

The Funny Side of Life

Amazing Incidents We All Know.

Selling Himself into Slavery.
(By J. D. Gillilan.)
Uncle Will! McCall lives three

miles north of town and is a well known farmer of successful achievements. He is one of nature's noblemen, and is in all respects, self made. From poverty he has come to afflu-

he has earned all he has. He was a slave in the team when Lincoln and the face-to-face debates about Illinois. Being a resident of the region where these took place, he was often present on memorable and now historic occasions. He has a live memory

and a lip that can well tell what he saw and heard, and it is worth an afternoon to sit with him and his happy wife on the porch of the farm-

and as they had not enough money for the trip he also said that as soon as they should reach Missouri he would sell him and he would then escape and continue the road with them. To that they agreed and he was sold in Missouri for \$800 cash.

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"Yes, and he got a thief's punishment, too," said Mr. McCall. "for he was never heard of afterward. He got into the wrong hands for escaping."



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Mr. McCall then leisurely filled his pipe and having got it well going continued: "But I felt sorry for that nigger afterward, but it was his own fault that he got into trouble. He was a good fellow, a section man on the railroad, and generally liked, but he was a fool. But the fellow was the nigger's son. I guess, for the soon afterward, some young men of the neighborhood were getting ready to take the Pike's Peak trail to California. Mr. Darcy thought he would like to go along, Timmons being a noble fellow, the black man had proposed to the man that he go with

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