chair, watching the game with a keen interest—for he had seen many a game and could have played a poker hand himself—now and again going to fetch refreshments and such other articles as the party needed.

My eyes happening to fall on the colonel's hands while he was dealing, I detected him drawing the cards that fell to Larkins from the bottom of the pack. I was aware that on the Mississippi this was considered legitimate between professional gamblers and only inexcusable and often dangerous among others when discovered. I therefore said nothing; but, sidling round behind the colonel, I looked at his hand. He held three kings, an ace and a seven spot. He opened a jack pot with \$500. The horse dealer went in, the liquor dealer passed out, and the colonel raised the amount \$1,000. Larkins threw up his ace and seven spot, drawing two cards, one of which gave him another king, making four. The horse dealer passed out, and the colonel drew one card. He drew a long pocketbook, from which he took \$2,000 and put it on the pile.

The only hand in poker that could beat Larkins' four kings was four aces or a straight flush. Since he had held an ace the first could not be held by any one, and the only way he could be beaten was by a straight flush. The colonel had drawn to this and might have filled, but there is no better chance for a bluff than drawing one card for a flush, and every one at the table believed that Sinclair was bluffing. Larkins saw the colonel's \$2,000 and raised him \$2,000. At that moment I saw the colonel look at Bob, who was standing behind the liquor man. Bob edged himself behind the colonel and on seeing his hand uttered an involuntary "Gosh!" they looked very much frightened at what he had done. The colonel turned and gave him a scowl. Then a disappointed look settled on his face, as though Bob's betrayal of his hand had prevented his winning untold thousands. Taking out his pocketbook, he laid an enormous package of bills on the table. They were not counted, nor did Larkins care to count them. He had heard Bob's exclamation and seen the look on his face, indicating that the colonel held a wonderful hand, which must surely be a flush. He threw down his hand, and the colonel raked in the heap.

Larkins on taking out his pocketbook found that he had little or nothing left. He had dropped \$5,500. "I'll tell you what I'll do," said the colonel to the man who had been hard hit. "I'll buy Bob with my winnings. I'll give you the pile for him."

Larkins struggled between his desire to keep his revenue in Bob and his need of ready money. The ready money prevailed, and, a bill of sale having been made and signed, the colo-

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Bob pushed his winnings over to Larkins and rose from the table.

The colonel offered to make Bob free, but Bob insisted on remaining the colonel's slave and did so till the war made him free. But during his slavery Sinclair would never take a cent of his earnings.

I had seen plainly that Sinclair had laid a plan with Bob to get him out of his master's clutches. His method was not above reproach, and I would have interfered had I not considered that no man had a right to the fruits of another's labor. In other words, I was an abolitionist. EDMOND COMPTON.

EVERY MOTHER

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DREAM SENSATIONS.

Causes of Some of the Feelings We Experience in Sleep.

Some of our common dreams seem to be directly traceable. Slipping down of the blankets is followed by dreams of arctic relief expeditions or falling into snowdrifts. A gas distended stomach, pushing up the diaphragm and compressing the lungs, produces dreams of "something sitting on your chest" or dramatic struggles against other forms of suffocation.

The common single dream, that of falling, falling, falling, from a great height, to wake with a gasp of relief just as you are about to strike and be dashed to pieces, is probably due to the general muscular relaxation and falling of the head, arms and limbs which accompanies settling down to sleep. Careful studies have shown that it almost invariably occurs during the first forty-five seconds of sleep. A slip, a change of position of a sixteenth of an inch, is enough to suggest the idea of falling to the brain. It "does the rest" and provides out of its swarming storehouse of images the precipices, flights of stairs, giddy mastheads and other scenic effects. If the impression is not vivid enough to wake you, you "strike bottom" with a delicious sensation of restful warmth and repose just such as your tired body is getting from its "downy couch."

The next common dream, which we have all had scores of times and which, as Dickens quaintly said, he was sure even Queen Victoria, with all her royal wardrobes full of clothes, must have also had, that of suddenly finding yourself in public half dressed, seems almost equally traceable.

The dream, and we can all recall its mortifying vividness, is usually associated with insufficient or displaced bedclothes. This gives our drowsy brain cortex the idea that we haven't sufficient clothes on. Our arms and shoulders being completely covered by the close fitting upper half of the nightgown, the impression of unpreparedness comes most vividly from our unincased lower limbs. Our well trained modesty takes furious fright, and hinc illae lachrymae (hence these tears). — Dr. Woods Hutchinson in American Magazine.

Practical.

The great Marchesi, like other famous singers, was the recipient of valuable gifts from an admiring public. Many of these were of a perishable nature, and some were rich and rare. One only bore the character of absolute practicality. During a concert tour in Switzerland there was one concert in which the prima donna was especially brilliant. She sang a varied programme—a song from Handel, an Italian air, some German songs—and not only through the greatness but the diversity of her gifts roused the audience to a tremendous pitch of enthusiasm. Many persons crowded up to her when the concert was over, overwhelming her with the profusion of the flowers they brought. After the crowd had dispersed a bashful looking girl came up, holding a parcel in her hand.

"You delighted me so very much at your last concert," said she, "that to-day I should like to express my admiration for you in person. Flowers, however, fade. I therefore beg to offer you a lasting and practical souvenir which will keep me in your memory."

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Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908, I will apply to Honorable Joseph Bell, County Judge in and for Marion County, State of Florida, at his office in Ocala, in said County, for an order authorizing me, as Guardian of the minor heirs of the estate of Talulah J. Groover, deceased, to sell at private sale the following property belonging to said estate, to-wit: Southeast quarter of section 12, Township 13, south, of Range 19, east, said lands belonging to the estate of the said Talulah J. Groover, deceased, to be sold for the best interest of said minor heirs. This 11th day of January, 1908. Oscar Groover, Guardian.

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MAKING A DICTIONARY.

The Colossal Task of Selecting the Words to Be Used.

One of the men who compiled a big dictionary talks as follows about the way the work was done:

From the largest dictionary of the language all the words were diligently copied, and then each of the smaller dictionaries was checked off in turn against this growing list. When the dictionaries had been thus exhausted all the living authors of works that had an undoubted standard value were secured to contribute from their works such words as they had used that were not found in the general dictionaries.

In addition to this, the services of about 500 readers were utilized, among whom was distributed all the standard literature from Chaucer to the present time. These readers were instructed to report such words as seemed to be new and not found in the ordinary dictionaries and to locate them by page and line that they might be inspected, each in its own context. For this purpose prepared blanks were furnished. Specialists in various trades, arts and professions were also invited to send such words belonging to the technique of their vocabularies as might be familiar to them, but which were not in general use, and so had not found their way into the dictionaries.

It will be seen that the collection of a vocabulary on such a plan, though there were many helpers, was a long and laborious task, involving a great amount of correspondence, which extended literally all over the world. Added to this was the nearly appalling task of editorial and clerical work, merely to sift and organize these contributions. It is not to be imagined that words so gathered could or should be all included. An organized staff of editors and philologists was required, who passed upon the eligibility of each word.

The conservative care exercised in determining the scope and limits of a vocabulary can be inferred from the fact that in one of these offices, after a "dragnet" had gathered over 500,000 words, more than 200,000 were finally rejected. These included words that were still too completely foreign to merit a place in an English vocabulary, all the "used but once" words, considerable slang language and many technical terms that had good reasons against them. The fixing of a date before which words should be excluded, except on certain conditions, resulted in throwing out many.

When words have been selected for a dictionary, several distinct things must be done with them. They must be divided into their proper syllables, and the right syllables must be supplied with accents. They must be pronounced by the use of certain arbitrary signs used in a respelling of them to indicate the powers of the letters they contain. They must be defined in all the senses in which they have actually been found used in literature. In the case of a primary form the origin of the word in other languages—that is, its etymology—must be given.—Chicago News.

No Stain on His Record.

A New York clergyman, who often spends his vacation in fishing the streams of the Adirondacks, was on one trip adopted by a handsome setter dog, which insisted on following him from camp to camp as he moved along the stream.

One day he met a party of men working upstream with a native guide. The guide immediately recognized the dog as his own property.

"Trying to steal my setter, are you?" he shouted at the clergyman. "I'll have you to jail for this! There's a law in the woods just as big as you have in the city."

The clergyman endeavored to explain that he was an unwilling companion of the dog, which had refused to be driven away, but to little effect until he added a two dollar bill to his arguments.

"It's queer what strange things happen to a man up here," he said to the stage driver who later carried him away from the woods. "That is the first time I was ever accused of stealing a dog."

"Yes, sir," replied the driver, sympathetically, and added, after a moment's pause. "For myself, sir, I have never been accused of stealing anything."—Youth's Companion.

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January 21st, A. D. 1908

as provided by Article 205, General Statutes:

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Flemington, District 3.—F. E. Smoak, J. K. Mixson, C. H. Gray and W. D. Mathews, clerk.

Cotton Plant, District 4.—J. H. Hudgens, Charles Miller, John Parker and C. R. Veal, clerk.

Romeo, District 5.—J. T. Hutchens, J. V. Nettles, T. M. Morgan and Wesley Nobles, clerk.

Camp Izzard, District 6.—John Brass, R. D. Stokes, G. C. Turner and W. L. Jordan, clerk.

Shady Grove, Dist. 7.—J. M. Douglass, H. W. Douglass, Frank Moses and J. M. Goin, clerk.

Summerfield, District 8.—J. L. Huff, A. D. Mitchell, R. C. Billups and J. E. Branch, clerk.

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